



Activity Report ENHR Working Groups 2024

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INTRODUCTION

This report contains an overview of the activities in 2024 of 20 out of 27 Working Groups. Each WG page also contains the central theme, aims and future plans of the WG. Some WGs also mention policy implications.

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

More information about the undertakings of each Working Group in 2024 and in previous years can be found on the ENHR website (<https://enhr.net/working-groups/>) This 2024 report is to be found at <https://enhr.net/working-groups/annual-report-1/>.

In 2024 the following changes took place:

- Padraic Kenna stepped down as coordinator of WG Housing Law and Mark Jordan joined WG Housing Law as a new member.
- Claire Levy-Vroelant and Christoph Reinprecht both stepped down as coordinator of WG Social Housing and Globalisation. Joris Hoekstra and João Carvalhosa took their place.
- Maja Lorbek stepped down as coordinator of WG Residential Buildings and Architectural Design.
- Arthur Acolin joined WG Disadvantages Urban Neighbourhoods and Communities as a new coordinator.
- Pekka Sagner joined WG Housing Finance as a new coordinator.
- A new WG Gender & Housing (In Preparation) was installed. The coordinators are Lidewij Tummers, Claire Hancock, Saila-Maria Saaristo and Chloé Salembier.

The joint output of 2024 (and also of 2017-2023), when indicated in the individual contributions, is summarized in table 1 below. Plans for 2025, when indicated, are included in table 2.

Table 1 Joint Working Groups output 2017-2024

2024 (20 out of 27 WGs)	
Workshops	18 Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 workshops at the ENHR conference in Delft (of which two in cooperation with another Working Group) • A workshop 'Homeownership, Housing, and Inequality' was organized in Luxembourg (WG Homeownership and Globalisation)
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A volume of edited blogs and papers 'Navigating the Right to Housing: Exploring the complex Landscape of Access, Occupancy and Exit Rights' in the field of housing law (WG Housing Law)
Special issues, papers and book chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special issue of Housing Studies entitled "Housing cooperatives and housing systems: lessons from history". Many articles are now available online (WG Collaborative Housing) • Special issue (02/2024) of Critical Housing Analysis entitled "Facing the Housing Affordability Crisis in Southern Europe: Housing Policies in the Spotlight", (WG Southern European Housing)
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A conference on Housing Law (WG Housing Law)
2023 (23 out of 26 WGs)	
Workshops	23 Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 workshops at the Lodz conference • Workshop at Glasgow University to facilitate Special Issue Critical Housing Analysis (WG Comparative Housing Policy) • Workshop with Finnish ministry on Urban change and housing market developments in Europe (WG Home Ownership and Globalisation) • International webinar on Southern European housing policies in the 2020s: the farewell to residualisation? (WG Southern European Housing)
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routledge Handbook of Housing and Welfare (WG Comparative

	<p>Housing Policy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families, Housing and Property Wealth in a Neoliberal World – Routledge (WG Home Ownership and Globalisation)
Special issues, papers and book chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special issue in Housing Studies (WG Collaborative Housing)
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in the Social Housing Festival, Barcelona (WG Southern European Housing) Panel on 27th World Congress of Political Sciences, Buenos Aires (WG Southern European Housing) Participation to symposium Rebuilding a Place to Call Home (The Hague) (WG Crises, Conflict and Recovery) Contribution to online course Tools for Recovery (WG Crises, Conflict and Recovery) Contribution to online course New European Bauhaus Capacity Building (WG Crises, Conflict and Recovery) Presentation of Rebuilding a Place called Home (WG Crises, Conflict and Recovery) Contribution to international symposium in Lviv: The role of land policy in recovery (WG Crises, Conflict and Recovery)
2022 (25 out of 26 WGs)	
Workshops	<p>24 workshops</p> <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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> '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	-
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	<p>2x projects: MICOLL project (ongoing) and Co-Lab Mapping project (WG Collaborative Housing)</p>
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	Special Issue “Collaborative Housing in Europe: Conceptualising the field” in Housing, Theory and Society (Vol. 37, Issue 1), including contributions from other regular WG participants. (WG Collaborative Housing) 3 Book chapters (WG Housing in Developing Countries) 2 Journal publications (WG Housing in Developing Countries) 2 reports (WG Housing in Developing Countries) 2 conference papers (WG Housing in Developing Countries)
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).
2019 (24 out of 26 WGs)	
Workshops	27 workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19x Athens • 8x elsewhere and in co-operation with other WGs or non-ENHR partners
Books	2 edited books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Partnerships (WG Social Housing and Globalisation) • Third volume of the Southern European Housing book series (WG Southern European Housing)
Special issues, papers and book chapters	2 Special issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing, Theory and Society (WG Collaborative Housing) • Critical Housing Analysis (WG Housing, Migration and Family Dynamics) 2 papers in Housing, Theory and Society (WG Collaborative Housing)
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)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 papers (WG Collaborative housing)

and book chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 book chapter (WG Collaborative housing) • 1 participation in special issue International Journal of Housing Policy (WG Collaborative Housing)
2017 (all 28 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)

