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Adaptive Reuse for Affordable Housing- Prospects, Pitfalls and Policy Implications

The European Network for Housing Research is holding a series of webinars and conference events to critically discuss key challenges within the [European Affordable Housing Plan \(EAHP\)](#), and to contribute to its knowledge-exchange objectives. Content will be developed in collaboration with ENHR's [Housing Advisory Board](#) representatives, policy partners, and members. We welcome your participation and suggestions for further topics and speakers.

This session focuses on Adaptive Reuse for Affordable Housing- Prospects, Pitfalls and Policy Implications: With rising construction costs, limited development sites, and an increasing number of offices, schools, and other buildings left underused, the adaptive reuse of non-residential buildings offers promise for affordable housing supply in both high-pressure urban markets and small towns and villages. This webinar brings together ENHR members to explore the prospects, pitfalls, and policy implications of scaling up the transformation of non-residential buildings to housing, as envisioned within the European Affordable Housing Plan (EAHP). As well as sharing good practices, speakers will address design challenges, regulatory barriers, cost risks, and questions of housing quality, neighbourhood suitability, and tenure security. Join our discussion, bring your comments, and share your research recommendations.

Provisional agenda:

- *Introductory comments and update on ENHR events around the European Affordable Housing Plan:* ENHR Chair, ENHR Housing Advisory Board representatives.
- *Planning deregulation and housing commodification: how office-to-residential conversion in London exacerbates housing precarity and inequalities:* Nicolas Del Canto, University of Liverpool (ENHR Bengt Turner Award finalist).
- *Affordable and sustainable housing via adaptive reuse: design implications for transformation projects and future newbuild:* ENHR focus group: Architecture of Housing & Its Lived Spaces: Gérald Ledent, (UCLouvain, LOCI+LAB), Anne Kockelkorn (Ghent University), Marie Stender & Lene Wiell Nordberg (Aalborg Uni.) (speaker TBC).
- Short commentaries and discussion.

Registration is free of charge. Link to the webinar:

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