

EFFECTS OF COVID19 ON METROPOLITAN HOUSING AND LAND MARKETS

Online workshop on 15 February 2021, between 15.00 – 17.00

WG Metropolitan Dynamics: Urban Change, Markets and Governance

WG Land Markets and Housing Policy

Although the direct and causal relationship between urban density and the spread of the virus is not proven, many urban residents strive for more spacious housing with direct access to some private open/green area (balcony, terrace, garden). In many cities there are the first signs of a new suburban wave to be seen. With the spread of the home-office opportunity the geographic scope of the new demand might even go beyond the usual suburban boundaries, as commuters accept larger distances if travel to work occurs fewer times, not on an everyday basis. Combined with the fear of using public transport, the new tendency might point towards a more sprawled urban landscape with car use as the dominant mobility form. Another possible consequence of the COVID 19 pandemic is increased awareness of the importance of urban greens, urban agriculture, bicycle lines and other measures for safe and inclusive urban outdoor spaces.

In order to discuss these new tendencies, two ENHR Working Groups (WG Metropolitan Dynamics: Urban Change, Markets and Governance; and WG Land Markets and Housing Policy) will organize a joint online workshop on 15 February 2021, between 15.00-17.00 hours.

The aims of this joint workshop are:

- to explore the spatial effects of the COVID19 crisis regarding land and housing markets, connected to changes in mobility forms, workplace locations and home office tendencies
- to analyze the potential tools for the public sector to steer the future development of metropolitan areas: what kind of planning tools and/or metropolitan governance structures can be applied to influence the new demand for less densely populated areas, to avoid the worst forms of urban sprawl?

Participants interested in the joint workshop will have the opportunity to present their research ideas in 5 minute long pitch-statements. This will be followed by a moderated discussion aiming to explore relevant subtopics around which a joint Workshop could be organized in the next ENHR Conference in Nicosia (30 August – 2 September 2021).

Please feel free to forward this announcement to colleagues who you think could be interested - our WG is happy to expand!

Please indicate your interest to participate in this unique online workshop by answering the following questions in email to Iván Tosics, tosics@mri.hu and Berit Irene Nordahl beriir@oslomet.no – if possible not later than 8 February.

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preliminary title of pitch-statement: