Question for written answer E-002932/2023/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Unfit housing

The Fondation Abbé Pierre and European Federation of National Associations Working with the Homeless have published a report looking at the extent of housing exclusion in Europe.

According to Eurostat, 19.2 million Europeans live in unfit housing, i.e. housing that is cramped, mouldy, poorly insulated, leaks or does not comply with current safety standards.

Yet the average quality of housing has actually improved overall. The statistics show how much worse inequalities are getting in Europe, where according to the report, one million people are homeless.

In view of the above:

Beyond its efforts to encourage the energy upgrading of buildings, what could the Commission do to tackle the issue of unfit housing and reduce the number of people living on the streets?

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