

**Question for written answer E-001488/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Access to social housing for victims of domestic violence

Many Member States have a serious shortage of emergency accommodation and social housing for victims of domestic violence and their children.

These facilities are of the utmost importance, however, as without them a lot of women are unable to leave the family home to protect themselves and their children.

One possible solution would therefore be for victims of domestic violence to be given priority access to social housing financed by the European Union.

In a guide published in July 2021 by Union Sociale pour l'habitat (UHS)¹, Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, referred to the many sources of EU funding for social housing, including ERDF and ESF+ to improve energy efficiency and InvestEU to improve access to affordable social housing.

Would the Commission consider asking the partners in the Member States that are receiving funding for social housing to keep a significant proportion of these facilities for victims of domestic violence?

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¹ <https://www.union-habitat.org/centre-de-ressources/economie-du-logement/l-europe-investit-dans-le-logement-social-decodeur-hlm>