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European Commission publishes Call for Evidence on the Housing Simplification Package

KEY POINTS:

- The European Commission has published a call for evidence on the Housing Simplification Package.
- The focus is on regulatory barriers to housing construction and proposals to simplify existing EU regulations.
- The EFBS will take part in the consultation and invites you to submit your contributions by 7 September 2026.

Dear Sir or Madam,

with the European Plan for Affordable Housing, the European Commission launched one of its key housing policy initiatives in December 2025. A key component of this is the Housing Simplification Package announced therein, which aims to identify and remove existing regulatory barriers to housing construction. We last provided information on this initiative in the EFBS circular dated 9 June 2026. The Commission has now published a Call for Evidence on this matter. The contributions received are to be incorporated into the drafting of the legislative package announced for 2027

Through a Call for Evidence, the European Commission seeks to gather practical experience from associations, businesses, public authorities and other stakeholders at a relatively early stage of the legislative process. The current consultation focuses on how existing EU regulations affect housing provision and housing affordability, and where simplifications might be possible.

The Commission is particularly interested in

- specific examples of how EU legislation affects the supply of housing and housing affordability, where possible specifying the relevant regulation and indicating whether the effects are attributable to EU law itself or to its national implementation,
- practical proposals on how to reduce delays and costs associated with housing construction and housing affordability, both through amendments to EU law and by drawing on best practices from Member States, whilst taking into account overarching policy objectives,

- proposals on how to increase productivity and efficiency in the construction and renovation sectors, and how to accelerate investment and housing development projects.

The EFBS will also contribute to the consultation with a statement. In doing so, we would like to incorporate your experiences and views. We would therefore be very grateful if you could send us your comments and views **by 7 September 2026**.

To make it easier for you to provide feedback, we have attached a table to this circular setting out selected subject areas which, in the EFBS's view, could be particularly relevant. This table is intended to serve as a guide. We would, of course, also welcome comments and practical examples relating to other aspects which, in your view, should be taken into account as part of the consultation.

Topic	**Possible questions**
CRR / CRD (Capital Requirements Regulation and Directive) (Basel III)	*Impact on capital requirements and residential property finance*
EPBD (Energy Performance of Buildings Directive)	*Financing of energy-efficiency refurbishments and new-builds*
EU-Taxonomy	*Practical feasibility and administrative burden*
MCD (Mortgage Credit Directive)	*Impact on the distribution of residential property loans*
CPR (Construction Products Regulation)	*Impact on construction costs and processes*
Sustainability regulation	*Additional reporting obligations and administrative burden*
Planning permission procedures	*Accelerating investment and housing construction*
Mobilising private investment	*Improving the framework conditions for home ownership and private financing*

Please find attached the European Commission's Call for Evidence. We look forward to receiving your feedback. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachment