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(slim version)**

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INTRODUCTION

This report contains an overview of the activities in 2021 of 13 out of 27 Working Groups. Each WG page also contains the central theme, aims and future plans of the WG. Some WGs also mention policy implications.

COVID-19 pandemic is very likely the reason for the low number of activities. On the other hand, more WGs than mentioned here participated in the COVID-19 seminar and the online annual conference. However, this report only contains activities from WGs that handed in their annual report. More information about the undertakings of each Working Group in 2021 and in previous years can be found on the ENHR website (<https://enhr.net/working-groups/>) This 2021 report is to be found at <https://enhr.net/working-groups/annual-report-1/>.

During 2021 the following changes took place:

- WG East European Housing and Urban Policy was cancelled.
- Stefan van Tongeren was accepted as new coordinator of the WG Housing Law. He replaced Maria Olinda Garcia.
- Introduction of new WG Housing and Young People (in preparation).
- WG Housing Economic is without coordinators.

The joint output of 2021 (and also 2017-2020) is summarized in table 1 below. Plans for 2022, when indicated, are included in table 2.

Table 1 Joint Working Groups output

2017 (all WGs)	
Workshops	28 workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16x Tirana, • 12x elsewhere and in co-operation with non-ENHR partners
Books	1 edited book: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Regulating the city -Contemporary urban housing law' (WG Housing Law)
Special issues, papers and book chapters	2 special issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Wealth and Welfare – Edward Elgar (WG Home ownership and Globalisation); • International Journal of Housing Policy – Taylor & Francis (WG Social Housing)
2018 (25 out of 27 WGs)	
Workshops	37 workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22x Uppsala • 15x elsewhere and in co-operation with non-ENHR partners
Books	2 edited books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing governance and finance – Routledge (WG Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance + EFL) • New developments in southern European housing II -Pisa University Press (WG Southern European Housing)
Special issues, papers and book chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 papers (WG Collaborative housing) • 1 book chapter (WG Collaborative housing) • 1 participation in special issue International Journal of Housing Policy (WG Collaborative Housing)
2019 (24 out of 26 WGs)	
Workshops	27 workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19x Athens • 8x elsewhere and in co-operation with other WGs or non-ENHR partners
Books	2 edited books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Partnerships (WG Social Housing and Globalisation) • Third volume of the Southern European Housing book series (WG Southern European Housing)
Special issues, papers	2 Special issues:

and book chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing, Theory and Society (WG Collaborative Housing) • Critical Housing Analysis (WG Housing, Migration and Family Dynamics) <p>2 papers in Housing, Theory and Society (WG Collaborative Housing)</p>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in launch of the African Research Network for Urbanization and Habitable Cities (WG Housing in Developing Countries) • Project Residential Environments and People Working Group at ResearchGate platform (WG Residential Environments and People) • Research Initiative on best practices of mixed-income affordable housing in Canadian and global cities (WG Social Housing and Globalisation)
2020 (19 out of 27 WGs)	
Workshops	<p>5 workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No workshops in Nicosia (conference cancelled) • 3x elsewhere and in co-operation with other WGs or non-ENHR partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual special workshop session “The history of housing cooperatives”, 20 November 2020 (WG Collaborative Housing) • Online workshop (WG East European Housing and Urban Policy) • Zoom meeting in which two ongoing studies were presented (WG Welfare Policy, Homelessness, and Social Exclusion Wellphase)
Books	-
Special issues, papers and book chapters	<p>Special Issue “Collaborative Housing in Europe: Conceptualising the field” in <i>Housing, Theory and Society</i> (Vol. 37, Issue 1), including contributions from other regular WG participants. (WG Collaborative Housing)</p> <p>3 Book chapters (WG Housing in Developing Countries)</p> <p>2 Journal publications (WG Housing in Developing Countries)</p> <p>2 reports (WG Housing in Developing Countries)</p> <p>2 conference papers (WG Housing in Developing Countries)</p>
Other	<p>Successful joint funding bid to the "Urban Migration" Joint Call of the JPI Urban Europe by working group members Melissa Fernandez (Uni Lancaster) and Richard Lang (JKU Linz) together with colleagues from Chalmers University in Gothenburg. (WG Collaborative Housing)</p> <p>Nadine Roudil (Université de Paris Val de Seine) and H��l��ne B��langer (Universit�� du Qu��bec �� Montr��al), supported by a research team, realized a France-Quebec study on the impacts of confinement measures on dwelling (WG Residential environment and people).</p>
2021 (13 out of 27 WGs)	
Workshops	<p>16 workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home ownership and housing wealth before and during COVID-19 (WG Homeownership and Globalisation) • Two-day online workshop (WG Housing Migration and Family Dynamics) • 2x Elsewhere and in co-operation with other WGs or non-ENHR partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG Housing Finance and EMF • 26th World Congress of Political Science (WG Southern European Housing) • 4x ENHR seminar Housing related impacts of the pandemic: • 8x ENHR conference 2021 Nicosia (online)
Books	
Special issues, papers and book chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 journal publications (WG Towards Sustainable Housing and Communities) • 1 Book chapter (WG Towards Sustainable Housing and

	Communities)
Other	2x projects: MICOLL project (ongoing) and Co-Lab Mapping project (WG Collaborative Housing)

Table 2 Indicated plans for 2022

Workshops	13 workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG event in Hamburg May/June (WG Homeownership and Globalisation) • Kick-off meeting (WG Housing and Young People) • 10x ENHR 2022 Barcelona Conference • 1x Elsewhere and in co-operation with other WGs or non-ENHR partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WG Collaborative Housing: Social Housing Festival participation
Books	-
Special issues, papers and book chapters	-
Other	-

The annual report can be found at <https://www.enhr.net/annualassessment.php> as of April 2022.

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Central themes

The Working Group focuses on five central themes:

- Wider social, economic and technological trends underpinning contemporary collaborative housing initiatives
- The organisational dynamics of collaborative housing: management, stakeholders and networks
- The links between collaborative housing initiatives and wider policy and institutional frameworks
- Collaborative housing, urban planning and neighbourhood dynamics
- Epistemological frameworks, methods and ethics in collaborative housing research.

Activities in 2021

Publications:

- Special Issue proposal to Housing Studies on the housing cooperatives and housing systems from a historical perspective (currently being resubmitted)

Joint research projects:

- 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. National project coordinators are ENHR Working Group members Melissa Fernández Arrigoitia (UK) and Richard Lang (Austria). MICOLL receives funding from JPI Urban Europe and its Urban Migration call for the project period 2021 to 2022. For more information, see <http://micoll.org> and our current MICOLL [newsletter](#).
- The [Co-Lab Mapping Project](#) is a first scientific step to provide a validated categorisation of different collaborative housing forms in Europe. It is led by WG co-founder and joint coordinator Darinka Czischke (TU Delft) and builds on earlier conceptualisation work born out of this WG (Lang, Carriou & Czischke, 2020). The empirical research included the participation of several members of the WG. The project started in 2019 and has just received additional funding for continuation from the 4TU FAIR Data Fund in the Netherlands.

Events:

- For the ENHR 2021 annual conference, 31 August 2021 – 2 September 2021 (online), the Working Group organised a workshop with 7 sessions and a total of 21 paper presentations. This included two special sessions on the history of housing cooperatives, which followed-up on the Working Group's virtual special workshop session on the same theme in November 2020 and is part of ongoing work on a journal special issue.

Future plans and activities

- The Working Group will organise a series of workshop sessions for the 2022 ENHR conference in Barcelona. Two specific sessions are considered: one on the ongoing JPI Urban Europe project MICOLL (see above) and might involve a panel discussion, another on Community Land Trust (CLT) experiences across Europe. In addition, the WG is exploring the possibility to organise site visits to collaborative housing projects in Barcelona, including knowledge exchange with local practitioners and researchers working in this field.
- Members of the WG will be invited to participate at the "Collaborative Housing" day organised at the next International Social Housing Festival to take place in Helsinki (Finland) in June 2022.

Other

The group will continue to discuss the following activities and ideas:

- Further joint publication opportunities
- Joint research funding proposals
- Building links with other existing networks/projects in the field and with professional networks such as social housing federations.
- Fostering links to practice and policy through the organisation of joint events, e.g. through seminar series, workshops, etc.

Policy implications

The Working Group facilitates comparative perspectives and exchanges of different views on collaborative housing. Outcomes of workshops should influence discussions in relevant scholarly, professional and policy communities as well as to identify directions for concrete action. First cooperation links have already been made with social housing federations especially in France and in the Netherlands. These federations are very interested in collaborations with researchers on this topic to help them to engage in European knowledge transfer for innovative practices of development and management of collaborative housing schemes.

Other

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Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhoods and Communities

<https://enhr.net/disadvantaged-urban-neighbourhoods-and-communities-2/>

Created in 2001

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Central themes

This Working Group focuses on urban neighbourhoods and local communities. We are interested in the social mechanisms behind and the implications of concentrated poverty and deprivation, segregation between various socio-economic groups, and broader social inequalities between residents. Other topics of interest are social networks, social capital or social cohesion, and neighbourhood effects, as well as policies targeting these matters, such as social mix and de-concentration policies. Another focus concerns the question how neighbourhoods and their residents deal with the impacts of macro trends such as welfare state retrenchment, austerity regimes, and budget cuts.

While quantitative modelling has become prominent in the workshop, we very much welcome qualitative research. Furthermore, we are particularly keen to discuss new approaches focussing on analysis of register data, (linked) open data and social media feeds, specialised evaluation approaches (e.g. realist evaluation) and mixed-methods designs that innovatively combine qualitative and quantitative approaches. The workshop has always maintained very high standards in the research it selects and it is intended that this approach will continue.

Activities in 2021

In the online, annual ENHR conference arranged from Nicosia our WG had four workshops with three presentations in each (1/2 h per presentation). The workshops had; 20, 14, 24, 17 participants and listeners. The scheduled hours suited European presenters best but we had one Australian presenter as well.

We believe the presentations were all high quality and fit well together and there were discussions despite being on Zoom.

Future plans and activities

We are hopeful that the conference may happen in 2022 in Barcelona and plan to participate. However, if the COVID-19 crisis aggravates we will consider some sort of online seminar event.

Policy implications

Many of the researchers involved in the Working Group are conducting cutting-edge research, sometimes with close involvement of policymakers. In light of the complexities of making an impact on urban policies, both locally and nationally (let alone on EU level), we feel that we need to continue or even strengthen our efforts to disseminate research findings among policymakers. We are open to suggestions on how the Working Group might facilitate impact and knowledge exchange in this area.

Other

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Home Ownership and Globalisation

<https://enhr.net/home-ownership-and-globalisation/>

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Central theme

This Working Group was in part established around a group of researchers who have participated in a number of EU-funded projects (HOSE, OSIS, DEMHOW & NEUJOBS). Collectively, these projects were largely concerned with understanding and explaining the relationships between globalisation and home ownership markets as they have been emerging in Europe. This research attempted to map the main developments in labour and financial markets, social security systems and housing markets, as well as security and insecurity within home ownership. Since the Global Financial Crisis, attention has been increasingly given to declines in home ownership across European societies as well as emerging fault lines, socially, economically and generationally, in access to and wealth generated from owner-occupied housing.

The most recent EU-funded projects (HOUWEL and HOWCOME), completed in 2017, addressed home ownership in context of social transformations related to welfare systems and structures of social inequality. In 2019, a new research project, 'Closing the housing gap: a spotlight on intergenerational inequalities', looking, comparatively, at unequal access to home ownership, and funded by the Australian Research Council, was initiated as a collaboration between ENHR members in Australia and Europe.

Activities in 2020

On May 27th 2021, the working group organized a one-day virtual Working Group Workshop. This meeting was organized on Zoom around the theme of 'Homeownership and housing wealth before and during COVID-19'. It addressed the impact of COVID-19 on home ownership patterns and practices across Europe as well as diminishing access to home ownership and the continuing polarization of housing wealth around existing owners. In all there were seven presentations and 19 participants at the event.

Future plans and activities

In 2022 we hope that academic life will get closer to normal and as such we are planning an 'in person' Working Group event in Hamburg, Germany (along the lines originally planned in 2020). We hope to run this event in May or June.

Policy implications

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Other

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Housing, Migration and Family Dynamics

<https://enhr.net/housing-migration-and-family-dynamics/>

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The Housing, Migration and Family Dynamics Working Group (WG) was set up in 2014 to provide a forum for the discussion and dissemination of research examining how families interact with housing systems. As work on these topics is diverse and is often spread thinly across fields and disciplines, an important goal of the WG is to provide a collegial network which brings together researchers with varied expertise to exchange ideas, findings and insights about the links between families and housing.

Examples of research conducted by members of the Working Group includes, but is certainly not confined to, the following areas:

- Quantitative research examining how demographic events such as leaving the parental home, childbirth, employment transitions or changes in partnerships are linked to residential moves, as well as housing and neighbourhood transitions in different countries.
- Studies of family relations and housing pathways — including work exploring intergenerational social mobility within housing systems, practices of family support in housing markets, and the socialisation of housing aspirations/preferences.
- Research into international and internal migration flows, in particular the ways these reshape and are affected by housing systems and family networks.
- Analyses of how family life is affected by housing conditions, design and systems of housing welfare and support.
- Theoretical and applied research drawing on constructionist perspectives, discourse analysis and/or innovative participatory research methods to understand family practices and relational interactions within housing systems.

Activities in 2021

The Working Group has organized an international two-day online workshop (January 28-29) with four sessions, twenty papers and over fifty participants focused on the issues of residential mobility, young adults housing, (im)migration and financialization of housing as relation to the aforementioned topics.

Future plans

If the COVID-19 travelling restrictions as well as other factors allows, we plan to organize a session during the ENHR Conference in Barcelona 2022. Currently we are exploring the possibility to co-organize a session (or several sessions) together with a new Working Group focusing on Young Adults Housing co-ordinated by Oana Druta, Igor Costarelli and Constance Uyttebrouck.

Policy implications

An important goal of the Working Group is to bring policy more deeply into research on housing, migration and families. Papers discussing family, migration and housing policy developments are always welcome at workshop sessions.

Past examples of policy relevant work undertaken by group members include:

- Work on how men and women's housing careers are affected differently by separation.
- Studies of the transmission of inequality between generations through European housing systems (for example through family assistance to enter homeownership in young adulthood).
- The ways in which family relations and dynamics of family formation are influenced by housing and welfare systems.
- Analysis of debt (mortgage and family loans) discourse, focus on arguments used to justify intergenerational transfers and parental help in obtaining formal mortgage loans.
- Analysis of the impact of housing debt (and other housing conditions) on partnership stability.