Table 2 Indicated plans for 2025

Workshops	19 workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 workshops at the Grand Paris 2025 conference • WG Homeownership and Globalisation will organize an in-person event in Cambridge, UK • Workshop “Housing young people in the affordability-crisis context: a European view on family support, market supply and policy responses” at LISER in Luxembourg (WG Housing and Young People) • Joint workshop with WG Private Rented Markets in Cologne on Housing Policies (WG Housing Finance)
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WG Social Housing and Globalisation is leading a major international collaboration project engaging a number of ENHR scholars: The Encyclopedia of Housing and Home (Elsevier ScienceDirect) will get a second edition • Preparation of new volumes of the book series “Southern European Housing” with Pisa University Press/Italy (WG Southern European Housing)
Special issues, papers and book chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint sessions of WGs Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhoods and Communities and Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing on “The Integration into the Housing Market of Immigrants and their Descendants” for a potential special issue • Special Issue "Housing Models in Ageing Societies" for the International Journal of Housing Policy (WG Housing and Living Conditions)
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 2024

- Special issue on housing cooperatives

Based on activities in the working group, Claire Carriou, Richard Lang and Jardar Sørvoll are editing a special issue of Housing Studies entitled "Housing cooperatives and housing systems: lessons from history". Many articles are now available online.

- Workshop sessions: ENHR annual conference, Delft, 2024

The working group organised eight workshop sessions with some 22 papers at the 2024 ENHR conference in Delft.

Policy implications

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Future plans and activities

Workshop at the Grand Paris ENHR Conference in 2025

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.

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 2024

The group held a workshop at the ENHR conference in Delft. This was a success: we had 16 abstracts submitted of which 14 turned into papers that were presented at the conference.

The WG had previously had a policy of meeting only outside the main conference, but recent experience suggests that it is worthwhile to meet during conferences.

Future plans

We will hold a workshop at the ENHR conference in Grand Paris in 2025. At this session we intend to hold a special session for papers arising from three EU-Horizon projects: HouseInc, EqualHouse and RE-DWELL.

Policy implications

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Other

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Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhoods and Communities

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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, budget cuts and shifts in migration patterns.

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 2024

We organised an active workshop at the annual ENHR conference arranged in Delft, the Netherlands. Our WG had six workshops a majority of which had three presentations (1/2 h per presentation). The workshops had 15 to 25 participants and listeners in the room.

We believe the presentations were all high quality and fit well together. There were many exciting and interesting comments and discussions in the room. Themes that were popular this year were suburban/urban regeneration linked to presentations on ghetto legislation, stigmatisation and gated communities. Moreover, we also had several presentations on gentrification and the built environment. In addition, neighbourhood effects as well as segregation and home ownership vis-à-vis the rental sector, was discussed. Residential mobility and public transport accessibility as well as residential preferences were other themes presented and discussed in the workshop at the Delft ENHR conference.

Future plans and activities

We plan to participate in the annual conference of 2025 in Grand Paris, France. The following text was submitted to the conference web site:

We welcome contributions on the Paris' conference theme 'Affordable housing in greening cities' with emphasise on the affordability aspect. 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, tenure types, and de-concentration policies. Another focus concerns how neighbourhoods and their residents deal with the impacts of macro trends such as welfare state retrenchment, austerity regimes, budget cuts, and shifts in migration patterns.

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We plan to collaborate and gather joint sessions with Rikke Skovgaard Nielsen and Gideon Bolt's WG on Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing on "The Integration into the Housing Market of Immigrants and their Descendants." There is a project to include presentations as part of these joint sessions into a potential special issue on the housing outcomes of immigrants and their descendants across European countries.

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

We are happy to present an additional coordinator of the working group, Arthur Acolin at the Runstad Department of Real Estate, College of Built Environments, University of Washington, US.

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 2024

The EEESH Working Group has been organising ENHR conference tracks since 2013; and has welcomed over the years participants from Europe (including Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Portugal, Spain, Greece, Croatia, Hungary, Albania, Türkiye), the US, Iran, India, China, and Australia.

