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INTRODUCTION

This report contains an overview of the activities in 2022 of 25 out of 26 Working Groups. Each WG page also contains the central theme, aims and future plans of the WG. Some WGs also mention policy implications.

The report only contains the activities that WGs mentioned in their overview.

More information about the undertakings of each Working Group in 2022 and in previous years can be found on the ENHR website (<https://enhr.net/working-groups/>) This 2022 report is to be found at <https://enhr.net/working-groups/annual-report-1/>.

During 2022 the following changes took place:

- New coordinator WG WELPHASE: Chris Bevan
- New coordinator WG Comparative Housing Policy: Martin Grander
- Evaluation WG Housing and Refugees The WG has been closed (but could be reopened as it deals with an important issue).
- Upgrade WG Housing and new Technologies to full Working Group
- New WG Crises, Conflict and Recovery (in preparation)
- New WG Housing and Theory (in preparation)
- Merging of WGs Land Markets and Housing Policy and Metropolitan Dynamics: Urban Change, Markets and Governance into WG Governing the Metropolis – Land and Housing
- Closing down of WG Housing Economics

The joint output of 2022 (and also 2017-2022), when indicated, is summarized in table 1 below. Plans for 2023, 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)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third volume of the Southern European Housing book series (WG Southern European Housing)
Special issues, papers and book chapters	<p>2 Special issues:</p> <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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • Nadine Roudil (Université de Paris Val de Seine) and Hélène Bélanger (Université du Québec à Montréal), supported by a research team, realized a France-Quebec study on the impacts of confinement measures on dwelling (WG Residential environment and people).
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)
2022 (25 out of 26 WGs)	
Workshops	24 workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 workshop at the Barcelona conference • Participation in the VI Congreso Internacional ISUF-H. Forma urbana y resiliencia: los desafíos de salud integral y el cambio climático.(Southern European Housing) • Kickoff event. A seminar within the international doctoral programme in Urban Studies (URBEUR) at the University of Milan Bicocca (Housing and Young People)
Books	'Families, Housing and Property Wealth in a Neoliberal World', edited collection including contributions of a number of regular working group members (Home Ownership and Globalisation)
Special issues, papers and book chapters	-
Other	-

Table 2 Indicated plans for 2023

Workshops	26 workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 workshop at the Lodz2023 conference • Workshop "Urban change and housing market developments in Europe" in Helsinki (Finland), in collaboration with the Finnish Ministry of The Environment (WG Home Ownership and Globalisation) • Joint workshop with the European Mortgage Federation in Budapest (Hungary) (WG Housing Finance) • International webinar on "Southern European housing policies in the 2020s: the farewell to residualisation" (WG Southern European Housing) • Panel on "Politics of Housing – How Can Housing Market Monitoring Systems Inform and Influence Policy for the Benefit of Better Welfare, at the 27th World Congress of Political Science, Buenos Aires (Argentina) (WG Southern European Housing)
Books	Preparation of new volumes of the "Southern European Housing" book series (volume 4) with Pisa University Press/Italy (WG Southern European Housing).
Special issues, papers and book chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special issue (WG Housing and New Technologies) • Special issue of the Journal of Urban Affairs (WG Housing and Young People) • Book chapter in Ekaterina Domorenok, Paolo Graziano & Katharina Zimmermann (eds.) The Eco-Social Polity? Theoretical, Conceptual And Empirical Issues. Policy Press.(WG Towards Sustainable Communities and housing: actors, interventions and solutions)
Other	-

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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 2022

Special issue in Housing Studies: Housing cooperatives and housing systems: lessons from history

First discussions on the topic of history of housing cooperatives, in relation to housing systems, emerged in the ENHR conference organized in Athens (2019). The working group organized an online seminar the 20th of November 2020 dedicated to this research question. The workshop was attended by over 30 participants and provided feedback to the authors whose abstracts were presented. The year 2022 was then dedicated to launching a call for papers "Housing cooperatives and housing systems: lessons from history" by the co-editors Claire Carriou, Jardar Sørvoll and Richard Lang (call for papers here https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/special_issues/housing-studies/) which was subsequently accepted by the journal *Housing Studies*. The co-editors (i.e. the guest editors of the special issue) received over 36 abstracts, of which less than half were selected for the next steps of publication. The deadline for the online submission for the blind peer review process is the 15th of March 2023. Publication of the special issue is planned for Winter 2023.

Workshop sessions: ENHR annual conference, Barcelona 2022

The working group organised a new round of workshop sessions at the annual ENHR conference in Barcelona (2022). A call for papers for this conference was published. Over 35 abstracts were received, out of which 21 papers were presented at the workshop sessions. Papers covered the following themes:

- Social care
- Cooperative housing
- New partnerships and governance
- Gender and social inclusion
- Collaborative Housing and housing systems
- Collaborative Housing and refugees: As part of the annual European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) conference held in Barcelona 30 August to 2 September 2022, Richard Lang and Melissa Fernández Arrigoitia convened a session on 'Collaborative Housing and Migration: exploring links, gaps and possibilities'. This session formed part of the wider established Working Group 'Collaborative housing'. Lang and Fernández Arrigoitia presented findings from MICOLL's literature review on collaborative housing with marginalised groups, highlighting some key enablers and challenges for developing the migration-collaborative housing nexus. Ivette Arroyo (Housing Development and Management, Dept. of Architecture and Built Environment, Lund University), Maryam Khatibi (Dept. of Architecture and Urban Studies, DASTU, Milano) and Norma Montesino (School of Social Work, Lund University) then presented a working paper developing the notion of 'unintended consequences' of developing collaborative housing in Zurich and Sweden, focusing particularly on comparative aspects of access, social integration and affordability.

Future plans and activities

Workshop at the Lodz ENHR Conference in 2023.

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.

In 2022, Richard Lang and Melissa Fernández Arrigoitia have been engaged in the international research and policy transfer project MICOLL. It addresses the difficulties migrants, and especially refugees, face in accessing affordable and quality housing. Through test beds – or pilot implementations and collaborations – in Austria, Sweden and the UK, MICOLL identifies potential and barriers for developing collaborative housing solutions involving migrants/refugees, leading to enhanced knowledge and increased capacity among stakeholders. MICOLL is funded through the call Urban Migration by JPI Urban Europe. For more information, see <http://micoll.org>

Other

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Comparative Housing Policy

<https://enhr.net/comparative-housing-policy/>

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Aim

The aim of the Working Group is to:

- promote the comparative international study of housing policies and systems;
- provide a forum for the assessment of Europe-wide policies relating to housing and of the potential role of the European Union and in this regard;
- promote the development of comparative methodologies; and
- collect and disseminate information on housing policies in individual countries

Activities in 2022

The WG has been largely inactive since COVID.

