

**Question for written answer E-002167/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Italian NRRP and student housing

The Italian NRRP foresees an allocation of EUR 960 million so as to ensure accommodation for over 100 000 university students by 2026. Target M4C1-28 provided for the 'creation of at least 7 500 new places in student accommodation' by the end of 2022.

However, the study 'Right to profit – How to squander NRRP Funds' by the *Unione degli Universitari* (Italian Students' Union) from last May shows that at most 4 350 new places were provided, compared to the 8 500 places that the government had pledged. This corresponds to only 58 % of the target. In fact, a number of the dwellings financed were pre-existing and were counted towards the total simply by virtue of being earmarked for that purpose.

Another serious finding in the study is that, so far, EUR 210 million (73 %) have gone to private individuals for very expensive housing: a single room costing up to EUR 900 per month in Milan, EUR 640 in Turin and EUR 670 in Florence.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of how many accommodation places reported are not new but already existed and have been added to the total by earmarking them as student accommodation?
2. Does the Commission think that the approach adopted so far, with a place to sleep costing up to EUR 900 per month, can 'facilitate access to university'?

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