



IUT Questionnaire to the Spitzenkandidaten (Lead Candidates)

European Elections 2024

Responses received from the Party of **the European Left**

- 1. Do you support the recognition of housing as a fundamental human right, as outlined in Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?**

"Yes"

From our manifesto: Enshrine the right to affordable, decent housing for all people in Europe in EU primary law;"

- 2. Are you in favor of establishing a maximum limit of 25% of household disposable income for housing costs (including energy and utilities) by 2030, achieved through effective rent regulation, rent reductions, and housing allowances?**

"Neutral"

From our manifesto: Adopt an EU directive that caps rents and obliges local authorities to provide housing for students and learners"

- 3. Do you endorse the idea of setting a minimum quota of at least 30% for social and affordable housing in every Member State and municipality in the EU by 2030, supported by a dedicated EU fund and combining national financial measures?**

"Neutral"

Our manifesto: Implement national and European investment plans for public housing and reconstruction of the public infrastructure; financing of social housing projects by national or local authorities, non-profit developers and cooperatives through the European Investment Bank (EIB) at 0% interest;"

- 4. Are you in favor of regulating access to corporate finance in the housing market to counteract financialization, prevent monopolies, and stop the sale of public and affordable housing stock?**

"Yes"

- 5. Should short-term rental housing be regulated to prevent the extraction of housing from the regular housing market, protect tenant rights, and mitigate issues such as displacement, touristification, and gentrification?**

"Yes"

Our manifesto: Adopt an EU directive that caps rents and obliges local authorities to provide housing for students and learners; a regulatory framework for short-term rental platforms in major urban areas coupled with public expenditure and European funds for the development of new homes;"

- 6. Should the EU revise its state aid rules for social housing, particularly concerning Services of General Economic Interest (SGEI), to ensure that a larger portion of the population has access to affordable housing, rather than limiting it to socially disadvantaged groups?**

"Yes"

- 7. Do you support a tenure-neutral approach to housing policy, which prioritizes providing a wide range of suitable housing options for everyone, regardless of income, age, or gender, over focusing solely on homeownership?**

"Yes"

Our manifesto: Adopt an EU directive against social inequalities and discrimination in education based on class, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, nationality, residence status, and religious belief;"

- 8. Should the European Parliament ensure transparency, intelligibility, and the ability to challenge unfair terms in rental agreements while providing access to cost-free legal dispute resolution for tenants?**

"Yes"

- 9. Are you in favor of promoting housing cost neutrality in energy efficiency, ensuring that renovation costs are equitably distributed and that rent increases are balanced by energy savings, as a minimum requirement in all energy legislation?**

"Yes"

- 10. Do you believe that equal access to energy-efficient housing should be a priority for all citizens, irrespective of their income, and that EU funding should be available where needed to support this goal while respecting subsidiarity?**

"Yes"