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EDITORIAL

Researchers shaping global dialogue on housing systems

Our diverse housing research community is part of a global village influencing housing policy, and through a recent project it has shown how collaboration in a time of crises can be effectively mobilised to produce something of tangible global benefit for all. Thus in these dark Winter months, I come with good news, and an offer: a free downloadable gift! Let me share with you news of an important collaborative project called #Housing2030.

#Housing2030 kept many ENHR researchers busy over these challenging COVID-19 months. The now published UN report aims to strengthen the capacity of national and local governments to formulate policies that improve housing affordability and its social and environmental sustainability. The policy tools integrate themes such as governance, land, finance and climate neutrality. Beyond aspirations, it is a tough and forthright contribution, providing many arguments for reform to shape better housing systems.

The partners in this project include UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, established in 1947. This is the only intergovernmental body addressing the housing and urban development challenges of countries in Europe, North America and Asia. Also involved is the UN Human Settlements Programme (Habitat). Established in 1978, it focuses on sustainable urban development and has led the implementation of the renowned and influential Sustainable Development Goals. Housing Europe is a network of 45 national and regional federations of public, social and cooperative housing providers operating in 24 countries and managing around 25 million homes. By combining their vision, policy know how and practical expertise, this extraordinary international collaboration has built global commitment and capacity to policies ensuring affordable and sustainable housing for all.

Way back in 2019 the #Housing2030 partnership sprung to life, bringing together for the first time the partners UNECE, UN Habitat and Housing Europe as one team, and commissioning researchers to draft chapters for a report on tools to shape better housing systems that deliver more affordable, inclusive and sustainable outcomes. Key members of this team included Michelle Norris, Holger Wallbaum and myself as lead author, with contributions from Kat Grimsley, Núria Lambea Llop and Sergio Nasarre-Aznar. Yet this was no ordinary project of a few weeks. It became a vocation involving many hours of discussion, debate and sustained commitment from all involved over a period of two years.

For this effort I would like to thank first and foremost the many ENHR members who provided research evidence, reflective wisdom and also constructive criticism on relevant policy tools and their illustration over the past two years. In particular, researchers who proactively informed the research process, include Manuel Aalbers, Mike Berry, Luigi Cuna, Vivienne Milligan, Jago Dodson, Dennis Keating, Alice Pittini, Wolfgang Amann, Gertjan Wijberg, Luis Mendes, Toby Lloyd, Jelke Bosma, Gerald Kössl, József Hegedüs, Michalis Goudis, Ken Gibb, Josh Ryan-Collins, Iván Tosics, Jean-Pierre Schaeffer, Richard Waldron, Carolyn Whitzman, Matteo Tarantino, Olivier Richard, Steffen Wetzstein, and many more, contributing to a lively and influential policy research process. Eventually, webinars involved more than 1,200 participants directly and this engagement was extended through surveys, podcasts and an interactive website, all enabling a much bigger audience. These many contributions, acknowledged in the report, have not been wasted.

As with all collaborative projects, an effective organisational structure had to be established, in addition to the drafting team. Project co-ordination was led by the key partners mentioned above, who in turn were also supported by expert sounding boards from their member states

and association members. The project also had two public champions, a very experienced public servant and former Director General for Housing Policy Elena Szolgayova from Slovakia and an industry leader in affordable housing David Orr from the National Housing Federation in the UK. Overall the team was accountable to the 56 governments of the UNECE region, extending all the way from the US to central Europe and Russia.

As mentioned, the study covered four interactive themes: governance of markets, land policy, shaping financial circuits and standards of climate neutral housing and neighbourhoods. Relevant research was reviewed by the authors and discussed in a series of three preparatory podcasts, followed by eight thematic and regional focused webinars involving expert presenters and good practice pitch makers, leading to a draft chapter for the report. This was extensively reviewed by member states, consumer advocacy and industry bodies. This process took 15 months, there after the report was edited to UN standards and the summary translated into English, French and Russian. The draft report was circulated to 56 Member states in June 2020 and presented at the Ministerial meeting in Geneva in October 2021, with many Ministers making statements and committing to an Action Plan to implement the recommendations of the report. The full report has since been translated into Russian by UN staff.

It should be noted, that very important practical support, in surveying member states, organising expert webinars, producing podcasts, filming events and establishing the interactive website was provided by permanent staff of the partner organisations: Gulnara Roll (UNECE), Christophe Lalande (UN Habitat) and Sorcha Edwards and Dara Turnbull (Housing Europe), who played a steady and sustained role to keep the project on track and communicate with the world.

The final report #Housing2030 provides a 'tool kit' rather than a universal 'blueprint', to respond to the different and changing demands of member states and regions. In an accessible and practical manner, it defines key concepts and 30 policy tools, drawn from the experience of over 50 countries. Tools concern land policy and planning strategies, funding and financing instruments, and approaches to good governance and regulation as well as environmental and energy standards for a more sustainable future. 70 clear illustrations show how these policy tools have been implemented, pointing out what makes them best practice and providing useful links to a wealth of contacts and resources. The final report was presented at the UNECE Ministerial meeting in Geneva (October 2021) alongside an [Action Plan](#) for implementation.

Over the past two months #Housing2030 has not stood still, but has engaged with discussions at various city, national and international conferences from Glasgow at COP26 to the European Housing Forum in Poland and Barcelona's Housing and Renovation Forum. There have even been small films made about it circulating the Twittersphere. #Housing2030 will soon feature on housing conference programs in Switzerland, Montenegro and Australia. Yet never fear, there is no need to travel, ENHR members can simply download a copy of [the report](#) "Effective policies for affordable housing in the UNECE region" and also enjoy the many podcasts and videos contained on the interactive website www.housing2030.org.

Finally, I would also like to express my gratitude to the Housing Agency of Ireland, the Housing Finance and Development Centre of Finland (ARA), the Slovenian Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning and the Czech Ministry of Regional Development for their support to the #Housing2030 Initiative and the preparation of this publication.

Happy reading and best wishes for the year ahead,

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Director of Just Cities

Associate Editor Housing Theory and Society

Co-producer of the Housing Journal Podcast.

Highlights Coordination Committee Meeting

Zoom meeting 30 August 2021

2021 Zoom conference evaluation

Local Organisation Committee (LOC) Chair Nadia Charalambous gave an update on the Nicosia online conference.

Some figures: 61 parallel sessions, 230 delegates, 19 working groups, 257 submissions, on average 9-10 papers per workshop

The Local Organisation Committee experienced several setbacks:

- Many last minute paper withdrawals (motives mentioned: COVID-19, holidays) and last minute cancellations of keynote speakers.
- Partly due to holidays it was difficult to communicate with participants and WG coordinators. Response to e-mails sent by the conference organisation was very low.
- Some coordinators attended half a day or one day only, which made it difficult to schedule multiple sessions.

Several of these aspects were discussed:

- Participating in an online conference means that all other work of the coordinators continues as well. This might explain some of the setbacks.
- Many coordinators did their job as good as they can. Some even had to merge two workshops.
- The suggestion is to appoint only one coordinator per WG as contact person.

CC meeting 19-20 November 2021 in Barcelona

The Coordination Committee met in Barcelona for its 2-day Autumn meeting and inspection of the 2022 conference location.



A large part of the Coordination Committee, Barcelona hosts and guests at the meeting of 19-20 November.