We organised another successful workshop at the 2024 ENHR conference in Delft, Netherlands, which took place between 26-30 August. Twelve (12) papers were presented in Delft, looking at: energy efficiency renovations programmes across European countries; the municipal energy retrofit of historic buildings; energy poverty and energy coaching in housing renovation; the effects of energy price shocks on housing markets; household attitudes towards energy retrofit; local practices in addressing barriers in the renovation of privately rented housing stock; housing price premium of energy performance certificates; progress on the localisation of SDG11.1 sustainable housing target. The papers were based on studies in Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, Belgium, China, and the UK 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 2025 ENHR conference in Paris, France.

Policy implications

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Other

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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 2024

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Future plans and activities

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Policy implications

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Other

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Home Ownership and Globalisation

www.enhr.net/home-ownership-and-globalisation/

Created in 2005

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Central themes

This working group was originally developed by a group of researchers involved in a number of EU-funded (Framework) projects in the 2000s concerned with the relationships between globalization, homeownership and housing market transformations 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 homeownership. After the Global Financial Crisis, attention shifted to declines in homeownership across European societies as well as emerging social and economic fault lines in housing access and wealth generated from owner-occupied housing. In the 2010s, two EU-funded projects (HOUWEL and HOWCOME), related to welfare systems and structures of social inequality, become more central to the group's agenda.

An increasing concern since then has been growing divides between homeownership and other housing tenures and emerging intergenerational inequalities in housing conditions and pathways. Subsequent projects associated with the group, such as 'Closing the housing gap: a spotlight on intergenerational inequalities', and 'Forging the New Australian Dream in a Post-Homeownership Nation', (funded by the Australian Research Council), have involved comparative research addressing unequal access to homeownership and the longer-term social and economic consequences. The most recent project, 'Transformations in Housing and the Intergenerational Contract in Europe (THICE)', funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, shares many similar themes but with an emphasis on the interaction between families, housing systems, property assets and welfare regimes.

Activities in 2024

In 2024, a workshop, entitled 'Homeownership, Housing, and Inequality' was organized in Luxembourg, in collaboration with Dr. Lindsay Flynn. Presentations focused on the ongoing reconfiguration of access to, as well as development of, homeownership in relation to processes of financialisation, (hyper-commodification, macro-prudential policy, and familialisation. Presentations focused on a wide variety of contexts, including the Netherlands, Spain, England, the Baltic Region, Slovenia, Luxembourg, Canada, India, and China, among others. The open call for papers attracted a wide response from the housing researcher community, underlining the timely focus of the working group.

Future plans and activities

In 2025, the working group will organize an in-person event in Cambridge, UK.

Policy implications

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Other

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Housing and Living Conditions of Ageing Populations

www.enhr.net/housing-and-living-conditions-of-ageing-populations/

Created in 1992

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Central theme

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

Activities in 2024

In 2024 the WG organised a successful workshop at the ENHR conference in Delft, The Netherlands, Aug 27th – 30th. The workshop received about 16 abstracts and subsequently 13 papers were presented in the workshops during the conference. The workshops provided a good forum for discussion. This time participants from Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, Australia, Japan and Taiwan participated. The ageing of the populations across our countries makes the topics of our WG highly relevant and high on the policy agenda.

Future plans and activities

The WG is currently (January 2025) submitting papers for the Special Issue "Housing Models in Ageing Societies" for the International Journal of Housing Policy. It is expected that the Special Issue will be published in 2025, including the contributions of our last WG at the Delft Conference 2024. The WG plans to be present at the ENHR 2025 conference in Grand Paris. Interested participants are encouraged to submit abstracts and papers directly on the conference website and are welcome to contact the coordinators for further information about the participation in the conference as well as the working group.

Policy implications

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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

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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.
- Real estate crowdfunding.
- Short-term rental platforms.
- Proptech.
- Housing digital printing.
- Internet of Things, robots and connected devices in homes.
- 5G Networks in housing.
- Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in the housing sector and housing research.
- Automatic creditworthiness assessments in mortgage lending.
- Interconnected (smart) cities.

Activities in 2024

On August 2024, the Working Group organised a workshop within the general ENHR Conference 'Making Housing System work: evidence and solutions'. On this occasion, 3 papers were accepted that range various topics, such as modernization platforms for sustainable building, analytical tools or automated credit-scoring.

Future plans and activities

The Working Group plans to be present at the ENHR 2025 Conference.

Policy implications

The European Union is committed to regulate and to enhance the digitalization, which may have also an incidence in housing and consumers' protection. Regulation on Markets in Crypto-assets and Regulation on a pilot regime for market infrastructures based on distributed ledger technology have been finally enacted, which may have an impact on housing transactions and investments. The European Court of Justice is consolidating its case law on data protection, which may affect at the personal data that is processed within people's homes. Digital platforms, also those ones devoted to housing, are now subject to the rules of the Digital Services Act 2022. Therefore, the study of housing and new technologies becomes crucial in this context.

