

European Citizens' Initiative „Affordable Housing“

Name of the initiative:

„Affordable Housing“

Subject of the initiative:

Housing must be affordable! Encourage the creation of a better legal and financial framework for the vast majority of European Citizen's.

Description of the Demands:

1. that the EU does not restrict the target group of subsidised housing;
2. public investment in affordable housing must be excluded from the Maastricht criteria;
3. better financial opportunities for “non-profit and public housing developers” through a European fund;
4. short-term rentals shall not reduce affordable housing and security of tenants
5. to extend the European Statistical Programme to include a European-wide standardised survey of the housing situation.

Provisions of the Treaties considered relevant for real affordable housing

Demand 1

Legal Basis: in particular Article 106(3) TFEU (undertakings entrusted with the operation of services of general economic interest, public/ social/ affordable housing is a human right).

Instrument: Decision

(in particular by amending Commission Decision 2012/21/EU of 20 December 2011 on the application of Article 106(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to State aid in the form of public service compensation granted to certain undertakings entrusted with the operation of services of general economic interest)

Demand 2

Legal Basis: in particular Art. 126 (14) TFEU (avoidance of excessive deficits)

Instrument: Regulation

(in particular by amending Regulation (EC) No 479/2009 on the application of the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community)

Demand 3

Legal Basis: in particular Art. 174 et seq. TFEU (economic, social and territorial cohesion), Art. 164 TFEU (European Social Fund)

Instrument: Regulation

(notably by amending Regulation (EU) No 2015/1017 on the European Strategic Investment Fund (EFSI), Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 on the European Social Fund (ESF) or other regulations on European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds))



Demand 4

Legal Basis: in particular Article 114 TFEU (internal market competence). If necessary in conjunction with Art. 62, 53 para. 1 TFEU (freedom to provide services) and Art. 169 TFEU (consumer protection); alternatively Art. 113 or Art. 115 TFEU (in the case of a regulation on the levying of a tax)

Instrument: Directive

(in particular by adopting an independent directive)

Demand 5

Legal Basis: in particular Art. 338 TFEU (Union statistics)

Instrument: Directive

(in particular by amending Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 or adopting a separate regulation)