Future plans and activities

We intend to hold a workshop at the Lodz conference in 2023, and are discussing a themed event for 2024, possibly on the role of international agencies.

Policy implications

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Other

This year Martin Grander, associate senior lecturer in urban studies at Malmö University, became an additional co-ordinator of the group.

Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhoods and Communities

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

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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 life course trajectories, social networks, social capital, or social cohesion, and neighbourhood effects, as well as policies targeting matters in neighbourhoods and urban areas, 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 2022

We organized an active workshop at the annual ENHR conference arranged in Barcelona, Spain. Our WG had six workshops a majority of which had three presentations (1/2 h per presentation). The workshops had 15 to 30 participants and listeners in the room.

We believe the presentations were all high quality and fit well together and there were many exciting and interested comments and discussions in the room.

This year's abstract submissions and presentations were of particularly high quality, allowing us to fill all our workshops. Even in the last workshop, in which we would expect to have a drop off of people attending, had over 30 people attend. A number of participants also comment on how much they enjoyed the workshops this year.

Future plans and activities

We plan to participate in the annual conference of 2023 in Lodz, Poland.

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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Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability of Housing

<https://enhr.net/energy-efficiency-and-environmental-sustainability-of-housing/>

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Central themes

Energy is a fundamental and strategic ingredient of our modern society and used in every aspect of daily life in our cities and communities. It is also connected with key challenges such as climate change, environmental degradation, security, poverty, health, food production, agriculture, and water resources, among others. The production of energy worldwide is responsible for 87% of global greenhouse gas emissions and to bring emissions down towards net-zero is one of the world's biggest challenges in the years ahead. The housing sector is responsible for 27% of the total global energy consumption (or 24% of total greenhouse gas emissions) and so, it faces challenges in terms of planning, design, construction of new housing, and renovation and maintenance of the existing stock. Dwellings have to use less energy and have higher thermal performance. Evaluation of citywide housing energy tools and approaches to energy efficient neighbourhoods, *and* the importance of low-carbon services and facilities that support housing, have also come into focus in recent years. Hence, today, the energy efficiency of housing and its wider environmental sustainability are important areas of investigation for the research and policy communities.

The Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability of Housing (EEESH) Working Group provides a forum for research-based discussions about specific aspects of energy efficient housing, as well as wider environmental sustainability aspects of housing. It aims to look at:

- Key concepts and methodologies; technologies and policies
- Applications for different stages in the housing process i.e. planning/ policy, design, certification, regulation/ legislation, construction, occupation, renovation/ demolition, pre- and post-occupancy evaluations etc.
- Lessons and implications for policymaking and industry
- Relevance to SDG7 (affordable and clean energy), SDG11 (sustainable cities and communities), SDG12 (responsible consumption and production), SDG17 (partnership for the goals) goals, targets and performance
- Implications to wider economic, social and institutional frameworks or debates

Activities in 2022

We organised another successful workshop at the 2022 ENHR conference in Barcelona which took place between 30 August and 2 September. Nine papers were presented in Barcelona, looking at the relationship between income and energy efficiency; alternative measures of fuel poverty; legal barriers to residential energy efficiency; low-carbon co-housing; residential retrofit scenarios; post-occupancy behaviour in energy retrofits; impact of energy efficiency on housing costs; and overall challenges to national energy efficiency programmes. The papers were based on studies in China, the Netherlands, Germany and Spain, and presented by researchers at various stages in their careers. Each paper presentation was followed by feedback from a named discussant, Q&A from the rest of the workshop's attendants and wider discussion.

Future plans and activities

The EEESH Working Group plans to run a conference track at the 2023 ENHR conference in Łódź, Poland, which will take place in June 2023.

Policy implications -

Other -

Governing the Metropolis - Land and Housing

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Central themes

This Working Group has been established informally in 2019, formally in 2022, as the merger of two earlier Working Groups: 'Metropolitan Dynamics: urban change, markets and governance' and 'Land markets and Housing policy'. We are now joining forces to strengthen to encapsulate metropolitan dynamics into our understanding of land markets and land ownership in housing, and to fertilise the understanding of metropolitan dynamics with deeper insight in land issues.

The analysis of housing policies and policies for land for housing must take the metropolitan context into account. On the one side, the dynamics of metropolitan areas involve powerful mechanisms of price formation, spatial distribution, wealth distribution and variations in liveability and social cohesion. On the other side metropolitan areas are also breeding ground for new initiatives and the rethinking of established policies and habits. All over Europe we see new initiatives within the area of housing and land use.

Our ambition with this working group is to establish an arena for scholarly and practical discussions which depart on and take account of metropolitan dynamics. Under this umbrella we welcome papers on metropolitan housing policy initiatives across Europe, papers on land market dynamics and papers addressing land markets institutions, policy, actors, and tools.

Our aim is to conduct multi-disciplinary analysis, how housing processes can be steered with governance and spatial planning tools in urban areas – not necessarily on metropolitan area level but giving priority to the spatial dimension.

Activities in 2022

The working group organized a workshop in the Barcelona conference.

The aim of this WG was to organize the most urban-oriented workshop of the conference, conducting multi-disciplinary analysis on how housing processes can be steered with governance and spatial planning tools in urban areas. We especially invite papers to elaborate on above mentioned topics, but also welcome other papers that contribute to research-based knowledge on land and housing in metropolitan areas.

There were 10 papers presented in 4 sessions. The presentations concentrated on three different but interrelated topics.

1: Several papers addressed policies for affordable housing provision in a variety of contexts. Some papers illuminated practices and challenges in China. Other papers discussed the ongoing change of policy in the Nordic countries to include affordable houses in urban (re) developments. This session also included a paper on how the design of state funding system for affordable houses affects behaviour of the local level government.

2: The second topic regarded migration and housing preferences. We learned about internal migration within countries, the urban-rural divide and how households balance very different concerns and information sources in decision-making concerning where to reside.

3: Attention was also directed to the complexity of urban densification processes and the contradiction that densification and regeneration often exclude large groups of residents and might actually increase segregation.

Our session was closed by Ivan Tosics, URBACT Program Expert, drawing together the threads of opposing trends in European cities of today. Both in suburbs and in inner city areas new questions

emerge regarding the accessibility to services and the accessibility to housing. We should continue our research on these pressures in today's cities.