Other

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Housing and Young People

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Central theme

In the last two decades, due to the combined effects of the 2008 economic crisis and the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic, the position of young people in relation to housing markets and housing outcomes has progressively worsened (Mackie, 2016). Economic and job uncertainties have further delayed transitions to independent living (Luppi et al., 2021) 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 (FEANTSA and Fondation Abbé Pierre 2021; Housing Europe Observatory 2018; Wilkinson & Ortega-Alcázar, 2019). Youth reliance on temporary job contracts often translates into temporary tenure conditions, less stability and more insecurity (e.g., Hughes, 2013). 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 (Hoolachan et al. 2017; Maalsen 2020), and the housing literature has documented a number of negative implications including residential alienation, low self-esteem and feelings of powerlessness (FEANTSA and Fondation Abbé Pierre 2021). 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 (Hochstenbach & Boterman, 2015, Druta & Ronald, 2017, 2019), situating housing at the core of debates on intergenerational dynamics of social inequality (Forrest & Yip 2013; Manzo et al. 2019). 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. These attempts include support to emerging living concepts addressing young professionals and students' housing needs (Uyttebrouck et al., 2020) as well as innovative programs that allocate housing to young people in exchange for voluntary work for neighbourhood regeneration and community empowerment (Costarelli & Melic, 2021). A better understanding of the effects that the current state of housing for young people has on social inequalities and exclusion as well as the potential of innovative housing solutions to tackle urban problems is of paramount importance to position young people's housing issues at the core of policy agenda on sustainable and equitable development.

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 (including subgroups corresponding to students or young professionals) of emerging market segments aiming to respond to assumed specific needs and lifestyles. We would also explore the instrumental role of the youth in the support and development of such housing solutions.
- Critical analysis of concepts used to describe the housing conditions of youth and the types of accommodation they live in (e.g. Generation rent, Generation share, shared housing, micro-living etc.)
- Intergenerational housing inequalities (comparing housing conditions across generations, examining the role of housing in the intergenerational reproduction of social inequality, accumulation and transmission of housing wealth across generations, and parental housing support in student and young people pathways)
- 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 2024

August 2024: Third workshop at the Delft ENHR conference (20 papers)

Future plans and activities

Forthcoming activities:

- 30th January 2025 - Workshop "Housing young people in the affordability-crisis context: a European view on family support, market supply and policy responses" organised at LISER in Luxembourg: <https://www.liser.lu/?type=module&id=99&tmp=3211>
- June/July 2025: Workshop at the Grand Paris ENHR conference, including a joint session with the WG Family Dynamics.

Policy implications

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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 2024

In 2024, the working group organised a joint workshop with Private Rental Markets at the ENHR conference 2024 in Delft. The exchange of ideas between the two working group was very fruitful and inspiring, so that future collaborations are planned. The Working Group will also 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 Paris (annual ENHR conference) in July 2025. Also, we intend to run another joint workshop with Private Rented Markets in Cologne on Housing Policies. Details will follow.

Policy implications

The higher interest rates compared to the 2010s represent a major challenge for the housing market. After all, higher interest rates are having a negative impact on both construction activity and access to home ownership. The working group will regularly write articles on these topics and encourage cooperation. Other areas of research include the reform of financial regulations, the importance of financial investors and the design of state subsidy systems.

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.

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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 2024

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Future plans and activities

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Policy implications

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 2024

A conference on Housing Law was organised by Michel Vols and his EVICT-team in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in January 2024. Over thirty housing law researchers from various (European) countries attended and there were twenty presentations. A keynote speech was delivered by Prof. Dr. Malcolm Langford (University of Oslo, Norway) and many members of the Housing Law working group participated and presented their research.

In May 2024, a volume of edited blogs and papers was released by Michelle Bruijn and Stefan van Tongeren, entitled 'Navigating the Right to Housing: Exploring the complex Landscape of Access, Occupancy and Exit Rights'. This is the fifth volume in a series of monographs and edited collections in the field of housing law (*Studies in Housing Law*). Several researchers affiliated with the ENHR Housing Law working group contributed to this volume.

The Housing Law working group met at the main ENHR conference in Delft in August 2024. Eleven papers were presented by researchers from eight European countries and the US. We look back at a fruitful exchange of research (ideas) and lively discussions.

Future plans and activities

The next working group seminar will take place at the annual ENHR conference in Paris in 2025. Five sessions are being organised to accommodate seventeen presentations, with contributions from fourteen European countries, Australia and Israel. We look forward to 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

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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.

We endeavour to run at least one event per year. Typically this involves a strand of paper discussion sessions at the ENHR Annual Conference (where we have been present in most years since 2015) and/or a standalone virtual or physical workshop.

