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## The Housing Policies of our Future How to make them work

### *International Conference*

**15 September 2016, 10:00 – 18:00**

**UN Headquarters, Palais des Nations, Conference Room XVI, Geneva**

#### *09:00 Registration & Welcome*

#### **10:00 Welcome and Introduction**

- Elena Szolgayová, Director General, DG Housing Policy and Urban Development, Chair of the UN ECE Commission on Housing and Land Management
- Marc Calon, President, Housing Europe
- Nicholas Gazzard, President, Cooperative Housing International

**Keynote speaker:** Peter Cachola Schmal, Curator German Pavillon, Venice Biennale

*We don't have a refugee crisis, we have a housing crisis*

#### **10:30-11:45 Session I: Housing and Society**

**Moderated by Eddy Adams, Urbact Programme Expert**

- Natalia Rogaczewska, Chief Advisor & Head of European Affairs, BL – Danish Federation of Housing Associations  
*Skandia Model on measuring impact of investment*
- Stuart Ropke, Group Chief Executive, Community Housing Cymru  
*Measuring the Economic Impact of Housing Associations in Wales*
- Anders Lago, Chair, HSB – Swedish Housing Cooperatives  
*Investment in housing and jobs strengthen the economy*
- Francis Deplace, Delphis – French Social Housing Association  
*Social impact of social housing*

#### **Q & A session**

**11.45-12.00 Coffee Break**



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**12.00-13.00 Pecha Kucha (20 images x 20 seconds) session “Emerging responses to housing needs”**

- Community led housing by Bea Varnai, urbaMonde
- Improving local communities, Joanna Charlton, Shepherds Bush Housing Association
- Tackling the challenge of empty homes by Samara Jones, FEANTSA
- The Housing First way out of homelessness by Juha Kaakinen, Y Foundation
- “L’autre soie” – how to avoid social segregation by Marc Uhry, Foundation Abbé Pierre  
Gabrielle Sibille, Est Métropole Habitat

**13.00-14.00 Lunch break**

**14.00-14.45 Pecha Kucha (20 images x 20 seconds) session “Cities for All in times of crisis”**

- Maria Stratigaki, Vice Mayor for Solidarity and Social Inclusion, Athens
- Javier Buron Cuadrado, Head of Housing Policy, Barcelona
- Vladimir Šokman, Chairman City Council, Tartu
- Michaela Kauer, Vienna (*EU Urban Agenda Housing Partnership*)
- Pasquale Talerico, Kalkbreite Cooperative, Zurich

**14.45-15.00 Warm-up session “Best practices: a video collection”**

- The Housing First example from Ontario, Canada
- Increasing poverty, inequality & segregation in European Cities by Segregation Europe
- The Housing for All campaign by Housing Europe
- Achieving scale in energy positive renovation, The Transition Zero initiative

**15.00-16:15 Session II: Building, Construction and Finance**

**Moderated by Eddy Adams, Urbact Programme Expert**

- Christian Lieberknecht, Vice-President, GdW Germany – German Housing Association & Johanna Ode, SABO, The Swedish Association of Public Housing Companies  
*Construction in Germany: Making investor’s life easier*  
*Lowering the housing construction cost via efficient public procurement: The Kombohus scheme*
- Andrea Colantonio, Senior Urban Specialist, European Investment Bank (EIB)  
*Driving change through innovative finance: the success stories of the EIB*
- Elena Szolgayová, Director General, DG Housing Policy and Urban Development, Chair of the UN ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management  
*The State Housing Fund in Slovakia*
- Doris Andoni, General Director, National Housing Agency of Albania  
*Energy efficiency in low income housing*



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**Q & A session**

**16.15-16.30 Stretching out break**

**16.30-17:45 Session III: Urban Development and Social Inclusion**

**Moderated by Eddy Adams, Urbact Programme Expert**

- Blase Lambert, Chief Officer, Confederation of Cooperative Housing & Dermot Sellars, Communications and Policy Manager, Cooperative Housing Ireland  
*How Cooperatives enrichen the Housing mix and what they need to flourish*
- Luigi Cuna, Evaluator & Samir Kulenovic, Technical Programme Manager, Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)  
*Unlocking finance for social development*
- Sven Bergensträhle, President of the International Union of Tenants (IUT)  
*Diversifying Tenure: a bottom-up approach*
- Raquel Cortes Herrera, Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission  
*Protection of the right to housing and homelessness prevention*

**Q & A session**

**17.45-18:00 Wrap up session: What are the next steps?**

**David Orr, NHF – UK National Housing Federation**