

**Question for written answer E-003168/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Housing package proposed by the Portuguese Government – notification of the European Commission

In its answer to written question P-000778/2023<sup>1</sup>, the Commission says that, with respect to restrictions relating to the provision of short-term accommodation rental services by hosts, the relevant EU framework includes the Services Directive and Articles 49 and 56 TFEU, which require such restrictions to be appropriate, necessary and proportionate.

The Commission highlighted the requirement for Member States to provide notification of technical rules and that the Portuguese authorities had not yet provided notification.

The housing package proposed by the Portuguese Government contains measures such as forced letting of unoccupied homes and changes to the local accommodation regime, which violates fundamental rights and constitutional principles, from the principle of equality to the right to property.

1. Given the importance of ensuring compliance with EU law, can the Commission confirm if the situation has changed since its last answer, with regard to notification by the Portuguese Government about these measures?
2. Can the Commission provide specific information about any interaction or replies received from the Portuguese Government?
3. If the Portuguese Government has not yet notified the Commission, what steps does the Commission intend to take to evaluate whether or not the measures are in line with the principles of being appropriate, necessary and proportionate?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-000778\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-000778_EN.html)