



HOUSING EUROPE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Date: 21 and 22 November 2016

Location: Brussels

Venue: Social Platform meeting room, Square de Meeus n°18 (ground floor), 1050 Brussels

Working language: English

MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2016

Urban affairs working committee – workshop “Making housing policies work for cities”

The purposes of this event are (i) to produce a member driven toolkit for cities and social housing providers that will help them seize the opportunities given by the European Union; (ii) to contribute to the Housing Partnership made of representatives of cities, Member States, EU institutions and EU organisations such as Housing Europe.

Instructions for members are in the attached document.

Chair: Dr. Özgür Öner

Vice-Chair: Ara Nazinyan

12:00 – 15:00

1. Housing affordability challenges in growing cities in Europe and beyond:

Presentation by Dr. Steffen Wetzstein, University of Erfurt (Germany)

Discussion with members about the challenges and potential housing related solutions

Lunch break

2. Housing markets and housing policies in a shrinking city: the example of Halle –

Presentation by Guido Schwarzendahl, Bauverein Halle

Discussion with members about the challenges and potential housing related solutions

3. Roundtable discussion with Housing Europe members about good practices and recommendations for a EU manual on increasing the affordability of housing in cities

- Discussion moderated by Dr. Agata Krause, Research Coordinator, Housing Europe
- **See instructions in the document attached**

Economics, Finance and Internal Market Committee

Chair: Gene Clayton

Vice-Chair: Natalia Rogaczewska

15:30 – 17:30

1. Follow up on the discussions at the previous meeting

- update by Julien Dijol, Deputy Secretary General & Policy Coordinator, Housing Europe
- see draft report attached

2. Basel III rules and impact on social housing

- Presentation by Wolfgang Kälberer, Representative of the Verband der deutschen Pfandbriefbanken (covered bonds)

- Discussion with members and feedback on the meeting with DG FISMA (see letter to DG FISMA attached)

3. Regulation on protection and access to personal data

- Link to the Regulation: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L.2016.119.01.0001.01.ENG>
- Presentation of the BL and AEDES implementation guideline

4. Reduced VAT rates – Action Plan of the European Commission

- Presentation by Virginie Toussain, USH, France
- Further information on action plan here:

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/vat/action-plan-vat_en

5. Update on SGEI and State Aid

- Presentation by Sebastien Garnier, AEDES, the Netherlands and Laurent Ghekiere, USH
- See the draft page on Housing Europe website: <http://www.housingeurope.eu/resource-767/how-to-support-housing-while-complying-with-the-eu-state-aid-rules>

19:30 Dinner

The diner will be at members' own cost (50€ per person). Reservation is made upon registration.

Address: Maison du Luxembourg, Rue du Luxembourg 37, 1050 Ixelles

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2016

Social Affairs Committee – field visit

Chair: Joao Carvalhosa

Vice-Chair: Cedric Van Styvendael

09:00 – 11:00

Meeting point: 8:30 in front of Housing Europe building, Square de Meeus 18, 1050 Bruxelles

1. **Visit of Community Land Trust Project in Molenbeek** (address: Rue Vandenpeereboom, Metro station: Beekkant)
 - Presentation by Geert Depauw, CLT Brussels

2. **European pillar on social rights (the discussion will take place in the meeting room of the CLT project)**
 - Discussion and adoption of Housing Europe contribution
 - See draft position attached

Housing Europe Observatory

Chair: Laurent Ghekiere

Vice-chair: Dr. Klaus Lugger

11:30 – 14:30

1. **Results of the General Survey**
 - Presentation by Dr. Agata Krause, Housing Europe

2. **Country focus: Greece**
 - Presentation by Prof. Gabriel Amitsis, Technological Institute Athens, State of play of the Greek social housing policies

Lunch

3. **Housing Europe Network of Experts: presentation and next steps**
 - Presentation by Dr. Agata Krause, Housing Europe

4. **Youth and Access to Housing**

- Presentation by Marianna Georgallis, policy coordinator social and employment affairs, European Youth Forum

Energy, Construction and Standardisation Committee

Chair: Johanna Ode

Vice-chair: Ingrid Vogler

15:00-17:00

1. Follow up on the discussions at the previous meeting

- Presentation by Julien Dijol, Deputy Secretary General & Policy Coordinator, Housing Europe
- See draft report attached

2. Commission's plans for construction 2020 and beyond

- Ms Fulvia Raffaelli, DG GROW, European Commission

3. Latest information regarding the EPBD and EED

- See draft proposals
- EED: see attachment
EPBD: see attachment

4. Environmental indicators for buildings

- Presentation of the EU initiative and discussion Housing Europe contribution
- European Commission consultation document:
http://susproc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Efficient_Buildings/docs/REB_Indicator_findings_proposals.pdf

5. Update on Housing Europe EU energy projects (PROF TRAC, PV FINANCING, Transition ZERO, ABBRA, BUILD UP)

- Presentation by Laura Gies, Housing Europe