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Invitation

International Hybrid Workshop

Emotions, Youth and Housing Governance in the V4 Region and Beyond: Comparative Findings, Dialogue and Future Directions

23–24 November 2026 | 9:30–14:30 CET

Charles University, Faculty of Humanities, Prague, Czechia — with online participation available

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/Q7EYgJ4b5HzyMhkp7>

We are pleased to invite researchers, doctoral candidates, students, civil society representatives, policy actors, and practitioners to an international hybrid workshop on **youth housing, emotional dimensions of policy, and inclusive housing governance in the Visegrad region**.

The workshop will bring together participants from **Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia**, alongside international colleagues, to critically engage with findings from four national case studies. Through cross-country dialogue, participants will compare national perspectives, identify shared challenges and context-specific differences, and explore possible responses to pressing housing-related issues affecting young people.

The event forms part of a wider comparative research initiative focused on strengthening the understanding of how housing governance can become more inclusive and emotionally responsive across the V4 region. It will create a space to validate and refine comparative findings, develop policy-relevant reflections, and support sustained transnational cooperation among emerging and established scholars, civil-society organisations and other relevant actors.

We particularly encourage participation from:

- Researchers and academic staff working in social policy, housing studies, youth studies, public policy, sociology, geography, urban studies, psychology, social work, political science, human rights, or related fields

- Doctoral candidates, early-career researchers and university students interested in comparative research, housing, youth, social policy or emotional dimensions of public policy
- Representatives of civil-society organisations, NGOs and community-based initiatives working on housing, homelessness, social inclusion, youth support, mental health, poverty reduction or human rights
- Housing practitioners, social workers, youth workers, municipal and local government representatives, and public-service providers
- International experts and stakeholders interested in cross-national research collaboration, knowledge exchange and future European research initiatives

Participation is possible **in person in Prague or online**. We welcome participants from all V4 countries and beyond.

The workshop **aims** to:

- Present and discuss comparative findings from national case studies in Poland, Czechia, Hungary and Slovakia
- Facilitate cross-national exchange on youth housing contexts, challenges and policy responses
- Explore the emotional dimensions of housing experiences and housing-related policy
- Offer an interactive training session on comparative case-study analysis and emotions in policy research
- Bring academic, civil-society and practitioner perspectives into dialogue
- Identify shared research gaps, potential policy implications and opportunities for future cooperation
- Contribute to the preparation of a comparative report and an open-access typology
- Support discussion of future joint research, including possible collaboration towards a Horizon Europe application

Programme

Day 1 — Monday, 23 November 2026

Time	Session
09:30-10:00	Registration, coffee and networking
10:00-12:00	National case-study presentations: Poland, Czechia, Hungary and Slovakia. Presentations by the research team, followed by short Q&A sessions with the audience
12:00-13:00	Lunch break
13:00-14:20	Interactive training session: Case-study analysis and emotional dimensions of policy. Led by researchers from Czechia and Slovakia, with active student engagement
14:20-14:30	Discussion and closing reflections

The training session will introduce comparative case-study methodology and invite participants to collaborate on the national case-study material. Participants will explore emotional aspects of housing-related experiences and policy, identify key actors and emotions, discuss notable findings and questions, and compare common themes and differences across the four national contexts.

Depending on the number and mode of student and other attendee participation, participants may work in country-focused groups supported by members of the research team. Group reflections will address issues such as insecurity, stress, hope and other emotions connected to young people's housing situations, as well as the institutional and social conditions that shape these experiences.

Day 2 — Tuesday, 24 November 2026

Time	Session
09:30-10:00	Registration, coffee and networking
10:00-12:00	Moderated thematic discussion: National contexts, shared challenges and responses in youth housing
12:00-13:00	Lunch break
13:00-14:00	Future research dialogue: Connecting social policy, emotions, young people and housing
14:00-14:30	Plenary session: Conclusions, next steps and opportunities for cooperation

Day two will bring together researchers, international experts, representatives of NGOs and civil society, practitioners and other stakeholders participating both on site and online. The moderated discussions will focus on national contexts, comparative challenges in youth housing, and the possibilities for stronger exchange between research and practice.

The final session will consider future directions for research at the intersection of social policy, emotions, youth and housing. Participants will be invited to identify research gaps, collaborative opportunities and possible next steps towards future international cooperation, including a joint Horizon Europe application.

Practical information

- **Format:** Hybrid — in-person participation in Prague and online participation via a link shared with registered participants
- **Dates:** 23–24 November 2026
- **Time:** 09:30–14:30 CET on both days
- **Venue:** Charles University, Faculty of Humanities, Prague, Czechia
- **Working language:** English
- **Registration:** <https://forms.gle/3Jx2P7iRYo6SGRHaA>
- **Participation fee:** Free of charge
- **Workshop output:** Key points and conclusions will be documented in a concise workshop report and circulated among participants.

We look forward to welcoming you to Prague or online for two days of comparative learning, dialogue and collaboration on inclusive and emotionally responsive housing governance in the V4 region.

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Charles University, Faculty of Humanities, is not in a position to finance travel or accommodation costs.