Other

In 2019 the working group was joined by the Migration, Residential Mobility and Neighbourhood Change Working Group, adding an important spatial element into the group's thematic focus.

The Working Group functions primarily as a network and has a mailing list with roughly 45 members.

Housing and Living Conditions of Ageing Populations

<https://enhr.net/housing-and-living-conditions-of-ageing-populations/>

Created in 1992

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Central theme

The central theme of this Working Group is the housing and living conditions of older people.

Activities in 2021

In 2021 the WG organised a successful seminar during the on-line event “Housing related impacts of the pandemic” with in total nine different seminars and arranged by the ENHR on 12–26 February. Our seminar “How Covid-19 has affected older adults and their housing conditions” was held on February 23. The seminar was chaired by the WG coordinators and seven papers were presented based on studies in New Zealand, Japan, Finland, Sweden and Spain.

In addition, the working group organised an on-line workshop at the ENHR conference organised by colleagues in Nicosia, Cyprus, Aug 31st– Sept 2nd. During the workshop seven papers were presented. The workshop provided a good forum for discussion. Several more abstracts were submitted but were withdrawn when the in situ conference was cancelled and turned into a fully on-line event. We hope to be able to meet in person soon again

Future plans and activities

The WG plans to be present at the ENHR 2022 conference in Barcelona, Spain. Interested participants are encouraged to submit abstracts and papers directly on the conference website and are welcome to contact any of the coordinators for further information about the participation in the conference as well as the working group.

Other

There are no registered members of the group, but it consists of researchers active or interested in the field, interested persons and participants in the group activities. Usually several researchers are involved in writing papers to be presented at the ENHR conferences. The group of researchers that presented papers during our events included persons from several countries in Europe and participants from Australia, Canada, Japan and Taiwan.

The ENHR Network provides excellent opportunities to meet researchers from all over Europe (and the world) in paper presentations/discussions as well as plenary activities and social events. From our point of view, this has become the main role of the network in order to facilitate meetings and cooperation between researchers. The ENHR has got an overriding meeting and knowledge dissemination based role, which is an important role indeed. The Working Group is a regular participant in the ENHR conference.

The coordinators and the participants in the group are working in constellations and minor networks with different initiatives and projects, within the theme of the Working Group. Successful cooperation has example been established between several ENHR participants and their students for example between universities in Australia, Japan and the Netherlands. Similar co-operations take place also among researchers in Sweden, Wales and Spain and Sweden, Finland and Norway. These groups meet for common and comparative research projects, symposia and research exchange and is ongoing. This has resulted in scientific articles and reports as well as the applications for scientific grants. In addition participants in the network can make use of the expertise of their fellow participants.

Housing Finance

<https://enhr.net/housing-finance/>

Created in 1990 (in preparation 1989)

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Central theme

- To initiate and stimulate research in housing finance: mortgage systems, mortgage loan types, debt, developer finance, risk management; regulation and government involvement
- To support the publication of research analyses and findings;
- To ensure an effective network among researchers; and
- To support the dissemination of knowledge about housing finance, mortgage systems, policy change and market development.

Activities in 2021

On 21st April the working group hosted a virtual meeting in cooperation with the European Mortgage Federation on future challenges of housing finance. Main topics were the impact of Covid-19 on the housing market and financing the greening of real estate.

Also, the working group organised two sessions with 6 papers at the ENHR conference 2021. The Working Group will continue to make regular contributions to the debates on housing finance and regulation as well as on the impact of subsidy changes on the capacity to meet housing objectives.

Future plans and activities

We plan to run a workshop in Barcelona (annual ENHR conference) in August 2022.

Policy implications

The analysis of how housing finance systems have developed over the last twenty-five years -and especially since the financial crisis is both an evaluation of national and international policy since the deregulations of the 1980s and provides an indication of how the implementation of regulatory and other changes will impact on national housing markets and individual households' aspirations.

The Working Group will continue to make regular contributions to the debates on privatisation and regulation as well as on the impact of subsidy changes on the capacity to meet housing objectives.

Other

There are over 100 people on the Working Group e-mail list, a large proportion of whom are active both in contributing to seminars and conferences and taking part in monitoring activities.

Policy and Research

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Central theme

The ENHR Working Group on Policy and Research was re-launched in July 2014 under the auspices of the ENHR co-ordination committee with the aim to provide a platform for exchange and mutual learning between researchers, policy makers and practitioners involved in housing across Europe. Rather than carrying out regular workshops and/or issuing calls for papers annually, this Working Group aims to act transversely across the existing thematic ENHR Working Groups in a co-ordinating and enabling capacity. The aim is to organise a panel discussion or a dialogic plenary session or a dialogic Working Group session where policy makers and researchers can discuss a given housing related topic and/or other collaborative activities every second year.