Activities and outputs in 2024

In 2024 the Working Group organized a strand of workshop sessions during the ENHR Annual Conference in Delft, the Netherlands. A total of 9 papers were presented and discussed in depth over the course of two days. Attendance at the workshops was excellent with between 20 and 35 experts from Europe and beyond attending and contributing to the discussions. We attribute this uptick in engagement to (i) a well-attended ENHR conference and (ii) our more proactive approach in circulating papers and assigning discussants well in advance. We also ran more sessions with fewer papers in each one, which opened up greater space for detailed and constructive discussion. We plan to retain this model of Working Group sessions going forward.

Future plans

We plan to organize a workshop session during the ENHR General Conference in Paris in 2025. We have been engaging with the Young Adults' Housing Working Group and will be co-convening at least one strand of sessions with them in Paris. A themed workshop or seminar (outside the main ENHR conference) oriented towards producing an edited book/journal special issue is also being considered.

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.
- 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, 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.

Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing

www.enhr.net/minority-ethnic-groups-and-housing/

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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 2024

We attended the ENHR 2024 conference in Delft. We hosted three sessions with a total of ten papers and presentations, covering a range of pertinent and interesting research themes in relation to the housing of minority ethnic groups, segregation and life in multicultural neighbourhoods.

Future plans and activities

We plan to host sessions at the ENHR conference in Paris in 2025 under the theme: Making Homes throughout Europe: The Integration into the Housing Market of Immigrants and their Descendants. This will be joint sessions between Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing and Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhoods and Communities.

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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Central theme

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 2024

The ENHR Working Group 'Policy and Research' main activity was to organise a workgroup session in the ENHR Annual Conference 'Making Housing systems work: evidence and solutions' in Delft, the Netherlands. The WG organised four working group sessions with eleven papers and special presentation about the European Housing Policy Network. The papers and presenters were the following (in alphabetical order by first authors last name):

Branislav Antonic and Vladimir Lojanica, University of Belgrade, Serbia: Housing Boom and/or Bust: The Upsurge of New Multi-Family Housing in Serbian Shrinking Cities; Glen Bramley, Heriot-Watt University, UK: Affordability indicators fit for purposes: revisiting norms in UK from adverse outcomes perspective; Massimo Bricocoli, Marco Peverini and Lorenzo Caresana, Politecnico di Milano, Italy: If the attractive city is increasingly unaffordable. Evidence from the housing market in Milan; Valérie Défago, Université de Neuchâtel, Switzerland: Cooperative Housing as a Silent Public Housing Policy to Answer a Loudy Crisis; Martijn Eskinasi, Ministry of Housing and Planning and Marko Marskamp, AT Osborne, the Netherlands: Turning tides – Recent paradigm changes in Dutch housing policy; Magdalena Gorczynska-Angiulli, Véronique Van Acker and Corentin Bouyer, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research: Housing satisfaction of beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries of affordable housing; Jesper Ole Jensen, Aalborg University: Change of second home usage during Corona – a potential for a revival of rural peripheral regions?; Gerald Koessl, Austrian Federation of Limited-Profit Housing Associations and Dara Turnbull, Housing Europe: Financing affordable housing in Austria between 1990 and 2023: a critical policy analysis; Vojtech Kuna, Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic: Crafting Comprehensive Housing Affordability Indicators for Policy Enhancement in the Czech Republic; Veronika Marianovská, Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic: Foundations for Informed Rental Housing Policy in Czechia: A Comprehensive Analysis of Data Sources; Reetta Marttinen, City of Helsinki/University of Vaasa, Finland: From Unreachable Oases to Undesirable Deserts. We also got a special presentation about the European Housing Policy Network: Martijn Eskinasi, Ministry of Housing and Planning, the Netherlands and Martijn Pluim, European Institute of Public Administration, the Netherlands/Luxemburg: Introducing the European Housing Policy Network.

The WG also participated in generating the future ENHR collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Planning of the Netherlands.

Future plans and activities

WG Policy and Research has a plan to have workgroup paper sessions in the ENHR Conference in Grand Paris, France, and possibly an online workshop in autumn 2025. The WG is also participating in strengthening and supporting the future ENHR collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Planning

of the Netherlands and planning a special session to the ENHR Annual Conference 2025.

Policy implications

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Other

Should you wish to have more information about any of the above activities and/or collaborate with this working group, please contact Jaana Nevalainen or Steffen Wetzstein.

Private Rented Markets (No report received)

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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 2024

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Future plans and activities

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Other

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Residential Buildings and Architectural Design (No report received)

www.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 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 and 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 2024

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Future plans and activities

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Other

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Residential Context of Health

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Central theme

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, including mental and social as well as physical functioning and well-being..

