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Housing at the EU agenda

Housing is competence of member states

European Pillar of Social Rights proclaims that “access to social housing shall be provided for those in need”

Common climate goals require massive investment in energy efficiency of housing

EU state aid rules have impact on national housing policies

Housing policies are (co)financed from EU sources (ERDF, ESF, RRP)



From national to EU response

Member states face many challenges in housing affordability, energy efficiency, suitability for elderly or other vulnerable groups

New challenge - accommodation of refugees

Declaration of ministers responsible for housing – Nice (March 2022) calls for more European response



Housing focal points of the CZ PRES

To carry on the mission of stressing the importance of strong policy response both at local, national and European level

Concentrate on key topics that are relevant for several member states

Sharing experiences and building EU networks



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Housing focal points of the CZ PRES

Expert workshop in Prague, November 9th

New financial instruments combining public and private capital to invest in affordable rental housing

Possible **reforms of State Aid Regulation** with the aim of accelerating public investment in Affordable housing.

Response of Housing policies to the Ukrainian crisis and millions of refugees in the EU



Europe as a Task: Rethink, Rebuild, Repower

International Conference „Social Housing and the Recovery Plans – pathway to solutions“ made steps on this way

- Understanding diversity of housing policies in MS, their institutions and stakeholders
- Sharing ideas and experience among practitioners from local, national and EU level



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Housing in Czech RRP

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Housing in Czech RRP

Since 2021 – energy efficiency schemes for single-family housing, energy communities etc.

New Affordable Housing component in negotiation with EU institutions (approx. 300 mil. EUR) - implementation since 2023



Proposed Affordable Housing component

Synergy of four pillars:

- New Law on Support in Housing („Social Housing“)
- Regional Centers of Housing Policy Support
- Housing Investment Advisory Hub
- Reform of Public Housing Investment Structure



Law on Support in Housing

Several institutions dealing with people in housing exclusion and homelessness

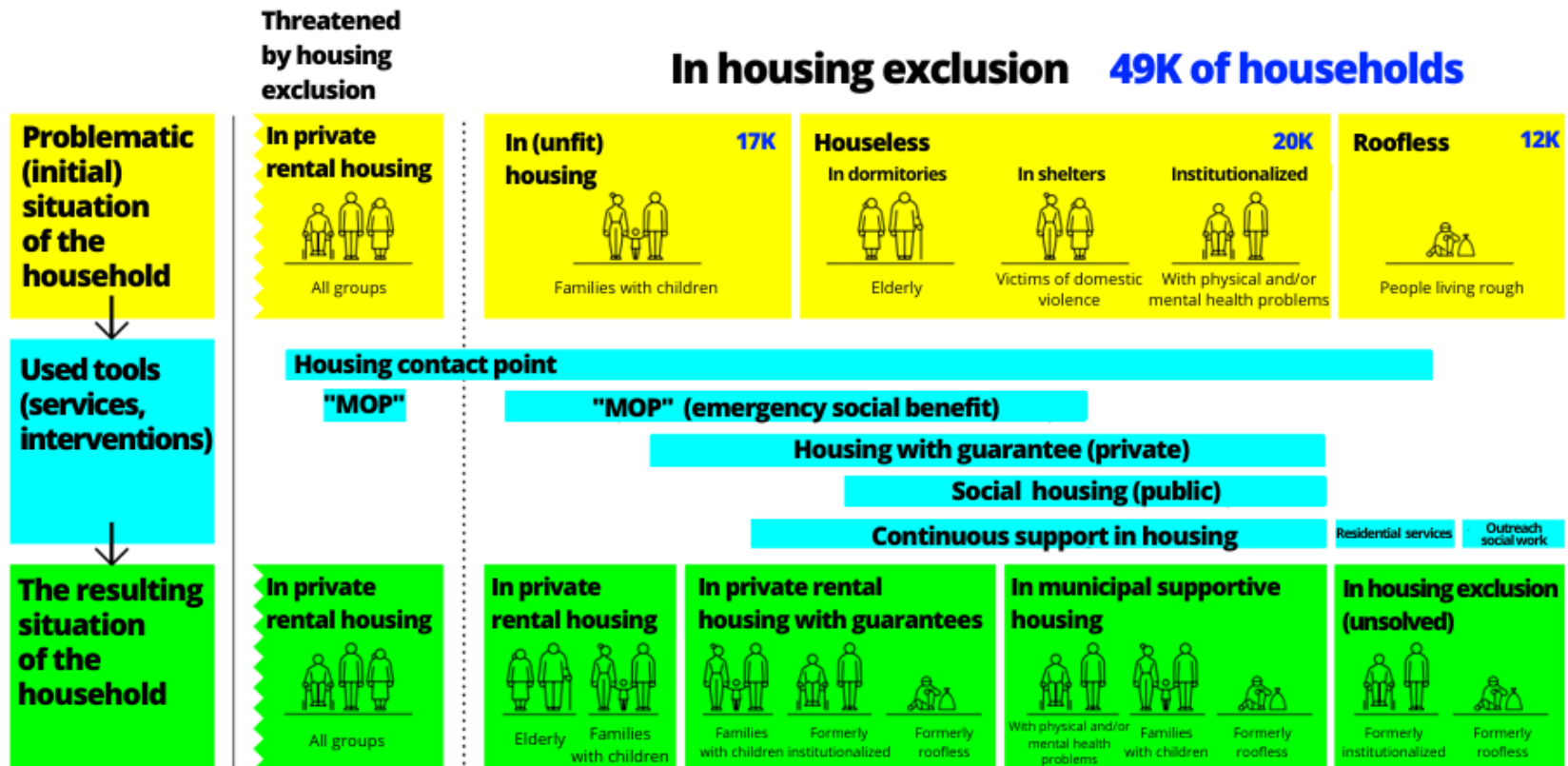
- Labour office (Housing allowances)
- Social services (shelters, outreach social work)
- Social departments of (large) municipalities
- Municipalities (owners of flats)

None of them is responsible to house people – get them from homelessness or unfit housing to stable, affordable and decent flats



Law on Support in Housing

How housing support works according to the proposed law?





Regional Centers of Housing Policy

6250 municipalities decide on their housing policies

- Approx. 4000 own at least 1 flat
- Approx. 1200 own 10+ flats
- Approx. 600 constructed flats within last 25 years

Missing communication, cooperation and support between national and local government in the field of housing



Regional Centers of Housing Policy

Teams of experts on the ground + coordination and backup at national level

Support of municipalities in every stage of housing policy (analysis, design, implementation, evaluation)

Synergies with new housing legislation, investment reforms and regional development planning



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Housing Investment Advisory Hub

*Almost 99 % of new construction privately funded,
owner-occupied housing*

*Social/affordable housing developed from state/EU
grants and loans*

Group of experts supervising design of new
programs in housing investment

Cooperation with public and private banks and
other investors



Reform of Public Housing Investment

Three national bodies providing grants and loans to municipalities and or private actors on social/affordable housing

Better coordination and cooperation

New schemes supporting social and affordable housing in one project

New schemes involving private investors



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Questions?

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