Inspecting the conference venue at ETSAB - Barcelona School of Architecture.



On excursion in redeveloped neighbourhoods in El Poblenou, left and right of the Avinguda Diagonal.

2022 Elections: Call for nominations to the ENHR Coordination Committee

The ENHR Election Committee and the ENHR Secretariat invite you to nominate candidates for the ENHR Coordination Committee (CC). The purpose of this call for nomination is to identify candidates who will stand for election for the ENHR Coordination Committee. Five seats will be open for the 2022 election. You will be elected for four years.

According to the ENHR Bylaws there should be between 12 and 17 members on the Coordination Committee. The composition of the present CC is as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Elected until</i>
Peter Boelhouwer	Geography	Male	The Netherlands	2024
Claire Carriou	Urban planning	Female	France	2024
Terry Hartig	Environmental psychology	Male	Sweden	2024
Jaana Nevalainen	Geography	Female	Finland	2024
Lena Magnusson Turner	Geography	Female	Norway	2024
Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway	Economics	Female	Spain	2024
Kath Scanlon	Economics and planning	Female	United Kingdom	2024
Richard Sendi	Architecture	Male	Slovenia	2024
Mark Stephens	Economics	Male	United Kingdom	2024
Catalina Turcu	Architecture	Female	United Kingdom	2024
Darinka Czischke	Architecture	Female	The Netherlands	2022
Paddy Gray	Housing	Male	Ireland	2022
Marietta Haffner	Economics	Female	The Netherlands	2022
Sergio Nasarre Aznar	Law	Male	Spain	2022
Iván Tosics	Sociology	Male	Hungary	2022
<i>Conference representatives (not elected, but acting as full members)</i>				
Josep Maria Montaner	-	Male	Spain	2022 (Nov.)
Magdalena Zalczna	-	Female	Poland	2023 (Nov.)

The aim is to achieve a balanced composition, enabling diversity in terms of discipline, country and gender. The elections will take place in May and June. The results will be announced during the General Assembly at the conference Barcelona (Spain).

There are a number of important things to consider when nominating a candidate to the Coordination Committee.

- It is important to have as many candidates as possible to ensure a fair and representative election. You are therefore urged to consider standing for the election. If so, please find an ENHR-member who will nominate you. You are also urged to think about nominating another ENHR member. If so, please contact that ENHR-member to find out whether he or she would be willing to be a candidate.
- It is important to remember that members of the Coordination Committee are expected to attend, at their own expense, a number of meetings during the year and to be active at ENHR conferences.

How to nominate

ENHR members can nominate a candidate or be nominated as a candidate provided that they have paid their membership fee for 2022. Members from associate institutional members and members from outside Europe are excluded.

Please fill in the nomination form on the ENHR website (www.enhr.net/about-enhr/coordination-committee) with the names of nominee and nominator and send the form, together with a short biographical sketch (± 200 words) and a photo, to the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl).

The biographical sketch should contain the candidate's academic position, activities in the Network, a maximum of three key publications, issues that you feel are important for the future of the Network and a motivation.

The deadline for receipt of nominations (including the biographical sketch and photo) is **31 March 2022, by midnight CET**.

Voting

The nominees will be introduced to all ENHR members by e-mail and on the ENHR website shortly after **31 March 2022** and in Newsletter 2. All ENHR members except associate institutional members and members from outside Europe are allowed to vote, provided they have paid their membership fee for 2022. We will inform you about how to vote in a later stage.

Election Committee

For any questions contact the ENHR Election Committee. They are:

- Dirk Dubbeling (d.j.dubbeling@tudelft.nl)
Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft, THE NETHERLANDS.
- Gerard van Bortel (G.A.vanBortel@tudelft.nl)
Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft, THE NETHERLANDS.
- Lars Gulbrandsen (lars.gulbrandsen@nova.hioa.no)
Oslo, NORWAY.

Or contact the ENHR Office at ENHR@tudelft.nl.

Membership fees 2022

In the beginning of 2022 all ENHR members whose membership expires will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to pay the fee for 2022 (and 2023 and 2024). ENHR offers its members the possibility to pay their fee for one, two or three years. If accepted, the fee for year two and three will equal the fee over 2022.

ENHR has a differentiated fee structure dependent upon a number of factors. The fees per 1-1-2022 are:

(Associate) Institutional members

Group 1, 1-5 members: € 290 (€ 580 for 2 years and € 870 for 3 years)
Group 1, 6-10 members: € 580 (€ 1160 for 2 years and € 1740 for 3 years)
Group 1, 11 plus members: € 870 (€ 1740 for 2 years and € 2610 for 3 years)
Group 2, regardless of size: € 144 (€ 288 for 2 years and € 432 for 3 years)

Individual members (full members)

Group 1: € 57 (€ 114 for 2 years and € 171 for 3 years)
Group 2: € 15 (€ 30 for 2 years and € 45 for 3 years)

Individual members (PhDs)

Group 1: € 31 (€ 62 for 2 years and € 93 for 3 years)
Group 2: € 15 (€ 30 for 2 years and € 45 for 3 years)

See for more details: www.enhr.net/members/membership/

ENHR CONFERENCES

ENHR Conference 2022 Barcelona (Spain) UPDATE

New date

30 August - 2 September 2022, Barcelona (Spain)

Theme

The struggle for the Right to housing: The pressures of globalization and affordability in cities today

One venue

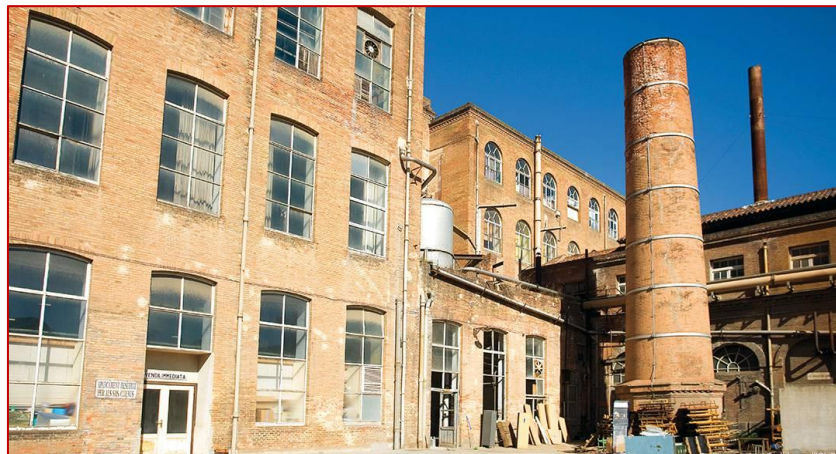
ETSAB - Barcelona School of Architecture (Polytechnic University of Catalonia)

New Important dates

- Call for abstracts / open registration: 20 March 2022
- Deadline for abstract submission: 20 May 2022
- Notification of abstract approval: 20 June 2022
- Deadline for Early bird for Registration: 30 June 2022
- Papers deadline (including Bengt Turner Award papers): 20 July 2022

Plenary sessions

- Housing under the empire of finance in the global cities
- Putting rent under control: models, evidence and debate
- Overcoming shortage: partnering to nurture affordable housing supply
- New urban challenge: how tourism and gentrification are changing cities
- Solving the green challenge: innovative design for sustainable housing



Some of the fieldtrip destinations.