Activities in 2021

The ENHR Working Group 'Policy and Research' organised a seminar 'The COVID-19 pandemic effects on housing and policy & research responses' that was held online on Thursday, 18 February 2021, as a part of the series of online seminars, 'Housing Related Impacts Of The Pandemic'. The seminar brought together over 50 registered participants, researchers and policymakers, from a variety of European organisations, institutions and NGOs, as well as from research institutions from all over the world. The aim of the seminar was to give up-to-date research and policy insights on the current COVID-19 situation and its effects on housing, now and in the future across national borders. Speakers at the seminar from Germany, the Netherlands, Ireland, the UK and Habitat for Humanity International (EMEA), offered a broad European and international perspective on different housing realities. Speakers at the seminar included: Professor Dr. Michael Voigtländer, Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft (German Economic Institute), Germany ; Assistant Professor Dr. Marietta Haffner, TU Delft, the Netherlands; Senior Research Officer Dr. Conor M. O'Toole, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland; Distinguished Policy Fellow Kath Scanlon, LSE London, the United Kingdom; and Associate Director Gyorgy Sumeghy, Habitat for Humanity International (EMEA). We hoped for a critical and open dialogue and that is what occurred. There were plenty of comments and questions, but also highlighting housing related issues, such as health and wellbeing, that the Covid-19 situation has made more visible than before.

At the Nicosia conference (online) the WG organised three working group sessions with nine papers. The papers and presenters were the following: Luigi Cuna, Kathleen Scanlon: Evaluation of housing projects in the context of the UN 2030 Agenda ▪ Niamh Murphy: Service rationing and the impact of private sector provision on the administration of homeless services in Ireland ▪ Kenneth Nelson, Ida Borg, Susanne Alm, Rense Nieuwenhuis: The political determinants of housing benefits ▪ Gerald Koessl: Affordable housing and sustainable neighbourhoods – lessons from the European Quality of Life Survey for policy practice ▪ Sutela Elina: Role of municipalities to promote housing affordability: comparison of three major cities in Finland ▪ Marco Peverini, Rebecca Cavicchia: Housing affordability and the city. Disentangling the urban and spatial dimensions of housing affordability ▪ Constanze Wolfgring, Marco Peverini: Housing the poor? Accessibility and exclusion in the local housing systems of Vienna and Milan ▪ Björn Egner, Max-Christopher Krapp, Kai Schulze, Martin Vaché: Is there Convergence in Housing Policy in the EU? ▪ Julie Lawson, Michelle Norris: Tools to tame financialization.

Future plans and activities

WG Policy and Research has a plan to have a session in the ENHR Conference in Barcelona and one online seminar in 2022.

Policy implications

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Other

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Residential Context of Health

<https://enhr.net/residential-context-of-health/>

Created in 1998

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Central theme

The Working Group was named "Housing and Health" during the period 1998-2000. In connection with the Gävle conference in 2000 the Working Group changed its name to "The Residential Context of Health." The new name more clearly indicates that the concerns of the Working Group extend beyond those traditionally addressed in the housing-and-health field, namely, connections between physical health outcomes and physical characteristics of housing. In addition to such connections, the Working Group also takes interest in the role of psychological, social and cultural factors in shaping relations between the residential context, including housing, and health more broadly conceived.

Activities in 2021

The WG held the latest in its long series of workshops at the annual conference held on-line as organized by our colleagues in Nicosia, Cyprus. Participants discussed 12 papers, almost all of which were submitted for reading in advance of the workshop. The authors came from six different countries (Australia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom). Their papers were distributed across five workshop sessions, which allowed ample time for discussion of each one.

Future plans and activities

As discussed in the final session of the on-line conference, the WG is prepared to convene its next workshop at the ENHR conference planned for Barcelona in 2022.

Policy Implications

The research contributed to this Working Group is of continued policy importance. The provision of healthy housing and the significance of the broader residential context are increasingly recognized by governments as essential to wider productivity and population health processes. Recent advances in method, theory and data in this field suggest the importance of pursuing emerging links with other disciplines and fields.

Other

Workshop contents sometimes overlap with those addressed in workshops hosted by other WGs, so cooperation with those groups could on occasion be advantageous. From the perspectives of the coordinators, however, cooperation would be dependent on the willingness of the other WG to follow the workshop format that has been applied so consistently to good effect these past many years.

<https://enhr.net/residential-environments-and-people/>

Created in 2004

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Central theme

Residential environments are designed and restructured by people for people. The relationship between residential environments and people is mutual. Residential environments afford functions for and communicate meanings to people through the ways in which they are shaped, and human beings design functions and attach meanings to residential environments through their everyday life and activities. The Working Group Residential Environments and People focuses on the relationship between people and residential environments from the perspective of the individual. People' attitudes, perceptions, preferences, values, choices and evaluations of the features and qualities of residential environments provide us with important information on the ways in which residential environments are used and (re)shaped. Such information may well provide a better understanding of the mechanisms behind residential preference and choice, values associated with residential environments, residential satisfaction, the quality of residential environments, the meaning of place, and the design of residential environments.

