



## Ad-hoc working group for Housing systems in transition

### *Draft Agenda*

6 June 2018, 10:00-13:30

Venue: MAARJAMÄE PALACE, Pirita tee 56, 10127 Tallinn, Estonia

10:00 Welcome coffee

10:30-10:40 Welcome note by Chair and Vice-Chair and Tour de table

10:40-12:10 Tackle challenges to access EU funding with a focus on rehabilitation Strategies (shrinking cities, empty homes)

Scope: Loans and project development assistance offered by the European Investment Bank (EIB), and Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) are helping to address the investment gap in order to deliver housing for all.

- Co-financing facility presented by **Samir Kulenovic**, Technical Advisor in housing and urban development, CEB

- Funding schemes targeting urban rehabilitation presented by **GAJDA Grzegorz**, Economist, EIB

12:10-13:00 How to build evidence based housing policy: Panel discussion moderated by Alice Pittini, Housing Europe

Scope: For countries who are in the process of designing their housing policy, the first crucial element is research for evidence which will be the base of the future policy framework. The panel discussion is going to address the questions of 'What information should you look at to define needs? Who should lead this evidence collection? How to go from evidence to policy formulation?'

- Determination of target groups, experience from Scotland (**Mary Taylor**, former Chief Executive of Scottish Federation of Housing Associations)

- The experience of the Eastern region (**Gulnara Roll**, UNECE, Head, Housing and Land Management Unit)

- Housing demand, housing need and market forecasts, experience from Germany-**Ozgur Oener**, Federal Association of German Housing and Real Estate Companies (GdW)

-Linking policy and research: The new UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence-  
Professor **Alex Marsh**, University of Bristol

13:00-13:30 Interactive discussion

Lunch

14:00-17:00 Three study visits to recent projects of EKYL, Member of Housing Europe

#### Background of the Ad-hoc Working Group for Housing Systems in Transition

The need to deliver social and adequate housing is increasingly visible in many European cities and countries, especially in transition economies. This is not only a question of finance and investment. In many places there is a lack of institutions and organizations that can efficiently direct productive means towards responsible housing investments. This requires the help of professionals and experts from a variety of fields. Housing Europe, the international reference point for housing policy expertise is the best placed player to answer the above needs.

#### Aim

This Ad-hoc Working Group, coordinated by Housing Europe will help to respond to requests for information from countries with housing systems in transition. It will bring together current or former experts from within Housing Europe members and experts recommended by members from e.g. academia or other entities specialising in housing.