Fieldtrips

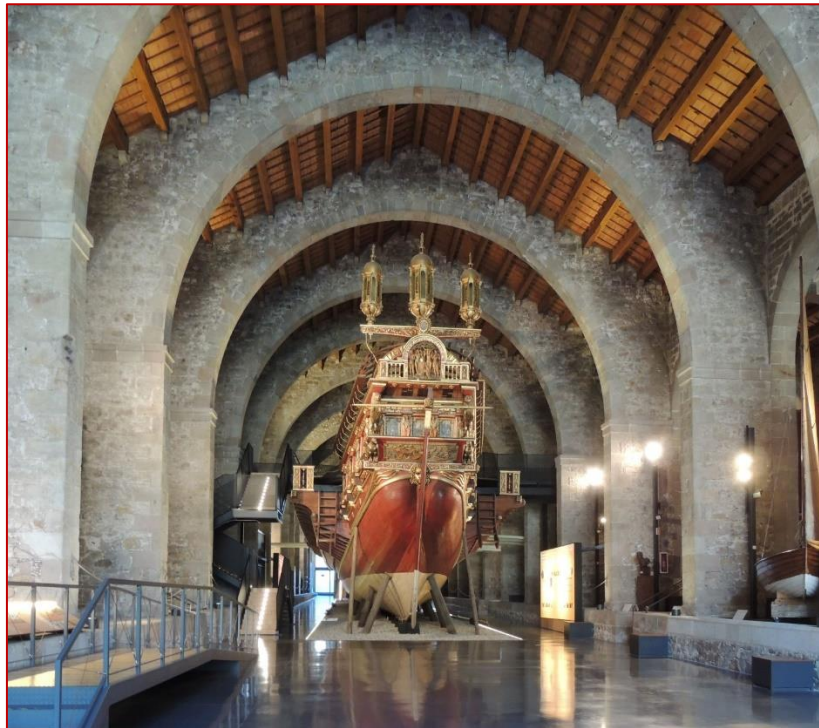
- Casa Milà
- Fabra i Coats Cultural Center & Dwellings
- 22@ + Ca L'Aler Innovation Centre
- Co-Housing Interventions
- APROP - Close Proximity Temporary Housing

Additional workshop proposals

- Rent control
- Rehabilitation and Housing
- Gender and Housing
- Open Data Indicators for Housing
- The memory of the fighting for the right of housing

Conference dinner

The dinner will take place at the medieval shipyards, the Drassanes Reials, home to Barcelona's Maritime Museum. This first-class architectural landmark stands in the historic centre of Barcelona and is one of the buildings that best represents the city's maritime history and culture.



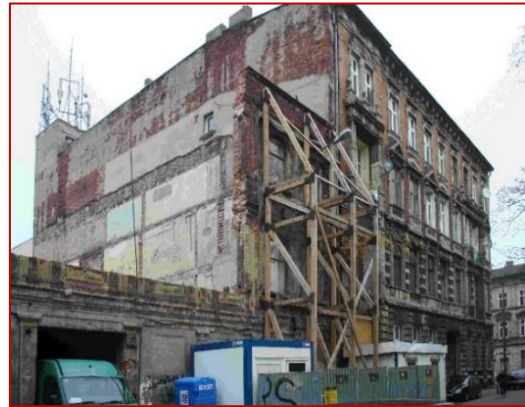
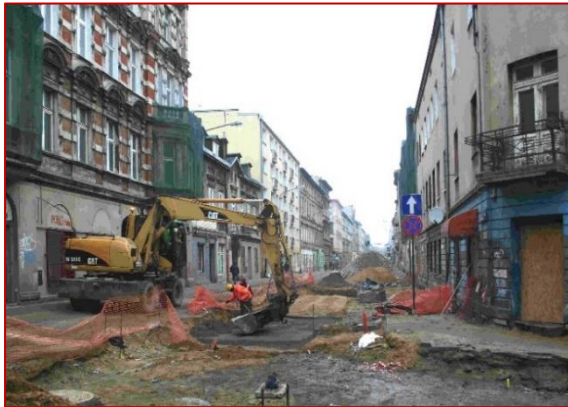
More information will follow soon.

ENHR Conference in Lodz (Poland) 2023: Urban regeneration – its shines and shadows

Lodz is a classic example of a city that was founded and developed thanks to the industrialization process of the nineteenth century, in particular textiles. Very favorable living conditions and the opportunity to work caused a significant influx of settlers. In 1840 the number of residents increased to 10,000. In 1900 the number of inhabitants of Lodz increased to 300,000, and in 1914 it approached 500,000 and set a world record for demographic growth. On the eve of the outbreak of World War II, the city's population reached 672,000. During the war, the city was not destroyed. After liberation, it served as the capital of the state for some time. The reconstruction of the textile industry contributed to the further development of Lodz, both economically and demographically. In 1989, the city had 851,700 residents.

The political transformation had a robust and negative impact on the social and economic conditions in the city. First of all, the closure of industrial plants caused a very high level of unemployment and an outflow of population.

Housing problems in Poland are very serious due to historical conditions, but also to the lack of a consistent and thought-out housing policy. Essentially, housing problems are pushed into the background, it is believed that in the market economy people should meet their housing needs without help of public bodies, and only a small group of the most vulnerable households should be given direct help.



New researchers on-line seminar

New researchers on-line seminar 23 February 2022

The ENHR Coordination Committee is organising a first on-line seminar for new researchers that will take place on 23 February 2022, 09:00 CET

Invited to participate are PhD students as well as others that currently may not be at this stage but have the intention to embark on PhD studies in the future.

The key aims of the seminar are to:

- provide an opportunity for new researchers to present and discuss their work with peers,
- get feedback on their work from senior members of the ENHR research community,
- enable new researchers to exchange ideas and share work experiences,
- discuss any other matters of common interest,
- assist and encourage new researchers to prepare papers to be presented at the 2022 New Housing Researchers' Colloquium that is planned to take place in Barcelona on 30 August,
- initiate and set up a forum for facilitating regular communication between new researchers within the framework of the ENHR.

Potential participants are invited to submit a brief abstract of about 200 words by 31 January 2022 to the ENHR Secretariat: ENHR@tudelft.nl Since this is planned to be an in-between gathering, there is no requirement to submit a full paper. The abstract should include the title, brief description of the work to be discussed and name of the author.

The seminar will be open also to those who may wish to attend and participate in the discussions without submitting an abstract.

The seminar programme will be announced by 16 February, at the latest.

Help to spread this information among PhD students and in the relevant departments of your university or research institute.

Richard Sendi, ENHR contact person New Housing Researchers

More information: ENHR@tudelft.nl

Proposals welcome for ENHR Conference city 2024

The ENHR Coordination Committee (CC) invites research institutes and research centres which would be interested in organising an ENHR conference somewhere in Europe in 2024.

A formal proposal should be submitted **by March 1st, 2022** to the ENHR Secretariat (enhr@tudelft.nl) based on the ENHR-application form. Application form and guidelines for ENHR conferences are available on the [ENHR website](#). These guidelines include a description of how such conferences are generally organised and what an application to host an ENHR conference should contain.

In the CC spring meeting of 2022 candidates will be asked to present their proposal. The Coordination Committee will make a final decision after the presentation(s).