Activities in 2021

The conference in 2020 that was supposed to be in Nicosia was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. It took place in Nicosia the following year in 2021 in an online format. The conference title Unsettled Settlements - Housing in Unstable Contexts was specified for the working group as "resilience to uncertainties and instabilities" approach.

We had nine submitted presentations. We can trace three main branches of the topics. First, it was the impact of the pandemic on people's daily routines or the privacy demands in the scale of their homes. Second, it was the analysis in the scale of housing projects dealing with the topics of identity. Third, it was the analysis in the neighbourhood scale assessing the historical and cultural layering on the use of the places.

Future plans and activities

The Working Group coordinators plan to publish a special issue in a research journal based on papers that will be presented at the ENHR 2022 conference at the Residential Environments and People workshop. The participants who already agreed to participate from 2019 workshop will be invited to join the new project.

The theme for the 2022 workshop

In 2022, the working group will be welcoming theoretical and empirical papers addressing the topic of housing shortage in cities and its impact on people's daily lives. The topics can include the transformation of people's houses to the changing family arrangement and working conditions or the adaptation of people's routines and habits to the residential environments. The focus of the papers can approach the scale of an individual dwelling, the residential estate or the whole neighbourhood, focusing on interiors, common spaces or public space from a more people-focused perspective.

Policy implications

Housing markets as well as the positions of stakeholders such as policymakers, builders, developers and inhabitants in these markets are constantly changing. With respect to the inhabitants it has been argued time and again that a more prominent role is needed in the housing process for the people who inhabit dwellings. Yet, the introduction in housing practice of such concepts as housing

preferences, lifestyle segmentation, and branding seem in many cases just a discreet effort to conceal the essentially top down approach to the planning, designing and building of residential environment in which the people whom it concerns are insufficiently consulted about their wants and desires. So, the focus on the relations between human beings and residential environments from the perspective of the individual is, at least partly, motivated by the recognition that in housing practice many decisions are taken by professionals such as architects, planners and policy makers, while the people who have to live in the dwellings and residential environments have hardly any say about their (re)design.

Other

Members of the Working Group and participants of the workshops come from many different countries and from several continents including Europe (Northern, Western, Central, Eastern, Southern), North-America (Canada), Asia (Iran), Australia & New Zealand.

Southern European Housing

<https://enhr.net/southern-european-housing/>

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Central themes

The central themes of this Working Group include, but are not limited to:

- Housing market paths after the bust - learning from the past, thinking of the future: trends and facts, possible policy implications
- Vulnerability and affordability in housing: coping with consequences (foreclosures, non-performing mortgages, negative equity, homelessness, etc.), risk factors / groups and coping strategies (individual / familiar versus institutional action – financial sector, government activities, civil society movements)
- Public housing policies in an era of shrinking welfare states and weak national governments
- The future of social housing: heading towards marginalization or a more important role in affordable housing provision?
- Real estate sector after the boom (lessons learnt: dealing with the overstock, new construction versus investment in the existing housing stock, territorial impacts, etc.)
- Emerging practices and perceptions in tenure status: homeownership and the new role of renting
- Legislative regulation: corrective function / preventive function
- Exploring Southern European housing models and residential architecture in a global context: what special features in terms of competitiveness they possess?
- Mobility, residential trajectories and territorial dynamics: emerging patterns and regional specificities
- Dealing with financial stress in the housing systems: access to mortgage credit and homeownership, borrowers with repayment difficulties
- Financialisation of Southern European housing markets: outcomes, challenges and risks.
- Housing in former overseas territories: coping with difficult framework conditions

Activities in 2021

February 2021: “COVID-19 and Housing in Southern Europe”. Online seminar offered by the Southern European Housing Working Group in the context of the ENHR Online Seminar series “Housing Related Impacts of the Pandemic”, more than 50 registered participants.

July 2021: Panel on “New Politics of Housing – Policy Developments in a Changing World” at the 26th World Congress of Political Science, Lisbon/digital (Chair: Thorsten Heitkamp), with participation of members of the Southern European Housing Working Group.

August 2021: Southern European Housing Working Group sessions at the ENHR annual conference 2021, Cyprus/online, with a total of six presentations.

Future plans and activities

- Participation of the Southern European Housing Working Group in the ENHR 2022 Conference in Barcelona/Spain.

- Preparation of new volumes of the “Southern European Housing” book series with Pisa University Press/Italy, after the publication of the first three volumes in 2017, 2018 and 2019 which capture perspectives on housing from different disciplinary backgrounds like economics, law, urban sociology, architecture, urban development, et cetera. The publication welcomes contributions on Southern European housing but remains open to comparative research with other European countries.
- National Working Group meetings (to be determined).
- Coordination group meetings (by Skype/Zoom).
- Interactive forum, e.g. for information on new publications.
- Regular survey on the most important research results and publications of the members of the Working Group. Publication in the ENHR newsletter (if relevant).
- Erasmus agreements as a prerequisite for the exchange of personnel for research / teaching purposes.
- Joint comparative research projects to be proposed until the end of 2021.
- Increasing the membership base (particularly in South East European countries like Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Romania).