Future plans and activities

Workshop at Lodz2023 conference

The theme for the ENHR Lodz conference in 2023 – urban revitalization – has a distinct spatial dimension and we encourage papers for our workshop that discuss redevelopment and revitalization in the context of planning and the interaction between housing policy and planning practice.

At the Lodz conference the coordinators want to share thoughts about an edited book on the role of metropolitan governance and land in housing policies and markets. The topic is increasingly important as cities continue to grow - and sprawl must be avoided. We welcome papers on policy discussion and good practice.

Policy implications

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Other

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Home Ownership and Globalisation

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

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Central themes

This working group was originally developed around a group of researchers who had participated in a number of EU-funded projects (HOSE, OSIS, DEMHOW & NEUJOBS) in the 2000s. Collectively, these projects were concerned with understanding and explaining the relationships between globalisation and homeownership markets 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. More recently attention has turned to the impact of the Covid pandemic and subsequent shift in the economy following the 2022 energy and cost of living crises, on housing market and home ownership conditions

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. This project ended in 2022, with plans now for a follow up project addressing the shifting roles and obligations of families in housing and home ownership.

Activities in 2022

Previous meetings have resulted in various edited volumes including 'Home Ownership: Getting in, Getting out, Getting from' (volumes I, II, and III). This was followed up with an edited volume, entitled 'Housing Wealth and Welfare', published by Edward Elgar Press in 2017. This book addresses housing wealth and welfare relationships across various developed societies, and interprets the concept of 'welfare' in its diverse manifestations and meanings: i.e. welfare provision, but also well-being, inequality and poverty. In this sense, the book extends on previously edited volumes sponsored by this working group and brings together a varied range of authors from different disciplines. The most recent book related to the group was published at the end of 2022 and titled 'Families, Housing and Property Wealth in a Neoliberal World'. This is an edited collection and involved a number of regular working group members.

Working group meetings have been traditionally organized outside of the main ENHR-conference. The 2022 in-person workshop took place at the University of Amsterdam, 15-16th June. The aim of this workshop was to bring together research that builds on the concept of 'late homeownership' coined in the works of the late Ray Forrest. Notwithstanding some last-minute COVID-cancellations, at this workshop, about 12 papers – all engaging with Ray's work – were presented for and discussed by

an audience of about 20 participants. Papers were grouped around several themes: houses as assets, housing and inequality, housing trajectories, and housing policies.

Future plans and activities

In March 2023, the working group will organise in a small event in Helsinki, Finland, in collaboration with the Finnish Ministry of The Environment. The workshop “Urban change and housing market developments in Europe” draws upon the latest research from across Europe paying particular attention to contemporary housing market transformations that both reflect and enforce new technologies of financialisation, recent economic shifts and ongoing demographic transitions.

Policy implications

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Other

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Housing and Living Conditions of Ageing Populations

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Central theme

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

Activities in 2022

In 2022 the WG organised a successful workshop at the ENHR conference in Barcelona, Spain, August 31st – Sept 2nd. The workshop received about 15 abstracts and subsequently 12 papers were presented in the workshop during the conference. The workshop provided a good forum for discussion. In the wake of the pandemic, this time only participants from Europe were present but from a variety of countries, Finland, Italy, Sweden, Poland, Spain, The Netherlands, France, Slovenia, the UK and Norway. It is apparent that there is an ongoing interest in ageing issues where housing and living conditions are high on the policy agenda.

Future plans and activities

The WG plans to be present at the ENHR 2023 conference in Lodz, Poland. 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. Several researchers are usually involved in the writing of papers presented at the ENHR conferences. The contributions that under normal circumstances are presented is based on research from several countries in Europe, Australia, Canada, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea.

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 an overriding meeting and knowledge dissemination based role, which is an important role indeed. The working group is a regular participant in the annual 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 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, and Spain and Sweden, Finland and Norway etc. These groups meet for common and comparative research projects, symposia and research exchange and are on-going. 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 and New Technologies

<https://enhr.net/housing-and-refugees/>

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Central themes

The Working Group aims to promote dialogues and discussions on the impact of new technologies on housing (research) from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective. In particular, the group covers the following topics:

- Big data analysis and housing (research).
- Distributed ledger technologies (blockchain) in housing.
- New technologies for the building sector.
- Real estate crowdfunding.
- Data protection & housing.
- Proptech.
- Housing digital printing.
- Internet of Things, robots and connected devices in homes.
- 5G networks in housing.
- Real estate agents' new functions in the digital era.
- Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in the housing sector and housing research (including ChatGPT applications).
- Interconnected (smart) cities.
- Metaverse applications in the housing sector.

Activities in 2022

The Working Group on Housing and New Technologies organized a session at the ENHR Barcelona Conference in September 2022. On this occasion, the WG received five papers covering topics such as Big Data, Proptech, modern construction methods and technologies.

Future plans and activities

The Working Group plans to be present at the ENHR 2023 Conference.

Also, coordinators are planning to explore a joint publication in a special issue for 2023-2024.

Policy implications

The research discussed in this WG may have several policy implications:

- New technologies are targeted by European policies. Although these policies do not specifically refer to housing, several regulations involving new technologies may potentially affect this fundamental right, such as Regulation EU 2020/1503, on crowdfunding service providers or the General Data Protection Regulation.
- The Building Information Modelling (BIM) is being used in the building sector for managing information throughout the lifetime of a building, from key stages until the building is occupied. In particular, this technology is used by Housing Associations in England through the BIM4Has project and has gathered the attention of several researchers participating in our working group. Metaverses may also be useful for designing cities and neighborhoods.

Other

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Housing Finance

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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 2022

In 2022, the working group organised four sessions with 13 papers at the ENHR conference 2022 in Barcelona. 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 Lodz (annual ENHR conference) in June 2023. Also, there will be a joint workshop of the working group and the European Mortgage Federation on 5th and 6th October 2023 in Budapest. The workshop offers the possibility to present a limited amount of current research papers as well as a policy oriented meeting on current challenges in housing finance with the EMF representatives. Details will follow.

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. Specifically the recent increase in mortgage rates poses new challenges for states, developers and consumers.

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.

