Declaration on an EU homelessness strategy

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The European Parliament adopted a declaration on an EU homelessness strategy.

Stressing that homelessness continues to affect people in all EU Member States and is an unacceptable violation of fundamental human rights, Parliament invites the Commission to **develop an ambitious EU homelessness strategy** and to support Member States in developing effective national strategies.

Eurostat is called upon to collect EU homelessness data.

The declaration supports the following **priorities for action**:

- no one sleeping rough;
- no one living in emergency accommodation for longer than the period of an ‘emergency’;
- no one living in transitional accommodation longer than is required for a successful move-on;
- no one leaving an institution without housing options;
- no young people becoming homeless as a result of the transition to independent living.

Parliament calls on the Council to commit by the end of 2010 (European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion) to ending street homelessness by 2015.