Application should contain information about:

- the date of the conference
- the profile of the organising institute and its reasons for hosting the conference
- a proposed conference theme
- a statement on academic quality
- former experiences in hosting conferences
- a budget which clarifies how to ensure the viability
- accessibility and affordability and hotel capacity of the location
- attractiveness of the location for housing researchers (what is there to be seen, esp. regarding to housing issues)
- the ability to attract an audience usually of 300-600 people. If a smaller conference is envisaged, a clear statement of the planned scale should be presented
- the availability of enough assistants (as students or junior researchers) during the conference
- the creation of a well organised conference webpage, which is maintained and updated on a regular basis
- the establishment of a Local Organising Committee (LOC).

The Coordination Committee would also need to be informed about hybrid conference options and carbon footprint reduction options of the conference.

Applications will be evaluated by the Coordination Committee based on these criteria. Affordability of the conference to the participants will be an important criterion.

Participants from all parts of Europe should be able to participate in the conference. Therefore, while setting the fees the organisers should take the affordability of the conference (travel costs, hotel accommodation and fees) into account.

Ideally, some conferences should have lower fees and fees should preferably not exceed the fee of former conferences, as shown in the table below.

Research institutes or research centres that are interested in organising a conference in 2022 are encouraged to contact ENHR Chairman Peter Boelhouwer (p.j.boelhouwer@tudelft.nl).

ENHR WORKING GROUPS

Basic information concerning the aims, activities and membership of the various Working Groups is available on the ENHR website at www.enhr.net. In this section the Working Groups report on recent activities such as seminars (to be) held, books to be published, etc. The names and addresses of the coordinators are given at the end of the Newsletter in the Who is Who? section. Members of ENHR are encouraged to contact these persons in order to join a particular Working Group or to obtain further information about its activities.

News from Working Groups

WG East European Housing and Urban Policy

Sasha Tsenkova and Richard Sendi (coordinators)

The WG East European Housing and Urban Policy has been closed down. The current situation of the wing group has been addressed in the editorial of Newsletter 3 (2021) and a more detailed elaboration of this may be accessed at this ENHR web page: enhr.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Housing-research-in-Central-and-Eastern-European-countries.pdf

WG Housing Law

Michel Vols, Padraic Kenna and Stefan van Tongeren (coordinators)

The working group welcomed a new coordinator: Stefan van Tongeren (University of Groningen, The Netherlands). He works as an assistant professor in the Department of Legal Methods. Van Tongeren replaces Maria Olinda Garcia who recently stepped down.

WG Residential Context of Health

Emma Baker and Terry Hartig (coordinators)

The Residential Context of Health Working Group plans to convene its next workshop at the ENHR Conference to be held in Barcelona, Spain (29 June to 1 July, 2022). Suitable papers would fit with a variety of broad themes, such as the effect of physical housing variables on mental and physical health; the role of behavioral, social, and cultural factors in shaping relations between housing and health; the ways in which housing policy can be coordinated with other social welfare policies to more effectively pursue public health objectives; universal design and other strategies for mitigating effects of individual's functional limitations in the residential context; the delivery of health care services in the home; gardens, nearby parks and urban green spaces as health resources; housing stress in relation to loan delinquency or falling housing prices; health consequences of forced moves from homes (due to war, climate change); and individual and social consequences of insecure tenure and concomitant residential instability. Most of the papers we have previously discussed in our workshops over the years have been empirical reports, but purely theoretical and methodological papers are also welcome. The Barcelona workshop will follow the format used in our previous workshops: draft manuscripts submitted before the meeting, assigned discussants, and maximal time for discussion.

We will hope to meet in Barcelona in real life, and present indications are that the pandemic will have largely passed by then. Depending on the facilities that the organizers can make available, we may be able to accommodate some on-line participation.

If you want to participate in the Barcelona workshop, you have other questions about the Working Group, and/or you want to have your address added to the mailing list for the Working Group, please contact its co-conveners, Terry Hartig (terry.hartig@ibf.uu.se) and Emma Baker (emma.baker@adelaide.edu.au).

WG Housing and Young People (in preparation)

Igor Costarelli, Oana Druta and Constance Uyttendaele (coordinators)

Housing and young people is the newest ENHR WG in preparation. We aim to address overlooked and pressing issues related to the position of young people on housing markets, housing policy affecting younger generations, and the role of innovation in housing provision targeting younger generations, from a cross/trans-disciplinary perspective. The housing position of younger generations has worsened in the last decades, due to the combined effects of the 2008 Global Financial Crisis, subsequent Great Recession, and more recently COVID-19 pandemic. Economic uncertainties have delayed young adults' transition to independent living and enhanced the precarity of young adult housing pathways through forced cohabitations and temporary tenure forms. The lack of affordable and adequate housing has fuelled social inequalities by affecting young adults' social mobility and making intergenerational support essential. Several actors, including social housing organisations, have attempted to address these issues through new housing forms and innovative programs. However, there remain significant gaps in our understanding of how young adults' housing pathways, careers and aspirations are impacted by housing system changes, as well as how in turn their housing position impacts young people's chances in life, wellbeing, and avenues for social reproduction. Moreover, more insights are needed to assess the potential of innovative housing solutions in sorting out the current housing crisis of younger generations in countries across Europe, and to prioritise young people's housing issues on policy agendas.

Together with all ENHR community members, our purpose is to explore a broad spectrum of topics, including young adults' housing conditions, emerging housing forms by and/or for young people, intergenerational housing inequalities and the relationship between youth and their living environment. We are looking forward to receiving abstracts related to these topics for the next ENHR Conference that will take place in Barcelona in 2022. Before the conference, we welcome everyone interested to our kick-off seminar (hybrid event), which will be organised at the University of Milan Bicocca on the 25th February, in the framework of the international doctoral programme in Urban Studies (URBEUR).

Working Group coordinators in the spotlights

ENHR has about 25 working groups, each headed by two to four coordinators. What motivates these coordinators to invest part of their time in ENHR? How do they look at ENHR?

Magdalena Mostowska – WG Welfare policy, Homelessness and Social Exclusion (WELLPHASE) coordinator



Magdalena Mostowska is one of the four coordinators of the Welfare policy, Homelessness and Social Exclusion (WELLPHASE) working group. She holds a research position at the Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies at the University of Warsaw (Poland).

How did you get to know ENHR?

"I am not really sure how I got to know the network. I remember I was looking for a place to present my paper and also to find a network of people who were interested in housing. The first ENHR conference I visited was in 2009 in Prague. I only became a member when I was asked to become a coordinator. This was in 2014, as far as I remember. Isobel Anderson was stepping down as a coordinator and they were looking for a replacement. Previously, I had been working on a project with Evelyn Dyb, who was a coordinator of the group as well. I was considered a representative of Central Europe so I think that's one of the reasons they asked me. I hope this was not the only reason! My university was and still is not an institutional member so I had to find the money to become an individual member."

Does being a coordinator take much of your time?

