



European Economic and Social Committee

Housing Europe – The European Federation for Public, Cooperative and Social Housing

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The European Economic and Social Committee

invites you to the launch of

“THE STATE OF HOUSING IN THE EU 2015” REPORT

on the 5th of May 2015, 14:30 – 17:30

at

the Jacques Delors Building, Rue Belliard 99, 1040 Brussels, 6th floor, room JDE 63

Access to decent and affordable housing is a fundamental right, recognized at the international level and in more than one hundred national constitutions. The Charter of fundamental rights of the EU includes the right to social and housing assistance (Article 34).

The global economic and financial crisis of 2008 made European policy makers aware of the key role housing must play to achieve a stable economy and social cohesion. This resulted in a number of initiatives at European level as - greater support to housing by the European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020; - the recognition of housing as important area of social investment for the EU; - increased attention to the stability of national housing markets and policies in the European economic governance process; - the call by the European Parliament for an EU action framework for social housing; - the extension of the notification-exemption of state aid rules regarding Services of General Economic Interest such as social housing and most recently - the Juncker Plan shows the potential to act as catalyst for the financing of social housing and associated investment in Community development.

Following our “Housing Europe Review of 2012”, the team of researchers of our European housing observatory presents “The State of Housing in the EU 2015” report.

This updated publication is the only study on housing in the European Union which offers an overview of detailed trends and statistics per country, cross-country analysis of the housing trends and a compilation of the most significant policy updates and their interlinkages with EU policy developments.

Case studies featured will include finance and financial reform post-2008, energy security measures, social integration, innovation in public policy and governance.

Join Housing Europe hosted by the European Economic and Social Committee, at this event for a presentation of the report highlights and reactions from policy makers & experts.

More information will be provided through e-mail: project.assistant@housingeurope.eu or phone: +32 (0)2 541 05 64. Please, confirm your attendance by April 28th 2015.

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AGENDA

14:30 – 15:00 Opening and introduction

Christian LIEBERKNECHT, Vice President, Housing Europe, Chair of the session

Jean-Paul DENANOT, Member of European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament; Chairman of the Common Goods & Public Services Intergroup

Raymond HENCKS, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee; Member of the Executive Committee, General Civil Service Confederation (TBC)

15:00 – 15:20 Presentation of a report “The State of Housing in the Union – report 2015”

Alice PITTINI, Research Coordinator, Housing Europe Observatory

15:20 – 15:50 Reactions

Gulnara ROLL, Head of Housing and Land Management Unit, UNECE

Orna ROSENFELD, Senior Housing Expert, UNECE; Lecturer, Sciences Po, L'Institut d'études politiques (IEP) de Paris

Viorica REVENCO, Economist, Council of Europe Development Bank

Jean-Charles BRICONGNE, Economic Analyst, DG ECFIN, European Commission

15:50 – 16:00 Discussion

16:00 – 16:20 The European Union policy analysis & conclusions

Laurent GHEKIERE, Chairman, Housing Europe Observatory Committee

16:20 – 16:50 Reactions

Agnes JONGERIUS, Member of European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament; Vice-President of the Urban Intergroup

Virginia MAESTRI, socio-economic analyst, DG Employment, European Commission

Freek SPINNEWIJN, Director, FEANTSA

16:50 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 – 17:05 Conclusion

Christian LIEBERKNECHT, Vice President, Housing Europe, Chair of the session

17:05 - 17:30 Networking Drinks

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