

## Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice, and Home Affairs

### Preparation Module

#### ***The question of rising housing prices***

*From 2010 to 2024, housing prices have risen by 42% making it difficult to impossible for young people across Europe to enter the property market. As a result, getting on to the housing ladder whether as an owner or tenant has increased the social and wealth divide. Which measures can be taken by the EU to encourage Member States to make affordable housing possible for young people? How can the EU deal with the housing issue becoming a growing indicator of its citizens' socio-economic status?*

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice, and Home Affairs. As LIBE, we are responsible for protecting civil liberties and human rights, as listed in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Our question is: “Which measures can be taken by the EU to encourage Member States to make affordable housing possible for young people? How can the EU deal with the housing issue becoming a growing indicator of its citizens’ socio-economic status?”

## RELATED QUESTIONS

Here are some related questions to consider, which our links will help you form opinions on:

- To what extent should State Aid or other governmental interventions play a role?
- Which policies should be recommended to state governments and which should not, and why?
- What countries have achieved recent success in housing accessibility, and how can we learn from them?
- What are the root causes of the issue, and what can be done to address them?
- How can we ensure that our solutions are both sustainable and environmentally friendly?
- Why is the housing crisis affecting young people more than other groups?
- Anything else you deem relevant?

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### POSITION PAPER

With that in mind, you must submit a position paper (length 1-2 pages, 1.15 spacing) that includes:

- An overview of the issue;
- The EU's actions on the matter so far;
- The actions of the country you are representing;
- Your personal opinion in regard to what the committee should focus on during the meetings.

### LINKS

Here are some links that should help you. These links are for articles that each give brief overviews of the issue:

1. <https://www.politico.eu/article/gimme-shelter-cost-of-living-crisis-squeeze-europe-housing/>
2. <https://left.eu/europes-housing-crisis-airbnb-exacerbates-affordability-woes/>
3. <https://www.socialeurope.eu/housing-crisis-europe-cannot-afford-it>
4. <https://feps-europe.eu/addressing-europes-housing-crisis/>
5. <https://www.investigate-europe.eu/en/posts/house-prices-and-rents-rising-across-europe>
6. <https://euobserver.com/eu-political/ar514aa494>
7. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20231003-inflated-rents-high-interest-rates-and-lack-of-supply-create-european-housing-crisis>
8. <https://diem25.org/the-housing-crisis-perspectives-from-across-europe/>

And these links provide more in-depth analyses of the issue and its potential solutions:

9. [https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/system/files/ged/folder\\_action\\_plan\\_of\\_the\\_euaa\\_housing\\_partnership.pdf&ved=2ahUKewjD4fjgIjIGAxUbUkEAHVjJCm8QFnoECDcQAQ&usq=AOvVaw2ncK4zSj1Owf\\_rOBS9V1aI](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/system/files/ged/folder_action_plan_of_the_euaa_housing_partnership.pdf&ved=2ahUKewjD4fjgIjIGAxUbUkEAHVjJCm8QFnoECDcQAQ&usq=AOvVaw2ncK4zSj1Owf_rOBS9V1aI)
10. <https://www.housingeurope.eu/file/1200/download>
11. <https://webapi2016.eesc.europa.eu/v1/documents/EEESC-2020-01076-00-00-AC-TRA-EN.docx/content>
12. <https://belgian-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/media/ptqeim05/liege-declaration-for-housing.pdf>
13. <https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/system/files/2023-05/ef22024en.pdf>
14. <https://eurocities.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Open-Letter-to-EU-Ministers-for-Housing-on-Gijon-Declararation-2023.pdf>

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