Housing in Developing Countries

<https://enhr.net/housing-in-developing-countries/>

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Central theme

Future population growth (more than 80 per cent of it in urban areas) will be concentrated in developing countries where substandard and informal housing has been predominant for long. Yet the explosive growth of urbanization in the developing world has not been matched by a commensurate growth in the supply of decent housing. The shortcomings of policy, lack of political will, limitations of housing finance, poor land management in urban areas, lack of security of tenure, and lack of infrastructure and services are just some of the issues that confront citizens and policy-makers in developing countries, and indicate an urgent need for research, analysis and action.

Sub themes

The group supports a transdisciplinary approach to housing and urban issues, considering for example:

- Environmental pollution by crowding and intense construction
- Resource scarcity (financial, economical, etc.)
- Support to socio-cultural identities
- Homelessness and unaffordability of urban housing
- Global Urbanization dynamics
- Squatter settlements and gated communities
- Diversity of needs for urban housing typology
- Urban transformation to allow renewal of urban housing stock and to offer the residents to get old in their same home environments
- Collective self-help and local government practices.

These issues require complementary resource mobilisation by governments and the private sector. Social and political negotiation processes need to moderate to mediate conflicting demands on urban land and/or services for housing and commercial development especially promoted by international investors. A fair assessment of claims and negotiation results can only rely on joint research of scholars, intellectuals and housing practitioners. Thus the search for future liveable cities seems most urgent in the urban areas of the developing world since they are most affected by the crises and require the integration of projects into policies most urgently.

Activities in 2022

The general theme of ENHR 2022 was: "The struggle for the right to housing-the pressures of globalization and affordability in the cities". Our workshop title has been changed from Housing in Developing Countries into Cross-Cultural Housing Issues in Global Perspective. Such an update was necessary with the changing world dynamics.

Eight paper abstracts were submitted originally and were accepted based on their relevance to our topic. The authors sent their full papers on time and each author was sent the papers of the other participants in the workshop before the conference time; so that they would have a chance to prepare as discussant and acknowledged listener. The authors were from Turkey, Spain, Mexico, Morocco, Brazil.

Topics of the papers: two of the papers presented were archival research. One on self-built approaches of official archives; and the other one on the temporary accommodation by journal archives. One paper was comparing the social housing in different European countries; one on globalization impact on the community space; another one on housing inequality resulting out of housing policies and market forces; another paper was on habitat production of migrant and refugees; and cultural heritage and housing conflict.

Most papers were including case studies from different countries of the presenters.

Two sessions were allocated to our workshop in the general programme of the ENHR; the first one on the Sept. 1, 2022, during the period allotted for workshop session 4, between 14:00-16:00. The second one was on the Sept.2, 2022, during the period allotted for workshop session 6, between 11:15-12:45.

Four paper presenters were expected but three of them showed up in session four due to a serious illness treatment. In session 6, again four presenters were expected but three showed up. The fourth one did not attend without notice.

Especially the second day workshop session 6 was attended by a large audience. There was plenty of time to discuss, ask and answer questions to the presenters. Research papers, they were, and very seriously followed up by the presenters, who were mostly academicians.

Future plans and activities

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Other

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Housing Law

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Central theme

The general aims of the group are to promote dialogue and European research on the importance of law, rights and regulation to all aspects of housing, land and planning. These objectives continue to be very broad to accommodate national differences.

Besides their political, social, and economic implications, housing, land and planning are profoundly influenced by varying national legal environments. Quite different national approaches have always handicapped international exchange in this area and traditional groupings of legal and socio-legal expertise, despite drives towards European harmonization have not explicitly dealt with land law but affect this strongly.

This group aims to promote exchange and debate between people in the same area as well as promote understanding of the multiple types of relevant law. Legal, economic, sociological and philosophical theories are welcome, as well as sociological empirical work on the implementation of the law, to improve understanding and expertise across borders.

Activities in 2022

The Housing Law working group met at the main ENHR conference in Barcelona in 2022 and 12 papers were presented. Contributors came from various European countries.

Future plans and activities

The next working group seminar will be at the ENHR conference in 2023. It is hoped that the seminar will be a friendly and welcoming forum for the exchange of ideas.

Policy implications

Members of the working group are/were involved in several research projects funded by the European Union and national governments (e.g. the TENLAW and EVICT projects). In most of the papers presented at the working group meetings, the presenters discuss the policy implications of their legal research too.

Other

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Housing, Migration and Family Dynamics

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

Proposed in October 2014

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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 migration dynamics and 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.

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 2022

In 2022 the Working Group organized a workshop session during the ENHR General Conference in Barcelona, Spain with 8 papers being presented.

Future plans

We plan to organize a workshop session during the ENHR General Conference in Lodz in 2023. We are exploring the possibility to co-organize a session together with the Young Adults' Housing Working Group.

Policy implications

An important goal of the WG 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.
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- 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.

Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing

<https://enhr.net/minority-ethnic-groups-and-housing/>

Created in 1993

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Central themes

- Housing conditions, housing preferences and residential mobility of minority ethnic groups.
- Concentration and segregation of minority ethnic groups.
- Living in multicultural neighbourhoods.

Activities in 2022

Finally allowed to meet again, we attended the ENHR 2022 conference in Barcelona. We hosted three sessions with a total of ten papers. Great to be back and connect with international colleagues again!

Future plans and activities

We plan to host a session at the ENHR conference in Lodz in 2023.

Policy implications

Papers in our workshop are relevant for a variety of policy fields, like social mixing, immigrant integration, planning for diversity, housing allocation, and social cohesion.

Other

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Policy and Research

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The ENHR WG 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, policymakers 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 working group session in which policy makers and researchers can discuss a given housing related topic and/or other collaborative activities every second year.

Activities in 2022

The ENHR Working Group 'Policy and Research' main activity was to organise the workgroup session at the Barcelona conference. The WG organised three working group sessions with eight papers. The papers and presenters were the following:

Workshop Session 2: Benjamin Leclercq, Chloé Salembier, Agie Galicy & Julie Vanderhaeghen (UCLouvain, LAB, Uses&Spaces, Belgium): Gender Mainstreaming Housing Policies tested by Care work. Post-Covid Metropolitan Issues in the Brussels-Capital Region. ▪ Tom Alves (Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute AHURI): Housing policy in a market liberal society: how research is informing policy development in response to declining affordability and growing.

Workshop Session 3: Gerald Koessl (Austrian Federation of Limited-Profit Housing Associations, Austria): From the housing affordability to the cost-of-living crisis: Austria's housing market in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. ▪ Kenton Card (University of California, Los Angeles, US): Disrupting Neoliberal Policymaking from the Streets to the Statehouse: How tenant movements impact housing policies in Los Angeles and Berlin. ▪ Carola Fricke & Christiane Meyer-Habighorst (University of Freiburg, Human Geography, Germany) Knowledge Transfer and Mobility of Urban Housing Political Instruments in Germany.

