



Housing Europe in action. Highlights March-June 2014

Summary of activities

- **Response to the consultation on energy efficiency and participation to the European Commission expert meeting on energy efficiency → advocating the financial challenge for and needs of affordable housing providers**
- **Meeting with Commissioner in charge of Consumers protection → input on discussion about energy consumers empowerment (DG SANCON) and mortgage legislation**
- **Common work with Finance Watch on financial issues (Joint conference on November 5th) to make an input on the EC initiative on long-term investment and European economic governance debate**
- **Preparation of project proposals under Horizon2020 both together with our members and with key allies at the EU level (mostly energy efficiency projects but also on more macro issues like the European economic governance)**
- **Implementation of existing projects on CSR (EHRIN) and training for social housing staff on meeting the housing needs of vulnerable groups (ELOSH)**



The EU policies and Housing Europe. The road ahead

The general context

“Mass youth unemployment, anaemic growth, an ageing and shrinking population, unsustainable welfare systems, inability to develop coherent immigration policies, austerity everywhere, anti-system, anti-Europe radicals on the far right and the hard left hammering on the doors. Everyone knows the EU has to change or wither” . The Observer, 29th June 2014

“Long-term unemployment is still increasing and the situation of households with low incomes has not improved”. “Severe material deprivation, which indicates a lack of resources to sustain a living standard, has increased since 2010, affecting 9.9% of the EU population in 2012”. The EU quarterly review on social situation and employment, 30th June 2014

“The May 2014 European elections open a new legislative cycle. This moment of political renewal comes precisely as our countries emerge from years of economic crisis and as public disenchantment with politics has grown. It is the right time to set out what we want the Union to focus on and how we want it to function”. The European Council, 27th June 2014

A new political agenda?

- **For the European Council (heads of States and Governments):**
 - addressing overdue investment needs in energy efficiency, innovation and research, skills, education and innovation; by making full use of EU structural funds; by mobilising the right mix of private and public funding and facilitating long-term investments; by using and developing financial instruments, such as those of the European Investment Bank, in particular for long-term projects; by providing the right regulatory framework for long-term investments
 - investing into human capital and the social fabric
 - Affordable energy for companies and citizens
- **How will this translate into concrete action? The role of Housing Europe Committees will be to influence/improve EU measures**
- **From the EU presidencies programme (Italy, Latvia, Luxemburg) ...**

Energy and Construction Committee



- **Review of the implementation of the EED and EPBD and potential new initiatives of the EC**
- **Implementation of the recommendations of the High level forum on construction**
- **Ad hoc group on asbestos**



Social Affairs Committee



- **Commission initiatives to prevent and tackle homelessness**
- **work on the proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation**
- **review exercise of the Europe 2020 strategy**



Urban Committee



- **Contribution to the development of an EU Urban agenda**
- **Monitoring of the use of Structural Funds in general**
- **Integrated sustainable urban development and how to use European programmes and funds to support it**
- **Integrated territorial investment (ITI) and bottom-up approaches (CLLD)**
- **The new URBACT programme**



Economic Governance Committee



- **mid-term review of the EU 2020 Strategy to be completed by spring 2015**
- **implementation of measures to restore normal lending to the economy, in particular to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), including through the European Investment Bank (EIB) and through the European Investment Fund (EIF) following its capital increase in 2014.**
- **Long-Term Financing of the European Economy**
- **Promoting the diversification of the EU financial system (financing of the economy)**
- **works to improve the common system of VAT**
- **Monitoring of state aid issues (ECJ) and potential proposal for a change**
- **Exchange on public procurement**



European Social Housing Observatory



- **Ongoing OECD work on social policies for housing – early input and possibility to further feedbacks**
- **forth-coming Green paper on Science after 2020 could serve as important catalyst fostering prioritisation and better understanding of the scope and importance of global challenges.**

European Funding



Structural Funds, H2020, EaSI, ERASMUS +, LIFE +

Visit our webpage on EU Funds at www.housingeurope.eu

A screenshot of the CECODHAS HOUSING EUROPE website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: POLICY & ACTIONS, RESOURCES & ARTICLES, EUROPEAN FUNDING, OUR PROJECTS, EVENTS, and OUR MEMBERS. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text: "European Funding Essential information for EU funds. A guide through Open Calls for funding opportunities. Special focus on the Structural Funds 2014-2020." and a binoculars icon. Below the banner, there are six tiles for different EU funding programs: Structural Funds (Cohesion Policy 2014-2020), AALJP (Ambient Assisted Living Programme), EaSI (EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation), ERASMUS + (Skills, Employability, Education, Training & Youth Work), LIFE +, and HORIZON 2020.

European Projects



Housing Europe involvement in Horizon 2020

Project Acronym	Call / Topic	Project Leader	Short Description	Federations / Social Housing Companies Involved	Main Tasks for CECODHAS	Budget for CECODHAS (Requested Grant)
<u>BeHave Green</u>	H2020-EE-2014-3-MarketUptake EE 10 – 2014/2015: Consumer engagement for sustainable energy	EURHONET	Educating tenants on the adoption of energy saving behaviours in everyday life as well as Housing Companies engineers and staff.	EURHONET AVS WMSV BL Finabita ATER Treviso <u>Uppsala</u> <u>Örebro</u> Bolton at Home	Dissemination Policy Recommendations	120.000 €
<u>Bridge the Gap</u>	H2020-EE-2014-3-MarketUptake EE 5 – 2014/2015: Increasing energy performance of existing buildings through process and organisation innovations and creating a market for deep renovation	<u>EuroACE</u>	Analysis of MS Renovation Maps (art. 4 EED) in order to bridge the gap by increasing the rate and depth of renovations and increase financing (both public and private) by creating the right enabling conditions in the market.	none	Dissemination Policy Recommendations	81.159 €
<u>EarlyNZE</u>	H2020-EE-2014-3-MarketUptake EE 5 – 2014/2015: Increasing energy performance of existing buildings through process and organisation innovations and creating a market for deep renovation	e7	Bring building owners to the decision for renovating buildings and support them in the cost-benefit assessment by defining energy efficiency standards for the renovation	none	Dissemination	Subcontractor for 15.000 €

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