Policy implications

Policy implications are expected to be generated especially through national meetings of the Southern European Housing Working Group members. These meetings are aimed at a controversial sharing of research findings, future housing policies and programs, as well as discussions on the interplay of Housing with Urban Development, land use, demographic change, etc. Relevant stakeholders in the field of housing will be invited to these national meetings.

Nevertheless, it is too early to talk about housing policy implications resulting from the work of the Working Group. This is partly due to the little attention dedicated to Southern European Housing issues by scientists. The launch of the new "Housing in Southern Europe" book series intends to fill this gap. Nevertheless, the coordinated cooperation of housing experts who work in all areas of housing has led to a higher awareness of the difficult housing situation of parts of the population in Southern European countries. As mentioned, future findings may be incorporated in part in political decision-making processes. However, this requires detailed previous discussion and an intensive exchange of views on housing policy issues in Southern European countries.

Other

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Towards Sustainable Communities and housing: actors, interventions and solutions

<https://enhr.net/towards-sustainable-communities-and-housing-actors-interventions-and-solutions/>

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Central theme

This interdisciplinary Working Group focuses on research relating to the sustainability of various aspects of housing in the urban context.

Activities in 2021

New link with University College Dublin (UCD) Earth Institute Research Theme on Sustainable Communities (?)

The WG has forged a new link with this multidisciplinary group who are addressing the following questions; How can we make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable? Can social cohesion and citizen involvement help to advance change and improve the way we make decisions? How does the environment impact on issues of well-being and happiness, poverty and inequality? How can we stimulate development in the Global South and marginalised communities? What can we learn from historical and prehistorical precedents of how communities organised themselves?

Covid conference participation, "The consequences of COVID for sustainable communities and housing" ENHR online event d. 22nd February 2021

Chair: Montserrat Pareja Eastaway,
Presentations: Jesper Ole Jensen, Nessa Winston

Annual conference ENHR 2021, 30 Aug – 02 Sep, 2021 online

This year we hosted a joint workshop with the WG on Energy Efficiency, Environmental Sustainability, And Housing. Six papers were presented including case studies from Ireland, Spain, Turkey, Hungary, and Southern Europe. Topics included: Integrating social and environmental sustainability for sustainable communities; Post-Disaster and Post-Conflict Temporary Accommodation Settlements and Units in Turkey; Sustainable Communities and Housing in Contested Cities: The Case of Residents and Tourists in Barcelona; Urban, social and community resilience: Understanding the concepts through the post-crisis, South European context; Critical Success Factors for Effective Resident Participation in Community Retrofit Decision-Making: A Systematic Review; and Hungarian energy transition policies and their impact of energy poor households.

Publications

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Policy implications

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Future plans and activities

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Other

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Welfare Policy, Homelessness, and Social Exclusion (WELPHASE)

<https://enhr.net/welfare-policy-homelessness-and-social-exclusion-welphase/>

Created in 2003 (First workshop held in 2004)

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The WELPHASE Working Group was founded in 2003 and has given a workshop at every annual ENHR conference since 2004. In the initial phase homelessness was the core focus of the Working Group. Increasing awareness of the relationships between homelessness and housing, social exclusion and welfare policy, is reflected in the papers presented at more recent WELPHASE workshops. Thus the papers usually reflect a considerable thematic diversity, albeit framed by the overarching focus of the Working Group on homelessness, housing and social exclusion, and welfare policy.

Activities in 2021

No activities were held in 2021 due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the cancellation of the ENHR conference.

Future plans and activities

The WELPHASE workshop will be organized at the upcoming conference in Barcelona in 2022. The central WELPHASE theme fits well into the general theme of the conference - "The struggle for the 'Right to Housing': The pressures of globalization and affordability in cities today" – as the absence of this right is central to the themes of our Working Group.

Working Group Coordinators look forward to receiving a broad range of papers concerning housing exclusion and homelessness in various settings, as well as welfare policy analyses and evaluations. We appreciate a variety of theoretical and practical approaches, as well as a variety of methods employed, that reflect current interests of the researchers, and we hope to have a fruitful discussion on those issues in a comparative perspective.

The WELPHASE Working Group welcomes papers at different stages of development varying from papers already accepted by a journal to drafts. Following the procedure of earlier workshops, a discussant is appointed to papers circulated within the workshop participants in advance, but also leaving time for questions and a general discussion. In this way, the workshop offers a valuable opportunity to receive comments and proceed with papers which are at the draft stage.

Also, the ongoing practice of keeping up contact with frequent ENHR conferences participants, exchanging research and policy news, as well as latest publications will be intensified.