Workshop session 4: Rikke Skovgaard Nielsen (Aalborg Universitet, Denmark) & Steven Kromhout (Amsterdam Federation of Housing Associations, the Netherlands): Imposed from above or applied for from below: comparing Dutch and Danish social mix strategies in deprived neighbourhoods. ▪ Peter J. Boelhouwer (Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, the Netherlands): The housing crisis in the Netherlands; background and solutions. ▪ Alex Fernandez (TU Delft, Department of Management in the Built Environment, the Netherlands), Josip Pandžić & Gojko Bežovan (University of Zagreb, Department of Social Work, Croatia): The role of housing subsidies within the Croatian economic growth strategy: a political economy approach to SSK. ▪ Rajvi Prajapati (Universität Stuttgart, Faculty of Architecture and Urban Design (IUSD), Germany): Dynamism in market practices of housing microfinance and the financialization of housing in India.

The WG coordinators also participated in NHRC meetings as mentors, Steffen Wetzstein in March (online) and Jaana Nevalainen in August in Barcelona.

Future plans and activities

WG Policy and Research has a plan to have workgroup paper sessions in the ENHR Conference in Lodz, Poland, and possibly one online workshop in autumn 2023.

Policy implications -

Other -

Private Rented Markets

<https://enhr.net/private-rented-markets/>

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Central themes

The Private Rented Markets Working Group was first proposed at the ENHR Conference in Ljubljana in 2006. It was formally approved as a full working group by the ENHR Coordination Committee for the Dublin ENHR Conference in July 2008. The group was formed in light of the growing role of private rented housing in many jurisdictions. The purpose of this group is to provide opportunities to present papers on private rented housing markets. The research and policy themes include:

- Characteristics of rental markets in Europe, USA and Asia-Pacific
- Delivery and supply of private rented accommodation.
- Changing nature of private rented housing, emerging hybrid models.
- Low-income households and private rented markets
- New immigrant communities and private rented accommodation
- Regulation of rent setting, rent stabilisation measures
- Dynamics of the relationship between private and social rented sectors
- Private rented sector as a means of promoting social mix
- Residential property management
- Landlord behaviour and decision-making
- State regulation of private rented markets, security of tenure, entry and exit provisions.
- Dispute resolution between landlords and tenants
- Housing benefit/ state supports and private rented markets
- Licensing/ regulation of HMOs and Multi United Dwellings
- Minimum dwelling standards and enforcement
- Design standards for apartment complexes
- Institutional investment in private rented markets
- Security and choice within private rented markets.

The working group also provides an opportunity for the discussion of associated themes – for example, housing finance, housing and minority ethnic groups, legal aspects of housing, land and planning – and engages in joint working group sessions with other working groups to advance expertise on common themes.

Activities in 2022

The Working Group held a successful meeting at the ENHR main conference in Barcelona in August. Key themes discussed were in line with the main conference. Specifically, the group looked at the impact of Covid 19 on renters and on the private rented market more generally. Rent regulation and comparative approaches across different countries to rising rents was a strong theme. Other issues discussed included affordability for households with precarious incomes, the role of institutional investors in the market and their management practices tenant satisfaction with rented housing and the desire for homeownership as a tenure. The supply of private rented housing in tight markets and the impact of Airbnb and other platforms was a commonly identified issue.

Future plans and activities

The Working Group will participate in this year's conference in Lodz Poland. It had been intended that the WG would meet in Spring and initial preparations were made with that in mind. However, given

the timing of this year's conference is to be held in early summer it was agreed to focus efforts on the Lodz event.

Other

The working group usually holds an annual conference in Spring followed by workshop sessions at the ENHR main conference in June/July. Spring conferences have taken place in Dublin, York, Granada, St. Marienthal (Germany), Oxford, Derry and London. The working group has also published papers in a special edition of the International Journal for Housing Policy.

Residential Buildings and Architectural Design

<https://enhr.net/residential-buildings-and-architectural-design/>

Proposed in 2010; established in 2011

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Central themes

This Working Group focuses on relationships between architecture, urban design and people. The main topics are:

- the development of residential houses under diverse historical, cultural, political, economic circumstances
- the reflection of socio-economic and cultural characteristics of inhabitants on spatial arrangement of residential buildings and urban units
- sustainability of residential buildings, adaptability of buildings and urban units to different programmes and uses
- social, political and economic forces that shape the form of residential buildings and complexes within cities
- architectural and urban design of residential buildings in the process of transformation of cities.

The Working Group was proposed in 2010 and established in 2011.

The main topics have developed from the wide range of architecture–community relationships towards the questions of public space in cities, transformations of an urban tissue under different economical a social conditions and the development of architectural form. The tension between public and private within the dense fabric of the city is an important and frequently discussed issue in our working group. The methodologies architects use while doing research on residential architecture and its users seems to be very interdisciplinary which makes this working group such an interesting one.

Activities in 2022

This year our workshop in Barcelona took place in three sessions. (WS 1, 3,4). We had 12 contributions. 11 of these authors submitted well-prepared full papers; one person only submitted an abstract. The presentations were from Iran (University of Isfahan; Art University of Isfahan); Turkey (Istanbul Technical University; Kırklareli University); Sweden (Malmö University); Denmark (Aalborg University); Portugal (Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa); Italy (Politecnico di Milano); Ireland (University college Dublin); Belgium (Louvain research institute for Landscape, Architecture, Built environment) and our own presentation which we did together as the coordinators of this WG.

However we only had three sessions, the workshops worked very well and the discussions were excellent. Topics varied, often did the papers focus on the users. Some innovative or experimental housing concepts were shown with a focus on flexibility.

Again we enjoyed that architects start to work together with other disciplines like sociologists or anthropologists in an interdisciplinary research. Several times the discussion was about the methodology – how do architects do research? We ourselves started this year to focus on a paper about exactly this topic and we presented the beginning of it to the working group. The discussion was very intense. We got thanks and compliments about the fact that we run this working group as architects relay can meet and discuss here.

Future plans and activities

For next year we would like to enhance a discussion on the methodologies architects use while doing research. Housing studies are inherently interdisciplinary and the spectrum of methods is very extensive. While general textbooks on research methodologies in architecture exist, there is no specific literature on the methodologies for architectural housing research. This makes the discussion on the methodologies very necessary, as we already realized this year.

