EU Parliament: "Femmes" exhibition, homeless women sheltered in Brussels. Sassoli, "poverty must not be hidden but fought"

"We are not just opening a photo exhibition here. We, here and now, are upholding a principle: public institutions must be close to citizens, especially the most frail and vulnerable". European Parliament President David Sassoli said this as he opened the Femmes exhibition at the Parlamentarium on the eve of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Featuring 15 images by photographer Gaël Turine, accompanied by texts by Anne-Cécile Huwar, the exhibition tells the story of 15 of the 279 homeless women who were hosted in the Helmut Kohl building of the European Parliament in Brussels during the worst five months of the COVID-19 pandemic. These women were able to stay in the offices of officials who were required to work from home. The offices were converted into rooms that they could use, night and day, without being obliged to leave their room every morning, "without being reminded every day of their precarious life as a homeless person". "COVID-19 - Sassoli added