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Subject: Problems with decent housing and affordable rent for Erasmus+ mobility students

Students who are planning Erasmus+ mobility opportunities face a barrier that has grown worse over the last few years: the price of rent and the scarce supply of accommodation in destination countries. With rising rents and a scarcity of student accommodation on offer, it is becoming increasingly difficult for students to find and afford accommodation during their mobility period. This means that only those from wealthy families can afford the experience.

Not being able to afford decent housing or room rent goes against the principles of the Erasmus+ programme for this period, which aims to be more inclusive. The situation has worsened to the point that, during the beginning of this academic year, students who have already had their mobility approved have been forced to drop out and return to their universities, and suffer the corresponding loss in learning periods and damage to their mental health.

1. What measures does the Commission intend to adopt in order to address this situation? How will it cooperate with the Member States on this?
2. Has it considered the possibility of raising the level of Erasmus+ mobility grants in order to cope with rising rents in the European Union?