We welcome interdisciplinary research, done in collaboration between architects and for example sociologists, anthropologists, landscape architect, urbanist etcetera.

Other

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Residential Context of Health

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The WG was named "Housing and Health" during the period 1998-2000. In connection with the Gävle conference in 2000 the WG changed its name to "The Residential Context of Health." The new name more clearly indicates that the concerns of the WG 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 WG 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 2022

The WG held the latest in its long series of workshops at the annual conference held in Barcelona, Spain. Participants discussed 14 papers, almost all of which were submitted for reading in advance of the workshop. The authors came from nine different countries (Australia, Belgium, Canada, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA). 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 Lodz in 2023.

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.

Residential Environment and People

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

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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's 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 2022

Fifteen people or groups submitted an abstract for our workshop at the Barcelona2022 conference. However, the final number of speakers was only ten. Some participants did not come because the Covid, some people did not get funding from their home institution. Each presenter was given 15 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for discussion.

The overarching theme of the presentations was how people perceive the built environment, how they interact with it and how they change it to meet their needs.

Examples are the topic of overpopulation and housing density, the discrepancy between objectively measured values and their perception (Jukka Hirvonen) or the issue of the perception of the residential environment from childhood to old age (Marie Hornáková, Jan Sýkora).

The focus on housing estates was presented in the perception of housing experience and history in user narratives within the SAPHIR program in Paris (Yaneira Wilson, Yankel Fijalkow) and a comparison of socialist and post-socialist housing construction in Slovenia (Richard Sendi).

The issue of privately owned publicly accessible space in post-socialist development in Prague was presented by Jana Zdrahalová.

Two groups introduced the physical modifications and appropriation of space in housing estates – the transformation of public spaces in post-war housing estates in Switzerland (Eveline Althaus, Leonie Pock) and in disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Copenhagen (Lene Wiell Nordberg, Rikke Borg Sundstrup).

Hélène Bélanger focused on user experience and showed how private tenants exclude the elderly from their premises. Nadine Roudil reported how teenagers and young adults perceive energy savings in households. Johanna Lilius and Justin Kadi explained the meanings of home in multi-local everyday life in Finland.

The workshop highlighted several themes; the issue of public space, its transformation and meaning; the development of housing estates, including individual apartments and the importance of users' perception of their living environment.

Future plans and activities

Workshop at ENHR2023 in Lodz (Poland) - Theme: "Urban regeneration: its shines and shadows"

The theme of the workshop, Residential Environments and People, follows from the conference's overall theme – urban regeneration.

Generally, we look forward to contributions addressing the relationship between the housing environment and its users. We are interested in users' experiences with their residential environments; their development and transformation over time; the impact of residential environments built in different historical periods on how people use and appropriate the space. We are interested in people's perception of the environment in different periods of their life.

This year's topic – urban regeneration – opens the space for experiences with already realised urban renewal, whether for the reason of war, environmental catastrophes, or economic forces.

Understanding the relationships between people and their residential environments points to the issue of identity, memory and legibility of the new environment, to name a few.

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.

Social Housing and Globalisation

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Central themes

The overall objective of the working group is to explore and develop concepts for analysing institutional and organisational change and dynamics in affordable housing provision. Government policies, management reforms and rapidly changing social and economic contexts have placed new expectations on social and public landlords. In addition, policies encouraging partnering with the private sector and/or direct private market provision of social/public housing have blurred the lines between public and private housing activities. The processes and outcomes relating to these changes are the main focus for participants in this working group. Several main themes have emerged out of our workshops and international collaborations to date:

- Housing as a system / network
- The dynamics of institutional and organisational transformations
- Governance and regulation of housing
- Partnerships for affordable housing
- Social housing finance.

Activities in 2022

ENHR Barcelona Conference 2022

The Working Group delivered another full workshop programme in Barcelona with 20 contributions. Each workshop session attracted between 15 and 25 participants. The contributions developed and extended our core working group agenda themes and provoked lively discussions and collective insights, as summarised below. Most contributions were presentation-only; 7 papers (35%) included contributions supported by a paper.

Contributions mainly focused on northern, western, and southern Europe. Two international contributions addressed housing challenges in China and Japan, respectively. This year, contributions from eastern Europe, the global south, the US and Australia were not represented.

Our 2022 conference opening session was a sampling of the various themes and topics that fall within the scope of our working group. In subsequent workshop sessions, we clustered the contributions along the following topics:

1. Social housing delivery and governance models across Europe;
2. Housing management strategies – theory and practice;
3. Addressing residualisation and the creation of mixed tenure (pros/cons);
4. The Future of Social Housing: Windows of opportunity.

Emerging themes during the ENHR 2022 Barcelona workshop sessions

Several themes in the domain of social housing can be identified in this year's contributions:

- Stronger focus on housing outcomes
From the contributions to our working group, we see an increased focus on the impact of social housing outcomes on people (for example, the contribution by Eoin Corrigan, Ireland and Izumi Kuroishi, Japan).

A connected development is the comparative exploration of social housing outcomes using multiple perspectives and looking at multiple governance levels (for example the contribution by Johanna Liulus on Vienna and Helsinki)

To conclude, some contributions placed social housing provision in a wider welfare system context. For example, the contribution by Jardar Sørvoll, Norway) on the small ('Brutal') social housing sector in Norway, which is embedded in an overall well-developed social welfare system.

- 2. Institutional developments in social housing

Several contributions highlighted major institutional developments in social housing systems. The restructuring of the Flemish Social housing system leading to the mergers of housing associations and the redistribution of social housing assets to comply with new government regulations (see Sien Winters, Flanders/Belgium). Another institutional development addressed was the increased tenant selection by Swedish municipal housing companies (Martin Grander, Sweden).

- 3. New forms of social housing provision

In our workshop sessions, new forms of housing for vulnerable households were presented. For example, provisional housing solutions in the Basque country (by Iñigo Rodríguez Vidal, Spain), the 'Right to buy' in relation to an emerging business focus among not-for-profit housing providers, (by Manon Le Bon – Vuylsteke, France) and the possibilities of mixed tenure housing (by Lucia Cerrada Morato, UK).

Steffen Wetstein presented twelve principles for new social housing to support 'needs-responsive, synergetic, common good-oriented and shared prosperity-guided housing futures'.

