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Additionally, Parliament calls on EU countries to adopt the principle of "housing firs"', already successfully introduced by several countries. Contrary to more 'traditional' approaches, the "housing first" model seeks to move homeless people into permanent housing as quickly as possible before addressing other issues.

Lack of affordable housing is a growing problem

Despite substantial differences between EU countries, the lack of affordable housing is a growing problem, with house prices rising by 5.2% in the EU in the second quarter of 2020 compared to the same quarter of 2019.

This is a problem for low-income owners or renters: In 2018, [almost 38%](#) of households at risk of poverty spent more than 40% of their disposable income on housing, compared to 10.2% of the general EU population.

Parliament is also working on proposals for decent, affordable housing and inclusive housing markets.