

**Question for written answer E-003128/2022/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Homelessness of EU citizens living in another Member State

Homelessness is a crisis across the EU, and more should be done at EU level to coordinate responses and tackle this problem.

One issue is the lack of a harmonised system for EU citizens to access services for homeless people and social housing outside of their home Member State, as well as social protection in times of hardship. In conjunction with other administrative and practical factors, this has led to EU citizens from other Member States being overrepresented in homeless populations in many European cities. In Ireland, 26 % of the homeless population are non-Irish EU citizens. Often, they have not been in Ireland long enough to qualify for access to social housing, so their only option is to try to earn enough for the private rental sector, where prices are soaring.

1. Is the Commission aware of disparities in access to accommodation and social housing for EU citizens in different Member States as a result of misinterpretation of EU legislation at national level?
2. What can be done to encourage Member States to take a uniform approach to supporting homeless EU citizens in their country?
3. Can the Commission help Member States to harmonise their systems in this area so people can be offered clear paths out of homelessness?