

**Question for written answer E-002976/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Lack of adequate reception conditions for asylum seekers and refugees in the EU

Since 2021, there have been repeated reports in the EU of asylum seekers sleeping rough for multiple nights in a row while waiting to apply for international protection.

In Brussels, people have been seen sleeping in front of the Fedasil Reception Centre since October 2021, with more than 100 people doing so in August 2022¹. Since July, refugees have also had to sleep outside the refugee registration and reception centre in Ter Apel, the Netherlands². Similar situations exist in Greece, France and Spain³.

According to Article 17(2) of the Reception Conditions Directive 2013/33/EU, 'Member States shall ensure that material reception conditions provide an adequate standard of living for applicants, which guarantees their subsistence and protects their physical and mental health'. The aforementioned situations fail to comply with this requirement.

Does the Commission collect information on access to housing for asylum seekers and for those individuals who have acquired international protection within Member States, and does it know how many individuals are in need of accommodation? What measures does it plan to take in order to ensure that Member States respect the minimum standards for reception conditions, as stipulated by EU asylum legislation?

¹ <https://www.brusselstimes.com/belgium/265045/fedasil-receives-six-convictions-a-day-for-failing-to-shelter-asylum-seekers>

² https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jul/22/dutch-plans-house-refugees-cruise-ships-netherlands?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

³ <https://www.feantsa.org/en/feantsa-position/2021/12/21/exiled-and-homeless-new-asylum-crisis-in-europe-same-lack-of-responses?bcParent=27>