"Being a coordinator is not a lot of work. Partly because our group is only active for the annual conference and partly because there is four of us coordinators and we divide the work amongst ourselves. Our working group works more as a network: cooperating, and writing, and working on different research projects together. Homelessness is a specific research area. The research community is quite small. We pretty well know one another, not only from ENHR but also from other networks. It is a pretty well-knit group. Our WG is focused on social policy and housing policy related to homelessness, but there are other groups working around migration and housing. That's perhaps also why we're predominantly discussing homelessness experiences of people who have access to social support. I think our work has contributed to broadening the definition of homelessness and doing away with some stereotypes. Homelessness is complex and there are so many different situations and people with different needs and vulnerabilities. It is so much more than the people who are visible on the street."

What is the extra that ENHR gives you as a researcher?

"What ENHR gives me, is not so much the access to homelessness research as such, but the possibility to reach out to other fields and meet people who are interested in housing but not necessarily in homelessness. It is an added value that we meet architects, political

scientists or lawyers, who we wouldn't meet otherwise. Architects have a totally different perspective which leads to interesting discussions. We usually get a very wide range of papers for our conference workshops. And although ENHR is focused on Europe we get many papers from Australia, North America and elsewhere, so it also gives you a network outside Europe. It's a pity that the conference last year was cancelled and the conference this year was online. I am looking forward to a live conference in 2022.

There are other extras in being a coordinator as well. You are able to see behind the scenes, see how conferences are coordinated. You see what kind of ideas and papers are coming in, read the abstracts, correspond with authors, lead the discussions during the sessions. We also have some impact on decision making within the network."

What advice would you give young researchers?

"Young researchers could really take advantage of the ENHR membership. Creating a network, discussing and presenting are still of value in the academic world. They should at go to a conference, visit different working group sessions, perhaps join multiple working groups. ENHR is a very broad network and you can easily switch between different themes. Now I am a bit stuck to my working group, but I used to visit several conference sessions, that was great. That's what I miss as coordinator.

Generally, however, I think there should be more time for discussions and feedback. There is hardly any time for this during the conference. But it is not only the academic exchange and the presentations that are important. There are the fieldtrips and I personally really love the slide show competition that is being held every year during the conference. You should advertise this more. The Bengt Turner Award is attractive for young researchers, as they face a big obstacle to get their first article published. This award could be a gateway to publishing."

Michel Vols – WG Housing Law and WG Housing and New Technologies coordinator



Michel Vols is Professor of Public Order Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Groningen (The Netherlands). He is an expert on Housing law, the right to housing, evictions, substandard housing and rogue landlords. He is in charge of the ERC EVICT project (www.eviction.eu) and a board member of the Dutch Lawyers Association. At ENHR he is a coordinator of two working groups.

How did you come into contact with ENHR and when did you become a coordinator?

"That was during my PhD. I was doing research on legal aspects of housing and was looking for information about people being evicted for antisocial behaviour, and information about the relationship between housing and crime. I hoped to find this among scholars from other disciplines and that's how ENHR came into the picture.

The first conference I attended was in Edinburgh in 2014 where I presented in the Housing Law workshop. I joined the working group afterwards because its members focus on a variety of

aspects such as building regulations, leases and human rights that I am interested in. We remain well informed about the leading themes in various countries. Soon after 2014 I became a coordinator. That seemed like a nice job to me as I am someone who likes to visit conferences and to be in control.

The second working group of which I am coordinator, the new WG Housing and New Technologies, is the initiative of Rosa Maria Garcia Teruel, whom I know from the WG Housing Law. She asked me to join for my involvement in research methodology, new technologies and data science. In this working group more disciplines are present than in Housing Law, such as architects and public administration experts, which is inspiring."

How active are your working groups?

"As WG Housing Law, we organize meetings in between ENHR conferences, always at a host organization so that we can keep it affordable for all participants. That works very well, but due to the corona crisis we had to cancel these meetings. Nevertheless, we received a lot of papers for our Housing Law session at the conference this year, although it was an online version. Remarkable, as we met less often than we used to. There is also interest in our WG activities from outside Europe.

The working group is also a kind of platform. The core members have regular contacts outside the working group, some are jointly involved in research consortia. Members are also invited to all kinds of activities that members initiate individually. For example, as part of the EVICT project I invite colleagues every month for lectures about the right to housing. That certainly now offers an opportunity to keep seeing each other.

The WG Housing and New Technologies organized a successful first meeting outside the annual conference. Few papers were received for the conference itself, but we are just getting started."

How much time does it take to be a coordinator?

"The amount of work is not too bad. It peaks in the run-up to the annual conference, but that differs per year. You then consult with your co-coordinators more frequently and during the conference itself you are the chairman of your workshop and responsible for its smooth running. A disadvantage is that you cannot easily attend other workshops.

There is also an administrative side to a working group, such as producing an annual report. Fortunately, we were recently joined by a new coordinator at Housing Law, Stefan van Tongeren, who succeeded Maria Olinda Garcia. He has almost finished his dissertation, has new ideas and will join the coordinators' meeting. It makes a difference when someone enthusiastically picks up things."

It seems that the association is aging and that fewer institutes remain a member. What do you think the ENHR will look like in five to ten years?

"I noticed that aging too. The aging membership may be partly due to the corona crisis, but I know other clubs that are much more struggling with attracting new younger members. I see a lot of young talent within ENHR. Is that potential being used well enough? They could well move on to, for example, the board.

ENHR can also be a great platform to create consortia to apply for interdisciplinary research projects. The older generation can advise the younger generation in this.

Perhaps smaller events can be organized in the future. Now there is only the annual conference. It is important that ENHR not only offers working groups to potential members, but other activities as well. The upcoming PhD seminar is a good idea."

How did you benefit from your ENHR membership?

"I have benefited immensely from my ENHR membership so far. I have been awarded an ERC Research Grant and I dare say that my ENHR network has helped me a lot to get that grant. The annual conference I like the most. You can meet all kinds of colleagues there. The first few times it is difficult because you don't know many people yet, but after that, and especially when you take on a more formal role, it becomes easier. Networking at the conference is perhaps even more useful than listening to the substantive contributions, but it must be your thing. I hope we will really be able to have a live conference in 2022."

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

New members



Urban/rural and Science Research Centre
(URSRC)

<https://www.idi.hr/en/centri/cizip/>

About us

Urban/Rural and Science Research Centre (URSRC) at the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb (www.idi.hr) uses a sociological and interdisciplinary approach to studying the spatial context and specific conditions of a country, region, town, village etc. Some of the most relevant research topics are: the quality of life and housing in Croatia; the development and monitoring of the processes in space (the urbanization, suburbanization and ruralisation processes); urban renewal, gentrification, urban sustainability, participation process; privatization of housing, functionality and equipment of housing estates and neighbourhoods), and the transformations of post-socialist cities, especially capitals. Head of the Centre is Dr. [Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac](#), urban sociologist. The centre employs 7 researchers, of which 3 are doctoral students (young researchers).



Croatian HESC team included on the project Quality of living in the Housing Estates of the socialist and post-socialist era: a comparative analysis between Slovenia and Croatia

Ongoing project *Quality of living in the Housing Estates of the socialist and post-socialist era: a comparative analysis between Slovenia and Croatia (2020-2023)*

In October 2020, the URSRC started a three-year project *Quality of living in the Housing Estates of the socialist and post-socialist era: a comparative analysis between Slovenia and Croatia (2020-2023)* abbreviated *HESC* (hesc.ursi.si/en-us/), funded by the Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ). The project team includes established Slovenian experts from the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia and Croatian experts from the Institute for Social

Research in Zagreb. Project leader of the Slovenian experts is Dr. Richard Sendi, Research Councillor (Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia). Project leader of the Croatian experts is Dr. Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac, Senior Research Associate (Institute for Social Research in Zagreb). Both teams together have 10 members.