- 4. Increased focus on combining theoretical and methodological perspectives and domains

An emerging theme in our workshop sessions involved contributions that combined various theoretical perspectives and domains. Gerard van Bortel with Herman Vande Putte (The Netherlands) explored possibilities to combine Housing Management theories with Corporate Real Estate Management concepts into a broad Real Estate Management theory. Connected to this, the role of students and student work in research was discussed, and the possibilities to connect education, research and practices.

The interrelations between various domains were explored, such as the connection between public housing and urban regeneration (Constanze Wolfgring, Italy), and public housing and social management (Marco Peverini / Massimo Bricocoli, Italy). Marion Ille-Roussel (France) explored the challenges of an ageing population, the implications for housing for the elderly and social support services in various countries. Nils Hertting and Alex Hellquist (Sweden) discussed the relationship between participatory governance and the right to housing.

Evaluation of the 2022 workshop sessions

Traditionally, we use the concluding session of our working group sessions for evaluation and future collaborative activities. Eight researchers participated in this concluding session.

One of the identified strengths of the working group is the possibility to present work in various stages of development, ranging from research proposals, presentation-only contributions, works-in-progress papers to publication-ready full papers.

The downside of this diversity is that full papers might not get the attention they deserve, because probably only the discussant will have read the paper. Therefore, it was suggested to next year experiment with one or more full paper sessions where all participants are expected to have read the paper. In this proposed format, the author gets 5 minutes to present, leaving more time for discussion. To improve the overall quality of the workshops, it is suggested to draft and distribute presentation guidelines, for example, limiting time explaining national housing contexts because most participants will be aware of these contexts.

Finally, participants suggested amending the Working Group description, adding that the group also focuses on social housing finance.

Future plans and activities

Our working group plans to again organise a full series of workshop sessions during the ENHR 2023 conference in Lodz, Poland. We see a clear connection between the conference theme - "Urban regeneration – shines and shadows" – and the scope of our Working Group. This is reflected in our strong tradition of presenting papers and collaborative publications on the role of social housing providers in the regeneration of vulnerable neighbourhoods, such as edited books and special journal issues. Therefore, we will align our workshop sessions with the ENHR 2023 conference theme as much as possible.

Other -

Southern European Housing

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

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Central themes

The central themes of this Working Group are the following:

- Southern European Housing markets after the financial crisis: learning from the past, thinking of the future: trends and facts, possible policy implications.
- Vulnerability of housing markets and affordability of housing: analysis of consequences (foreclosures, non-performing mortgages, negative equity, homelessness, etc.), risk factors and coping strategies (individual/ familiar versus institutional action – financial sector, government, civil society).
- Public housing policies in times of shrinking welfare states and weak national governments The Future of social housing: will it become increasingly insignificant, or will it play a more important role in affordable housing provision in the future?
- 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, cooperative housing etc.
- 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 housing systems: increasing transaction costs, increasing difficulty of access to mortgages and ownership, higher default rate on mortgage repayments.
- Financialisation of Southern European housing markets: background, consequences, challenges and risks.
 - Housing in former overseas territories: coping with difficult framework conditions.

Activities in 2022

- August 2022: Southern European Housing Workshop at the ENHR 2022 Barcelona Conference, with a total of 7 presentations from Italy, Portugal and Spain. Some of the proceedings will be published in the next volume of "New Developments in Southern European Housing" book series (see 21).
- September 2022: researchers from the Southern European Housing Working Group specializing in the fields of housing, urban development and urban sociology formed part of the scientific committee of the congress (Thorsten Heitkamp) and participated as speakers at the "VI Congreso Internacional ISUF-H. Forma urbana y resiliencia: los desafíos de salud integral y el cambio climático", held in Madrid/Spain, 29.09.-01.10.2022. <https://eventos.upm.es/74475/detail/vi-congreso-internacional-isuf-h-international-seminar-on-urban-form-hispanic-forma-urbana-y-resili>

Future plans and activities

- March 2023: International webinar on “Southern European housing policies in the 2020s: the farewell to residualisation?”. Deadline for abstracts: December 31, 2022. As an outcome of the webinar a book or special issue on Housing Policies in Southern European countries is planned.
- June 2023: Participation of the Southern European Housing Working Group in the ENHR 2023 Conference “Urban regeneration: its shines and shadows” in Lodz/Poland.
- July 2023: Panel on “Politics of Housing – How Can Housing Market Monitoring Systems Inform and Influence Policy for the Benefit of Better Welfare?” (Panel Chair: Thorsten Heitkamp) at the 27th World Congress of Political Science, Buenos Aires/Argentina with participation of members of the Southern European Housing Working Group. <https://wc2023.ipssa.org/wc/home>
- Preparation of new volumes of the “Southern European Housing” book series with Pisa University Press/Italy, which capture perspectives on housing from different disciplinary backgrounds like economics, law, urban sociology, architecture, urban development etc. The publication welcomes contributions on Southern European housing but remains open to comparative research with other European countries. After the publication of the first three volumes in 2017, 2018 and 2019 the publication of the fourth volume is scheduled for 2023.
- 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).
- Increasing the membership base.

Policy implications

Policy implications are expected to be generated especially through national meetings of the Southern European Housing Working Group members. These meeting 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

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Central themes

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

Activities in 2022

Annual conference ENHR 2022

This year we hosted a joint workshop with the WG on Energy Efficiency, Environmental Sustainability, And Housing. 12 papers were presented including from Finland, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Denmark, China, and Australia. Topics included: Sustainability and governance in disadvantaged housing, energy transition in housing and urban regeneration, gender approach to urban development, energy savings in historic buildings, and urban densification in relation to sustainability and carbon neutrality.

Future plans / activities

ENHR 2023 28-30th June 2023: Urban regeneration: shines and shadows.

We will host a workshop at the 2023 conference in Lodz. The conference theme is most relevant to the theme of our working group.

Book chapter (forthcoming)

Winston, N., Pareja-Eastaway, M., Jensen, J.O. (forthcoming 2023) 'Addressing residential energy poverty in the existing housing stock', in. Ekaterina Domorenok, Paolo Graziano & Katharina Zimmermann (eds.) *The Eco-Social Polity? Theoretical, Conceptual And Empirical Issues*. Policy Press.

Policy implications

The working group topic has a major focus on policy as much of the research of its members, and papers presented at the conferences, have important policy implications. For example, in the context of climate change and other environmental, social and economic challenges, its work on various aspects of the sustainable regeneration of housing is important for building resilience in urban neighbourhoods and communities. Several of the working group members are engaged in advising policy makers in their local/national context, including on addressing energy poverty, and housing vulnerable groups.