Activities in 2024

The WG held the latest in its long series of workshops at the annual conference held in Delft, the Netherlands. Participants discussed nine papers, all of which were submitted for reading in advance of the workshop. The authors represented institutions in eight different countries (Canada, France, Hong Kong, South Korea, 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

The WG plans to convene its next workshop at the conference planned for Paris in 2025.

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

The WG coordinators have worked hard to ensure the successful application of a discussion-intensive workshop format in all of its workshops. With that format, each author has had ca. 10 minutes to introduce the paper, distributed to registered workshop participants in advance of the conference. An assigned discussant has then delivered comments for ca. 10 minutes. Finally, the floor has been opened to all participants for an additional 20 minutes or so for further discussion of the paper. Workshop attendees have typically given positive evaluations of the format and recommended its use as well in future workshops. We acknowledge that our ability to continue with this format has depended on the modest number of submissions each year and the willingness of the local organizers to support our efforts.

Attendance at the workshops convened by the WG has varied over the years, from a handful in Cardiff and Lillehammer to over 20 in Gävle and Vienna. Attendance at different workshop sessions at one and the same conference has shown similar variation. Participation in the most recent workshop, in Delft, was close to average, with ca. 10-15 people attending most of the five sessions. The majority of participants who gave papers attended most of the five sessions, and most of the sessions had one or more non-presenters.

Residential Environment and People (No report received)

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Central theme

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

Activities in 2024

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Future plans / activities

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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 WG experienced a change in leadership in 2024. Claire Levy-Vroelant and Christoph Reinprecht both stepped down and Joris Hoekstra and João Carvalhosa took their place. It has refined its thematic focus with a strong link on comparative policy, practice and housing innovation.

Activities in 2024

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Future plans and activities

We are organising a workshop at the ENHR 2025 conference.

The WG is leading a major international collaboration project engaging a number of ENHR scholars: The Encyclopedia of Housing and Home will get a second edition. Following the success of the first edition of the Encyclopedia of Housing and Home (Elsevier ScienceDirect, 2012), a comprehensive major reference work that brings together cutting-edge scholarship on housing in its many dimensions will get a second edition. This new edition will include over 700 articles and it will feature revisions of existing entries alongside a wealth of new contributions reflecting the latest research and developments in the field. The editors have started work on revising entries, adding new ones, deleting some others.

This second edition will be led by Sasha Tsenkova as Editor-in-Chief, working with a team of seven section editors: Marja Elsinga (TU Delft), Susan Wachter (University of Pennsylvania), Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway (University of Barcelona), Katrin B. Anacker (George Mason University), Rebecca Bentley (University of Melbourne), Marietta Haffner (TU Delft), and Arthur Acolin (University of Washington), several of whom are affiliated with ENHR.

The Encyclopedia of Housing and Home has been a key resource for housing scholars and practitioners worldwide. ENHR members, and particularly Working Group coordinators, will be invited to contribute to this landmark publication, ensuring it remains at the forefront of housing research.

Policy implications

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Other

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Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance

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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.
- Social housing management
- Socio-ecological dimension of social housing

Activities in 2024

ENHR Delft, Netherland Conference 2024

The Working Group organized four workshop sessions in Delft, with 22 contributions. Each workshop session attracted around 20 participants. The contributions developed and extended our core working group themes and provoked lively discussions and collective insights. Half of all the contributions were presentation-only; 12 contributions were supported by a paper.

Europe was well represented with two contributions from Italy, one from Sweden, Austria, Netherlands, Poland, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ireland, Belgium, UK. Contributors from the rest of the world included China, Chile, United States, South Korea.

Our 2024 conference workshop opening session contained 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:

- Sampling workshop, various themes;
- Financing Social housing;
- Innovations in affordable housing provision;
- Actors of Social Housing
- Social housing and spatial challenges;
- Social housing governance challenges.
- Public housing providers.

Evaluation of the 2024 workshop sessions

2024 confirmed high interest and participation in our WG.

Following lessons learned from previous years, we advised participants before the start of the conference to the time spent on explaining national housing contexts to explain them because most participants will be aware of these contexts.

This year we did not have an evaluation session. Considering the two contributions received regarding Socio-ecological dimensions of social housing, we include this as an emerging topic of the WG (also considering the topic of the upcoming conference).

Future plans and activities

ENHR Conference 2025 in Paris, France

Our working group plans to organise a full series of workshop sessions during the ENHR 2024 conference in Delft, the Netherlands. We see the conference theme - "Affordable housing in greening cities" – as a challenging one, but as a promising one for expanding the scope of our Working Group to one of the most important of our time. We will, therefore, try to align our workshop sessions with the ENHR 2025 conference theme as much as possible.

