

**Question for written answer E-002501/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Social leasing: a viable and innovative tool for social cohesion in Europe

The concept of social leasing offers an innovative approach, whereby long-term rentals of equipment and services can support social objectives, fostering sustainable development in many areas, including the environment, public health, agriculture and regional development. Given the significant social and environmental impact that social leasing could have, can the Commission say:

1. Does it intend to promote a framework of guidelines on social leasing, supporting its implementation by local communities and social enterprises?
2. Does it intend to encourage the financing of social leasing pilot projects at European level in order to assess its effectiveness and viability in achieving European policy objectives?
3. How could it enhance the involvement of local actors and social enterprises in such an endeavour, making use of EU tools for growth, employment and reducing social inequalities?

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