The HESC project tends to explore the quality of living and residential satisfaction in Croatian and Slovenian large housing estates from the socialist (old) and post-socialist period (new housing estates, primarily private and commercial). The large socialist-era housing estates in both countries still represent an important type of the housing environment, and a significant proportion of the total housing stock, which we assume to be inadequate for quality living due to obsolescence and changed values, and the need for thorough renovation. This research project's goal is to define - from the quality of living perspective - the guidelines and recommendations for an appropriate regeneration of the housing estates from the socialist period, and the design of new housing estates that can be used in both Slovenia and Croatia. Currently, a survey involving representatives of homeowners is conducted in Croatia, in which the respondents are presenting the conditions and maintenance of buildings in the housing estates. In the first half of 2022 a tenant survey will be conducted in the four largest Croatian cities to see comparative differences in the quality of life and housing among the old and new housing estates.

Recently published research

As part of the project, there are some recently published articles about the process of privatization of housing in Croatia

(hrcak.srce.hr/index.php?show=clanak&id_clanak_jezik=362117), about quality of life in West-European and post-socialist housing estates

(hrcak.srce.hr/index.php?show=clanak&id_clanak_jezik=386218) and about public participation in post-socialist cities (Zagreb and Ljubljana) (www.urbaniizziv.si/en-us/Summary_r?id=81&id_k=r&idc=2).

Other members



Griffith University
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Developing a social and affordable housing investment tool

The current social and affordable housing (SAH) market is facing several challenges relating to persistent issues around long waiting lists and homelessness. Developing government and investment ready language to validate investment in this market as an asset class can help address this. COVID-19 impacts will be considered in developing this tool, recognising disruptions such as labour force and supply chain shortages, difficulties in worker mobility, and extremely low vacancy rates and rising rental costs. This investment tool will help address these issues and expedite investment and delivery in social and affordable housing.

The research will operationalise previous SBEnrc research including the 9 impact domains, the composite return on investment (CROI) framework, and industry network maps which can be found at www.sbenrc.com.au. As industry-focussed collaborative research, industry, government, not-for-profit and research partners will work together to develop this tool, identifying ways to improve delivery and help facilitate whole-of-government spending in this sector.

The tool will help address lagging supply and increased demand for SAH through providing:

- i. A mechanism to support growth in investment (i.e. private investors, PPPs, government regulations or policy levers) across a broad range of mechanisms (e.g. subsidies, concession streams).
- ii. A focus on a benefits-based approach rather than traditional cost-based model.

- iii. A pathway to address non-traditional delivery such as mixed tenure, mixed use markets to integrate market facing larger development opportunities.
- iv. A mechanism to help align economic and social benefits of government environment with market capacity.

The research aims to contribute to improved industry practice through having active engagement with both State housing agencies and Treasury in both WA and Qld, and commercial and not-for profit partners to improve alignment between government and market mechanisms.

The *SAH Investment Tool* and associated materials will become available at our project website as developed: sbenrc.com.au/research-programs/1-81/

Further information regarding this research can be obtained by contacting: Sacha Reid (Project Leader) s.reid@griffith.edu.au and Judy Kraatz (j.kraatz@griffith.edu.au).

About the SBEnrc

This research has been developed with support provided by Australia's Sustainable Built Environment National Research Centre (SBEnrc). SBEnrc develops projects informed by industry partner needs, secures national funding, project manages the collaborative research and oversees research into practice initiatives. Core Members of SBEnrc include BGC Australia, Government of Western Australia, Queensland Government, Curtin University, Griffith University and RMIT University. This research would not have been possible without the valuable support of our core industry, government and research partners.



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The Housing Agency: Housing Conference 2021



The Housing Agency's Housing Conference 2021 took on 8th November and concluded on 12th November. Taking place online due to precautions around COVID-19, the primary focus of the conference this year was on the Irish government's new strategy for housing – *Housing for All: A New Housing Plan for Ireland*. The housing strategy commits to increasing the supply of housing in Ireland to an average of 33,000 homes per year over the next decade and providing for an optimal mix of social, affordable and private housing for sale and to rent. The Housing Conference 2021 provided an overview of all aims and objectives of Housing for All and facilitated in-depth discussions on its four pathways set out in the strategy.

Understanding Housing for All

Understanding Housing for All was the opening session of the conference. It introduced *Housing for All* in a broad context and explored the challenges and opportunities arising from the plan, and how housing stakeholders can support its implementation. The speakers at this session were:

- Darragh O'Brien TD – Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage
- Bob Jordan – CEO, The Housing Agency
- Michael Carey – Chairman, The Housing Agency
- Marian Finnegan – Managing Director (Residential & Advisory), Sherry Fitzgerald
- Barry Quinlan – Assistant Secretary, Housing Affordability, Inclusion & Homelessness, Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage

Pathway 1: Supporting Homeownership & Increasing Affordability

The second session of the conference focused on the first pathway set out in *Housing for All*: Supporting Homeownership & Increasing Affordability. The session considered how homeownership and increased affordability could be supported through initiatives such as Cost Rental, Part V and supporting mixed tenure developments. The speakers at this session were:

- Alice Pittini & Dara Turnbull - Housing Europe
- Pat Fitzpatrick & Catriona Lawlor - Part V Unit, The Housing Agency
- Professor Michelle Norris & Dr Aideen Hayden – UCD

Pathway 2: Eradicating Homelessness, Increasing Social Housing Delivery & Supporting Social Inclusion

The third session of the conference discussed the second pathway of the strategy: Eradicating Homelessness, Increasing Social Housing Delivery & Supporting Social Inclusion. This pathway is seeking to work towards the eradication of homelessness in Ireland by 2030. The session explored the work required to achieve this ambition, which included increasing social housing delivery while ensuring that social inclusion is a key priority. The speakers at this session were:

- Aidan O'Reilly – Principal Officer, Social Housing Capital Investment, Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
- Donal McManus – CEO, Irish Council for Social Housing
- Sinead Gibney – Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission

Pathway 3: Increasing New Housing Supply

The fourth session of the conference discussed the third pathway for Housing for All: Increasing New Housing Supply. This aims to provide more than 300,000 new homes by 2030, through annual funding of €4 billion. The session discussed the schemes and initiatives being put in place to help reach this target and the capacity of the sector to respond accordingly. The speakers at this session were:

- Jim Baneham – Director of Delivery, The Housing Agency
- Rachel Kenny – Director of Planning, An Bord Pleanála
- David Duffy - Director, Property Industry Ireland

Pathway 4: Addressing Vacancy and Efficient Use of Existing Housing Stock

The fifth and final session of the Housing Agency's Housing Conference 2021 discussed the fourth pathway of the Housing for All strategy: Addressing Vacancy & Efficient Use of Existing Housing Stock. The pathway focused on ensuring that existing housing stock was fully utilised and is a key aim of Housing for All. It discussed ways to achieve this through current and upcoming urban regeneration projects, both here in Ireland and overseas. The speakers of this final session were:

- Phil Prentice - Chief Officer, Scotland's Towns Partnership
- Mick Mulhern - Director of Planning, South Dublin County Council
- Ali Harvey - Planning & Regen Programmes Manager, the Heritage Council

About The Housing Agency

The Housing Agency was set up to support local authorities, approved housing bodies (housing associations) and government in the delivery of housing and housing services in Ireland. The vision of The Housing Agency is to enable everyone to live in good quality, affordable homes in

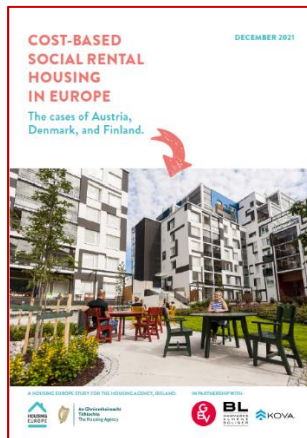
sustainable communities, and it is driven by the understanding of the central role that housing plays in people's quality of life and life chances. One of the Agency's core activities is research, particularly to inform policy and practice. The Agency undertakes in-house research and data analysis, commissions research, works in partnership with other housing bodies on research projects and provides housing research support to other state agencies.

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Housing Europe
www.housingeurope.eu

Cost-based social rental housing in Europe – the cases of Austria, Denmark and Finland



Housing Europe has just published a report for the Irish Housing Agency on cost rental case studies in Austria, Denmark and Finland. Each of these three countries has large-scale cost rental social housing schemes. This report outlines the 'mechanics' of the rent-setting and financing systems in these three countries, helping to better understand the details of their cost-based social housing models. The report is available at www.housingeurope.eu/resource-1651/cost-based-social-rental-housing-in-europe



University of Cambridge
Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research (CCHPR)
www.cchpr.landecon.cam.ac.uk/

New research published by the Centre

During 2021, researchers from Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research (CCHPR) have published a number of reports and blogs on a variety of topics, including digital inclusion, shared ownership, and the role of modular homes in housing people experiencing homelessness. All our publications can be downloaded from our website:

www.cchpr.landecon.cam.ac.uk.

Several journal articles were published as well.

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Vienna University of Technology
www.tuwien.at/en

Housing policies and housing conditions. Report from five growing European cities

Housing cost burdens have increased significantly in recent years across Europe, particularly in growing cities and regions. For households with low- and middle-income households it is becoming more and more difficult to find an affordable home, especially in inner city areas. As a result, they have to pay an increasing share of their income on housing, look for housing in more peripheral locations, accept lower housing quality, or move to smaller units.

These developments have shifted housing policy (once again) into the centre of public debate in many places. Housing policy plays a key role in shaping housing markets. Housing markets are more heavily influenced by government intervention than most other markets. This makes a consideration of housing policy developments central for an understanding of housing supply problems.

The concrete form of government intervention in the housing market differs significantly between countries. This relates to the instruments mobilized to influence the housing market (e.g. provision of social housing through the state, regulation of rents, promotion of home ownership), how state intervention is designed (e.g. supply, demand or indirect subsidies), or what type of tenure is promoted. At the city level, the differences in housing policy are usually even more pronounced than at the national level, since interventions at different levels (national, regional, local) come together.

The aim of the present study is to analyse housing policy frameworks and housing conditions in five growing European cities (Berlin, Hamburg, London, Paris, Vienna). The focus is on the ways in which the state intervenes into the housing market and how the housing conditions differ between the cities. Prior to this empirical analysis, the report provides a theoretical discussion of the justification for state intervention in the housing market.

Baron, H., Doan, N., Kadi, J. & L. Plank (2021): Wohnungspolitik und Wohnversorgung. Bericht aus fünf wachsenden europäischen Millionenstädten. Arbeiterkammer Wien, Stadtpunkte: Wien. Online:

The report can be found here (in German):

<https://emedien.arbeiterkammer.at/viewer/api/v1/records/AC16339004/files/source/AC16339004.pdf>

News from partners



European Federation for Living (EFL)

www.ef-l.eu/

EFL Conferences in May and November 2022

In 2022, we will organise two conferences. The Spring Conference 2022 will be organised in Paris (France) and hosted by social housing organisation Paris Habitat. This event will take place on 18- 20 May. The conference will be themed around sustainability and the energy transition.

The Autumn Conference 2022 will be held on 2-4 November in Glasgow (Scotland, UK), and will be hosted by social housing organisation Wheatley Group.

EBZ Summer School in July 2022

In July 2022, the Summer School is back. The European Summer School is organised by EBZ Business School – University of Applied Sciences, EFL, Housing Europe, and the Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO). The Summer School is scheduled from 4-8 July and is themed around energy transition. Theme's, such as the technical developments and energy poverty, will be discussed. More detailed information will follow in 2022.

More information

The EFL network offers easy access to relevant insights, information and expertise from the European housing sector. Through events, research, and projects, we make sure our members and associates are at the forefront of innovating property and community development in Europe.

If you are interested in joining one of these events and/or have expertise or information you would like to share in our network, please let us know. Feel free to get in touch with us. Mail to info@ef-l.eu or have a look at our website www.ef-l.eu for more information on projects and our events.

Other News

MICOLL – Migration and housing: Meeting refugees' housing needs through collaborative housing programmes

For many refugees in European cities, finding affordable and quality accommodation is a significant challenge replete with obstacles. Yet, decent housing is key to their successful integration into the local community since it provides social contacts, and access to services and employment.

MICOLL is an ongoing action-research project involving partners from Austria, Sweden and the UK that explores the potential of collaborative housing solutions for the long-term integration of refugees. Collaborative housing forms have in common that they encourage substantial social interaction, participation and communal living among residents. As such, they hold potential – and indeed some already do – for creating socially inclusive living environments by pro-actively reaching out to members of groups excluded by society.



Projects in three countries

MICOLL initially delivers a concise state of the art on collaborative housing for marginalised groups across Europe. It pursues an action-oriented research approach with close involvement of local residents, housing providers, civil society initiatives, social service organisations and municipal stakeholders in the development of ideas and recommendations. Through local pilot implementation processes (entitled 'test beds' in this project) potential and barriers of collaborative housing for the long-term integration of refugees will be identified in the three countries. These experiences will lead to enhanced knowledge about the inclusive character of collaborative housing forms and increased capacity among relevant stakeholders to develop such housing.

- The Austrian test bed is the Baugruppe "Oase.inklusiv" in Vienna which was finalised in April 2021. It has 84 rental units of various size and a range of communal facilities open to different use. "Oase.inklusiv" promotes inclusiveness of residents regardless of their origin and social background. It provides affordable rental units to 15 refugee families who engaged in the participatory planning process which was facilitated by the consulting and planning office "wohnbund:consult" and the NGO "neunerimmo" that is experienced in working with homeless people, including refugees. Both organisations are also partners in MICOLL.

- In contrast to Austria, the Swedish test bed starts more or less from scratch. In the stigmatized city district Bergsjön in Gothenburg, with a large migrant population, a local cross-sectoral group of stakeholders are mobilising to explore how innovative collaborative housing can be brought forward. Apart from the academic partners GRI and Chalmers, this stakeholder group includes the Swedish Union of Tenants, Egnahemsfabriken (centre for collaborative housing), Navet (local cultural association), BOBINI (local self-building association), Familjebostäder (public housing company), and Bergsjön 2021 (representing 10 local housing providers).
- In the UK, the project seeks to develop a set of incremental conversations and dialogues both within the collaborative housing and migrant housing sectors, and across them in order to identify relevant experiences from which knowledge can be learned and exchanged. This involves one to one interviews, as well as multi-sector interactive events that can propose practical solutions for change that benefits migrants in need of housing, and collaborative housing groups who want to be more inclusive or diverse in their composition.