Policy implications

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Other

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Southern European Housing

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Central themes

The Working Group will focus on the following topics:

- Housing market paths after the financial crisis - learning from the past, thinking about the future: trends and facts, possible policy implications
- Vulnerability of housing markets and housing affordability: coping with the consequences (foreclosures, non-performing mortgages, negative equity, homelessness, etc.), risk factors/groups and coping strategies (individual/family versus institutional action - financial sector, government action, civil society movements).
- Public housing policy in times of shrinking welfare states and weak national governments
- The future of social housing: towards marginalisation or a more important role in the provision of affordable housing?
- Post-boom real estate sector (lessons learned: dealing with the overhang, new construction versus investment in existing stock, territorial impact, etc.)
- New tenure practices and perceptions: home ownership and the new role of renting, co-operative housing, etc.
- Legislative regulation: corrective/preventive function
- Examination of Southern European housing models and residential architecture in a global context: what are their specificities in terms of competitiveness?
- Mobility, residential trajectories, and territorial dynamics: emerging patterns and regional specificities
- Financial stress in housing systems: access to mortgage credit and home ownership, borrowers with repayment difficulties
- Financialisation of housing markets in Southern Europe: outcomes, challenges and risks
- Housing in former overseas territories: coping with a difficult environment

Activities in 2024

- August 2024: Participation of the Southern European Housing Working Group in the ENHR 2024 Conference "Making Housing Systems work: Evidence and solutions" in Delft/The Netherlands.
- December 2024: Special issue (02/2024) of Critical Housing Analysis entitled "Facing the Housing Affordability Crisis in Southern Europe: Housing Policies in the Spotlight", edited by the co-coordinators of the Southern European Housing Working Group. <https://www.housing-critical.com/special-issues/?specialIssue=Facing%20the%20Housing%20Affordability%20Crisis%20in%20Southern%20Europe:%20Housing%20Policies%20in%20the%20Spotlight>
The special issue is a product of the SEG WG International webinar on "Southern European housing policies in the 2020s: the farewell to residualisation?", held in March 2023..

Future activities

- Preparation of new volumes of the book series "Southern European Housing" with Pisa University Press/Italy, bringing together perspectives on housing from different disciplinary backgrounds such as economics, law, urban sociology, architecture, urban development etc. The publication welcomes contributions on housing in Southern Europe but remains open to comparative research with other European countries.
- National Working Group meetings (to be determined)
- Coordination group meetings (by Skype/Zoom)
- Regular survey on the most important research results and publications of the members of the Working Group. Publication in the ENHR newsletter (if relevant).
- Erasmus agreements as a prerequisite for the exchange of personnel for research / teaching purposes
- Joint comparative research projects to be proposed until the end of 2024
- Increasing the membership base (particularly in Southeast European countries like Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Romania)

Policy implications

Policy implications are expected to be generated mainly through national meetings of the members of the Southern European Housing Working Group. These meetings will aim at a controversial exchange of research results, future housing policies and programmes, as well as discussions on the interaction of housing with urban development, land use, demographic change, etc. Relevant housing stakeholders will be invited to these national meetings.

However, it is too early to talk about the housing policy implications of the work of the Working Group. This is partly due to the limited attention paid to housing issues in Southern Europe by researchers.

The launch of special issues in housing journals and the new book series "Housing in Southern Europe" aims to fill this gap. Nevertheless, the coordinated cooperation of housing experts working in all areas of housing has led to an increased awareness of the difficult housing situation of parts of the population in Southern European countries. As mentioned above, future findings can be partially incorporated into policy-making processes. However, this will require detailed prior 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 (No report received)

www.enhr.net/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 2024

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Future plans and activities

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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)

www.enhr.net/welfare-policy-homelessness-and-social-exclusion-welphase/

Created in 2003 (First workshop held in 2004)

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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 2024

A WELPHASE workshop ran at the Delft conference in August 2024. 11 papers across five sessions were presented. Thematically, these papers covered topics around the views and experiences of homeless people (2 papers), public attitudes and social policies to homelessness (5 papers), and housing and social policies concerning with homelessness (4 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, Ireland, Sweden, Finland, Netherland, UK, and USA.

Future plans and activities

A WELPHASE workshop is planned for the upcoming conference in Paris in 2025. The central WELPHASE theme fits well into the 'Affordable Housing' 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

Crises, Conflict and Recovery (No report received)

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Created in 2022

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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.