Other

Long-standing member Evelyn Dyb is stepping down as working group coordinator

We want to thank Evelyn as one of the original members of the working group for her contribution, with a trademark blend of efficiency and humour, to many years of successful ENHR workshop sessions!

New member coordination group

The working group has already begun to make plans for the next ENHR conference in Barcelona and following the standing down of Evelyn Dyb after 14 years, Chris Bevan has indicated his willingness to

join as the fourth working group co-ordinator. We have contacted the ENHR Coordination Committee to confirm Chris's appointment. We are very pleased with Chris joining the coordination team, and strengthening the legal perspective on homelessness and housing exclusion.

Chris is Deputy Dean, Director of Research & Associate Professor in Property Law at Durham University (UK). Chris' research interests are cross-disciplinary and lie in property law broadly construed, housing, homelessness law and policy and in social welfare and justice. He has published widely in these areas and is currently leading on a large, international, collaborative project exploring global perspectives on homelessness prevention (to be published with Routledge) and, additionally, on a collection for Edward Elgar on *Property Law and Theory*.

Activities outside the WELPHASE Working Group

Co-ordinators and regular attendees at the Working Group continue to be active in terms of research, publishing and conference presentations in relation to the key WELPHASE themes. e.g at FEANTSA annual research conferences (FEANTSA is the European federation of homelessness NGOs).

An interview with Magdalena Mostowska was published in a forthcoming ENHR Newsletter.

Policy implications

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Other

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WORKING GROUPS IN PREPARATION

Housing and Young People

<https://enhr.net/working-groups/>

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Central theme

In the last two decades, due to the combined effects of the 2008 economic crisis and the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic, the position of young people in relation to housing markets and housing outcomes has progressively worsened. Economic and job uncertainties have further delayed transitions to independent living or forced many young people to return to live with parents in the family house. While family support does provide a safety net, forced cohabitation does not always guarantee adequate living standards causing negative effects on youth psychological and social well-being. Youth reliance on temporary job contracts often translates into temporary tenure conditions, less stability and more insecurity. As a result, a new cohort of young renters in precarious living arrangements is on the rise. Various expressions have been coined to define youth's weaker position on the housing markets, from generation rent to generation share, and the housing literature has documented a number of negative implications including residential alienation, low self-esteem and feelings of powerlessness.

The lack of affordable and adequate housing solutions for young people is also an obstacle to social mobility. Difficult access to social housing and weakened welfare state have made youth destinies more dependent on the resources provided by the family of origin, situating housing at the core of debates on intergenerational dynamics of social inequality. Those seeking better job and education opportunities in the most attractive cities see their right to the city denied by the lack of adequate housing.

Against this backdrop, some attempts are being made by social housing organisations and institutions to improve youth access to affordable housing.

Considering the growing relevance of these issues in contemporary society and the lack of specific working groups addressing them within the ENHR, we propose to initiate a discussion for and with the contributions of all community members. The proposed working group will explore the following topics:

- Housing conditions of youth and young adults (discussing aspects of housing inequality related to youth, e.g. affordability, living conditions, housing preferences, careers and pathways, youth homelessness etc.).
- Access to housing (reflecting on young people's struggles to access affordable and adequate housing solutions in cities, the coping strategies and socio-economic implications) .
- Provision of housing for young people (types of housing solutions proposed by institutions, private developers and social housing organisations to meet the housing needs and demand of youth). We are interested in exploring the main characteristics of proposed solutions/policies, in terms of selection criteria, tenure conditions, governance etc., and in better understanding their implications on youth wellbeing, housing quality, inclusion/exclusion process, transition to adulthood and life outcomes.
- Youth and emerging housing forms (young people's lived experiences in intergenerational co-living, mixed housing, shared houses and other forms of innovative housing). This would include investigations of the youth as a preferred target group of emerging market segments aiming to

respond to assumed specific needs and lifestyles. We would also explore the instrumental role of the youth in the support and development of such housing solutions.

- Critical analysis of concepts used to describe the housing conditions of youth and the types of accommodation they live in (e.g. Generation rent, Generation share, shared housing, micro-living etc.).
- Intergenerational housing inequalities (comparing housing conditions across generations, examining the role of housing in the intergenerational reproduction of social inequality, accumulation and transmission of housing wealth across generations).
- Youth and urban neighbourhoods, exploring the relationship between young people and their residential environment, including youth lived experiences in the neighbourhood, local participation dynamics in housing, planning, urban regeneration domains, neighbourhood transformations connected to studentification/youthification processes, neighbourhood effects on children and teenagers (age 16-19).

Activities in 2021

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Future plans and activities

- 25th of February 2022: Kick off event of the WG Housing and young people. A seminar within the international doctoral programme in Urban Studies (URBEUR) at the University of Milan Bicocca will be organised (in person and online).
- First workshop at annual ENHR conference in Barcelona.
- After the first workshop in Barcelona, the coordinators will explore opportunities for joint publication (edited book/journal articles/proceedings etc.).

Other

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