Learning across countries

An important element of MICOLL is to initiate learning across the three countries and beyond to other European contexts to better identify relevant actors, processes and institutional systems for support and upscaling of collaborative housing targeting migrants and especially refugees. In particular, the project team aims to deliver recommendations for urban policy-making. One important outcome of the project will be an online platform for multi-sector knowledge sharing, dissemination and learning among urban development actors. Each country will also develop knowledge exchange videos for wide dissemination.

MICOLL receives funding from JPI Urban Europe and its Urban Migration call for the project period 2021 to 2022.

For more information, see micoll.org and our current MICOLL [newsletter](#).

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HOUSE project researchers are looking for innovative housing projects for current or future older people

Three Belgium knowledge institutes, Hasselt University, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and PXL University College are joining forces in a large-scale study on population ageing in Belgium that started on 1 December 2021 and will run until the end of November 2025. This HOUSE-project starts from the observation that today, there is a lack of knowledge on the influence of housing design features on the subjective wellbeing (SWB) of current and future generations of older people.

Population ageing is one of the most important challenges of the 21st century (United Nations, 2019). Also in Belgium, the number of older people is growing: in 2019, 25.3% of the population was over 60 years. By 2050, this will shift to 32.9%. In 2019, 5.7% of the population was over 80 years. This number will reach 10.5% in 2050. These sharp increases will significantly impact our housing sector, which at present is not adapted to this heterogeneous population, and will challenge current and future housing policies. Next to objective architectural parameters for housing, there is a growing request to also consider issues about people's SWB.

Four research objectives

Considering the state-of-the-art and current knowledge gaps in the domains of ageing and subjective wellbeing in (interior) architecture, the HOUSE project proposes 4 scientific research objectives:

- Objective 1. Identify heterogeneity among older adults based on socio-economic characteristics, family structure, health condition, etc. Data-driven SWB personas will be developed as a method to realistically represent current and future older generations.
- Objective 2. There is a need for an increase in, and diversity of, housing options that reflect the variety of housing experiences, expectations and needs, and where the SWB of its ageing inhabitants is central. Therefore, the project will develop an understanding of innovative housing (concepts and characteristics) that contribute to older adults' SWB.
- Objective 3. Develop, test and validate the housing for older adults' SWB evaluation instrument.
- Objective 4. Research by Design will be applied to examine how housing design concepts and SWB of older people can be translated architecturally. Findings will be tested by developing spatial scenarios and during several real-life demonstration projects, which are then evaluated during focus groups.

Prospects for societal applications

One of the core pillars of the SBO program is to develop innovative research which creates prospects for societal applications. Therefore, in addition to the research component, the project also has an important valorisation component supporting the translation of research results into benefits for broader society. Despite the large potential of housing design concepts and characteristics for the SWB of older people, their application in Flanders remains very limited. For this reason, HOUSE will develop user-friendly and time-efficient utilization key-end products: assessment packages and a design decision support tool. These products can be applied in policy, industry, practice and for education and dissemination activities by a broad range of different end users.

Request

We are very interested in your thoughts on these matters. Therefore, we would like to ask for your input: do you know of an innovative housing project for current or future older people which possibly impacts their wellbeing? If so, please share your input with elke.ielegems@uhasselt.be. Many thanks in advance!

The project was made possible thanks to the support of Research Foundation Flanders and is situated within the Strategic Basic Research (SBO) program.

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

MAKING HOME(S) IN DISPLACEMENT: CRITICAL REFLECTIONS ON A SPATIAL PRACTICE

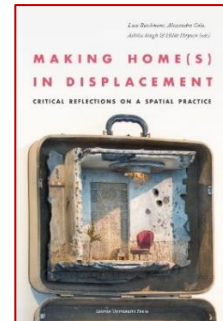
By Luce Beeckmans, Alessandra Gola, Ashika Singh, and Hilde Heynen (Eds.)

Making Home(s) in Displacement rethinks the relationship between home and displacement from a spatial, material, and architectural perspective.

Conceptually the book is divided along four spatial sites, referred to as camp, shelter, city, and house, which are approached with a multitude of perspectives ranging from urban planning and architecture to anthropology, geography, philosophy, gender studies, and urban history, all with a common focus on space and spatiality. By articulating everyday homemaking experiences of migrants and refugees as spatial practices in a variety of geopolitical and historical contexts, this edited volume adds a novel perspective to the existing interdisciplinary scholarship at the intersection of home and displacement. It equally intends to broaden the canon of architectural histories and theories by including migrants' and refugees' spatial agencies and place-making practices to its annals. By highlighting the political in the spatial, and vice versa, this volume sets out to decentralise and decolonise current definitions of home and displacement, striving for a more pluralistic outlook on the idea of home.

Editor Luce Beeckmans (Ghent University, Belgium) is an ENHR member.

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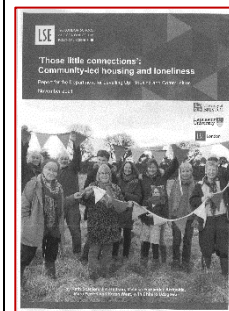
THOSE LITTLE CONNECTIONS: COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING AND LONELINESS

by Kath Scanlon, Jim Hudson, Melissa Fernandez Arrigoitia, Mara Ferreri, Karen West and Chihiro Udagawa

The UK government's Department of Levelling Up, Communities and Housing has published a major study looking at how involvement in community-led housing affects loneliness. The research, based on a survey of residents and members of community-led housing organisations and in-depth case studies of five communities, found robust evidence that those living in cohousing, community land trusts and co-ops are less lonely than people living in conventional homes. The authors recommended that more support be given to expand these housing options.

Author Kath Scanlon (London School of Economics) is a member of the Coordination Committee of ENHR.

2021, 89 pages
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THE RIGHT TO THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS. RESPONDING TO COMPLEX GLOBAL CHALLENGES

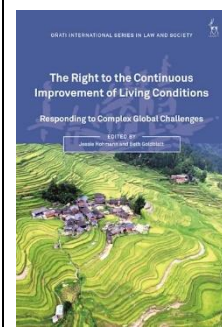
Jessie Hohmann, Beth Goldblatt (Anthology Editors)

What does the right to the continuous improvement of living conditions in Article 11(1) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights really mean and how can it contribute to social change? This book explores how this underdeveloped right can have valuable application in response to global problems of poverty, inequality and climate destruction, through an in-depth consideration of its meaning.

The book seeks to interpret and give meaning to the right as a legal standard, giving it practical value for those whose living conditions are inadequate. It locates the right within broader philosophical and political debates, whilst also assessing the challenges to its realisation. It also explores how the right relates to human rights more generally and considers its application to issues of gender, care and the rights of Indigenous peoples. The chapters provide a range of doctrinal, historical and philosophical engagements through grounded analysis and imaginative interpretation.

2021, 288 pages, ISBN 978-1-50994-783-6

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