Activities in 2024

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Future plans and activities

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Policy implications

- Contribution to the development of the Ukraine Plan (housing section).
- Contribution to the development of the Law on Basics of Housing principles (Ukraine) (under development).
- Development of the section of housing policy in the Building Code of Ukraine (under development).

Other

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Housing and Theory

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Central theme

As before, the one central theme of the working group is to provide a platform for theoretical discussion and development in housing studies with wide-ranging disciplinary coverage. Our goal is to create a loose network of housing researchers interested in theory development. Very few of these researchers have their main focus on theory, most do work on some empirical field of research.

Activities in 2024

The working group arranged a Housing and Theory workshop at the ENHR Delft conference in the summer of 2024, chaired by Hannu Ruonavaara and Chris Foye. Twelve papers from researchers from Europe, the US, Japan and China were presented to and discussed by a receptive audience. As before, discussions were lively, learned and amiable.

Future plans and activities

A workshop at the Paris ENHR conference in 2025 has been planned, inviting papers from researchers across Europe and elsewhere to focus on the theoretical aspects related to the theme of this conference. This time the name of the workshop is Housing, Theory and Society to put the focus on social scientific theorizing concerning housing issues.

The coordinators will also support relevant WG events outside the main conference, at various centers 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 Memorandum of Understanding..

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

Policy implications

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Other

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. The journal editorial board has in the past discussed the option of arranging a theory workshop targeted to early career researchers outside the conference. This initiative will be taken up in the coming editorial board meeting.

Gender and Housing

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Central theme

The Working Group research themes are:

- gendered urban inequalities
- housing and intersectionality: how social relations of sex, race, class, disability and sexual orientation influence housing needs and housing situations
- discrimination based on social profile in access to housing
- gender and homelessness
- gendered violence and housing: what kind of impacts do gendered forms of violence have on access to housing, housing needs, and homelessness?
- public housing policies: what kind of specific attention do marginalised or vulnerable groups need when housing policies are being designed?
- the impact of social relations on residential paths and residential mobility
- housing innovation by marginalised or vulnerable groups (forced co-housing or participatory housing, self-management, occupation without permission)
- political dimension of housing in gendered struggles
- empowerment or resilience in contexts of homelessness or housing exclusion
- gendered aspects of housing production and the architecture and urban planning professions
- housing research using feminist methodologies and epistemologies
- methodological and epistemological implications of gender studies for housing studies.

Working Group motivations

Over the last few decades in Europe, issues related to gender inequalities have been largely invisible in Housing Studies, and similarly, Gender Studies still fails to integrate housing-related issues (built environment, public housing policies, city production professions). ENHR's interdisciplinary "Gender & Housing" WG aims to remedy these shortcomings by bringing together researchers involved in Housing Studies working with feminist methodologies and epistemologies, and/or who carry out empirical work on minority groups or communities (women, LGBTQIA+, migrants, etc.). In the 70s, the second feminist wave chanted the slogan "the private is political". Demands concerning women's mental burden, work life balance, domestic violence and reproductive rights emerged throughout Europe and the USA. Anglo-Saxon feminist geographers are taking up these issues, producing research that combines gender and housing issues. Does space produce or reproduce gender inequalities? How are spaces occupied and appropriated by members of the same household? How do social roles impact on how spaces are used?

In recent years, the media's focus on feminist housing issues such as mental workload, work-life balance, the feminisation of poverty and domestic violence, has led to a renewed interest in analysing housing from a feminist perspective. The confinement associated with covid-19 has confirmed this trend and the urgency of analysing domestic space from a feminist perspective. The Housing & Gender WG intends to reconnect with overarching ENHR issues such as spatial justice, equity, inclusivity and socio-cultural diversity.

Activities in 2024

- Administrative steps to bring the “Gender & Housing” Working Group within ENHR.
- 4 x 2 conferences to present the work of researchers involved in the WG.
- Monthly meeting of members to create collaborative knowledge-sharing tools: bibliography, references, etc.
- Working group to draft a review article on gender and housing in Europe.
- In line with the ENHR program:
- Spring: launch of the call for papers for the “Gender and Housing” session in Delft.
- Summer: selection of abstracts and organization of workshops for the ENHR in Delft.
- Summer: Proposal of a keynote speaker for ENHR Paris in 2025.
- Debriefing on the symposium and program for 2024-2025.

Future plans and activities

- Monthly meeting of Gender Housing working group members.
- Organization of online conferences for working group members.
- Working group to write a review on gender and housing in Europe, publication and editorial research.
- Working group to write Europe-wide comparative papers on dedicated themes.
- In line with the ENHR program:
- Winter: launch of the call for papers for the “Gender and Housing” session in Paris.
- Spring: selection of abstracts and organization of workshops for ENHR in Paris.

Policy implications

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Other

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