Welfare Policy, Homelessness, and Social Exclusion (WELPHASE)

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Central theme

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. The 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. The papers usually reflect a considerable thematic diversity, albeit framed by the overarching focus of the Working Group.

Activities in 2022

A WELPHASE workshop ran at the Barcelona conference in September 2022. Eight papers across three sessions were presented. Thematically, these papers covered topics around the views and experiences of homeless people (2 papers), the perspectives of homelessness NGO service providers (2 papers), public attitudes to homelessness (1 paper), perspectives of homelessness policymakers (1 paper), and measurement issues (2 papers). In terms of methods, the papers drew on surveys, focus groups, personal interviews, documentary analysis and database analysis. Presenters came from and/or focused on, diverse national/city-level settings: Japan, Brazil/Spain, Finland, Ireland, Slovenia, Croatia, Norway, and Leuven/Philadelphia/Poland.

Future plans and activities

A WELPHASE workshop is planned for the upcoming conference in Łódź in 2023. The central WELPHASE theme fits well into the 'urban regeneration' theme of the conference – as much homelessness plays out in the context of changing city dynamics.

The 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.

Policy implications

The Working Group has strong links with research focused on social work, policy practice and policy evaluations. Many of workshop participants are practitioners in the field presenting their work for governmental, local governmental or voluntary bodies dealing with homelessness, housing policy and

social exclusion. Homelessness research performed by academics is also of great interest to those who design and implement policy 'on the ground'. Research presented at the Working Group workshops deals both with major issues of nation-wide policies, as well as small-scale practical problems of everyday work of case-managers and the like. The workshop is an excellent example of mutual implications and links between research and policy.

Other

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).

WORKING GROUPS IN PREPARATION

Housing and Young People

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

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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

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- 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 2022

- 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
- First workshop at annual ENHR conference in Barcelona: Fifteen papers dealing with intergenerational dynamics, spatial processes, housing pathways and concepts in countries such as the Netherlands, Italy, Czech Republic, Taiwan, and China were presented in five distinct thematic sessions, each of them attended by about twenty participants who actively contributed to the discussions. The papers addressed different topics related to housing and young people: some highlighted the increasing importance of parental help (gifts, transfers) in structuring youth's future life opportunities and wealth accumulation, while others focused on young people's experiences of the crisis of housing affordability exploring whom youth attribute responsibilities for and current policies implemented to solve these problems (house splits, intergenerational living arrangements, shared housing markets).

The working group coordinators are satisfied with the results of the first edition of the workshop, in terms of both quantity and quality of papers received as well as contents of the discussions.

Future plans and activities

Activities planned for 2023

- ENHR conference in Lodz (Poland): call for abstracts launched.
- Project of Special Issue in the Journal of Urban Affairs, based on the contributions to the ENHR conferences.

Furthermore

- Applications for European funding calls (e.g., COST, Horizon Europe, ESPON)

Other

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Crises, Conflict and Recovery

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

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Central theme

This working group aims to provide a focus on housing systems, homes, and neighbourhoods in the context of war and crises. A network for research exchange and collaboration on the topic of conflict and reconstruction can provide a useful forum in the context of the ongoing war on Ukraine and experience of post war reconstruction in other countries, regions and territories inside or near Europe.

The working group encourages European researchers and policy developers, from a range of disciplines and fields to share information, analyse and debate the process of crises, reform, and recovery. Potential topics include emergency responses such as accommodating displaced persons as well as long term housing and urban reconstruction processes, including a focus on the role of donor agencies and civil society, in housing system reform and the emergence of new forms of housing provision and neighbourhoods. Contributions from both inside and outside Ukraine are encouraged, for example which reflect on post-conflict reconstruction in other regions and eras. The co-ordinators will support the organisation of relevant events and ensure that there is a workshop with a series of sessions at the Poland ENHR conference in 2023, by inviting papers from researchers across Europe to focus on this issue.

Activities in 2022

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Future plans and activities

- Policy review of the housing policy in Ukraine before the full-scale war and during the military conflict published in the peer-review journal.
- Contribution to local expertise to online events, capacity building and university training with a focus on housing reform and recovery.
- Series of thematic workshops (e.g., modes of research and knowledge production in housing during the war; finance and investment instruments for affordable housing and their application in the war and post-war environment; data collection for housing research during the war; housing allowances vs capital investments: European experience and its relevance to Ukraine; land value capture instruments and their implementation in the war and post-war environment).
- Series of informal networking events to discuss current news, ideas, and developments in group participants' areas of interest.
- Series of policy papers discussing the latest developments in the domain of housing policy in Ukraine.
- At least 5 thematic workshops successfully organised.
- At least 5 informal networking events successfully organised.
- At least 3 policy papers prepared and ready for presentation during the ENHR conference 2023.

Policy implications

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Other

Housing and Theory

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Central theme

Develop, discuss and debate the theoretical contribution of ENHR members research. Contributions that progress theoretical and related methodological debates in housing research across the social, cultural, economic and behavioural sciences are welcome. The key criterion for involvement is explicit engagement with theoretical critique and development.

We also invite theoretically informed papers that engage with the theme of each ENHR conference.

Activities in 2022

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Future plans and activities

A workshop at the Poland ENHR conference in 2023 is planned, inviting papers from researchers across Europe to focus on the theoretical aspects related to the theme of this conference (when announced).

The co-ordinators will also support relevant WG events outside the main conference, at various centres of theoretical excellence across Europe and beyond, such as IBF and Glasgow University and potentially in collaboration with the UAA, as part of the ENHR MOU.

The co-ordinators of the working group also encourage the publication of papers, and their promotion through the podcast HousingJournal.

Policy implications

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Other

Over the past five years (2018-2022) the co-ordinators have organised four workshop meetings at each of the main ENHR conferences (in Uppsala, Athens, Nicosia and Barcelona), generating over 50 papers. They have concerned a wide variety of theoretical perspectives: actor network theories, critical realist ontology, land rent theory, housing regimes, capabilities approach, philosophical theories of justice and assemblage theory to name a few.

It is important that community of interest amongst members in theoretical debates in housing studies will be strengthened and retained alongside and in co-operation with other relevant global networks such as RC43, RC21, given ENHR's core networking role within Europe.

The working group is actively supported by the editorial board of the journal Housing Theory and Society, which has mentored and published several of the papers featured in the workshops.