

Why provision of affordable housing should be at the core of any sustainable land policy

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The annual agenda-setting event around public, cooperative and social housing in Europe is held this year on *Thursday, 6 June 2019* within the 2nd International Social Housing Festival in Lyon. Every year, more than 150 representatives of housing associations across Europe, policymakers and the civil society come together in an exchange that generates evidence-based policy suggestions on the key issues of the housing agenda.

2019 theme: 'This land is... whose land?'

Walk into the centre of the city where you live and have a look around you. What you see is the result of decisions made around land policy in some cases centuries, in most of them decades and just in very few years ago. Land defines our living environment. It defines ourselves. As the legendary French Planner, Philippe Lamour put it in 1967 "Spatial planning is and has to remain the means of modern democracy".

As the urbanisation trend continues to unfold, today is one of these defining moments in history that we have to decide how we manage land in a sustainable way. The only way to do that is by putting provision of affordable housing at the core of our land policies and spatial planning strategies not only in growing but also in shrinking cities, as no territory can be left behind.

This year's conference will give a number of reasons why this is the case, illustrating through various concrete examples both the benefits and the destructive effects that land use can have in the long term for social cohesion, quality of life, the Economy and our future.

Be part of the debate, work with us on redefining the new 'normal' for our cities!

- Be part of the conference, share your views, comments, ideas and pictures on Twitter using the hashtag **#land4housing @housingeurope @ishf2019**
- Get updates about the event, including the report and the presentations **www.housingeurope.eu**
- Content curation: **Michalis Goudis**, Communications Director of Housing Europe



WELCOME TO LYON

If the housing crisis affecting all big cities today is to be addressed, then the States as well as all relevant housing stakeholders should mobilise beyond the traditional frontiers and come together to think of new ways of how to make things work. This is indeed the objec-

tive of the International Social Housing Festival. Indeed, it is an opportunity to gather in one place all our competences, experiences and common intelligence so that we can make decent and affordable housing accessible to all.

Lyon Metropole, honoured to host the second edition of the International Social Housing Festival, has developed an ambitious policy aiming to regulate house prices, to fight against indecent housing and to encourage social mix. But if we want to meet our objectives, we have to move today at all levels at a faster pace and to go further. Housing must be a priority, since it's very often the basic condition for access to employment, to culture, to enjoyment of free time, to cultural enrichment and ultimately, to autonomy.

To that end, we have to, on the one hand, to draw inspiration from initiatives that have proven to work elsewhere, while, on the other hand, we nee to get back around the table and collectively invent innovative solutions. This is the only way in which we can guarantee to all our inhabitants a pleasant and affordable home, an attractive and inclusive city and overall a sustainable urban ecosystem which respects the environment.

David Kimelfeld, President of the Lyon Metropole





AN ALLIANCE OF THE FORCES OF PROGRESS

Everyone in Europe and around the world today unanimously agrees that affordable and sustainable housing is facing a state of emergency. This is perceived by the World Bank, the European

Commission as well as the local authorities in charge of housing policies. This crisis is also an opportunity to quickly mobilise and regulate the real estate market that excludes more and more citizens, thereby creating unsustainable social tensions in numerous countries.

The Festival will be a gathering of all forces ready to act for this cause in its universal dimensions: the ecological transition and the preservation of the planet, defending the right to the city for all and the fight for decent and affordable housing for all. It will also be a moment for us, the people working on the ground, along with the decision-makers to affirm our determination to address this challenge, putting forward our innovation for the cities of tomorrow, boosting the economic potential of our sector.

The International Social Housing Festival that is taking place in Lyon is going to reflect that something is about to change: it's going to be a signal and a call to the whole world for an alliance of the forces of progress.

Cédric Van Styvandael, President of Housing Europe





HOUSING EUROPE ANNUAL CONFERENCENote From Secretary General

For our Annual Conference, Housing Europe selects a theme which is relevant for all countries, regardless of climate or location and sure to generate added value for all members and partners.

A theme where joined-up thinking and exchange of ideas can offer genuine solutions to an issue being faced by all housing providers, regardless of their size or tenure.

Members of Housing Europe identified lack of access to land as one of the factors hampering them in their mission of affordable housing provision at the 2018 European Housing Leaders' Summit. Among the broader housing policy making community, in Europe and globally it is gaining renewed attention as a policy area requiring a change of direction. It is however also an area where, thanks in part to Housing Europe members, new approaches are being aired in policy circles and piloted locally. Our conference today will provide you with the data and arguments to convince policy makers that it is time to move on prioritising access to land for cooperative, social, public and community-led housing providers and additionally you will hear first-hand from those already implementing solutions.

Sorcha Edwards, Housing Europe Secretary General





THIS LAND IS WHOSE LAND? Curator's Note

One cannot help but noticing lately that housing affordability in cities is making headlines in major media across Europe. How did we end up here? This is far from a simple question to answer and

definitely not the ambition of this text to do so. In principle, though, we at Housing Europe believe that any attempt to understand the reasons why Europe is confronted with a housing crisis should go back to the very basics of housing provision that can be summarised in one word. That's the *Land*.

What can be done? We put together this year's programme with the aim of providing solid proof why provision of affordable housing should be at the core of any sustainable land policy.

- The day will start with a Keynote session we are very proud to present. World-renowned Sociologist and Professor at New York's Columbia University, Saskia Sassen will approach the provocative question 'Who owns our Cities?' and will make the link with the reality of housing providers through a stimulating debate with a truly great triplette of discussants.
- The first Panel Session will look at the long-term effects of land use and make the case why we need to shape today the cities of 2050, offering the perspectives of the city administrations, of housing providers, of national ministries and of the people, of course.
- In the afternoon, our objective is to showcase the different sides of the land challenge as they unfold in growing cities, in shrinking cities and in places on the fringe.

This year's International Social Housing Festival is themed 'Our Planet, our Cities, our Homes'. Well, there could not be a better thread connecting the three than Land.

We are happy to have you with us, enjoy the event and please make sure you send us your feedback by replying to the follow up e-mail you will receive. We really appreciate it.

Michalis Goudis, Housing Europe Communications Director & Annual Conference Curator

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THE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Moderation: **Eddy Adams** - URBACT Programme Expert & Social Innovation Exchange (SIX) Adviser

MORNING | 8:30 - 12:30 @ AMPHITHÉÂTRE ALAIN MÉRIEUX

8:30 - 9:15 REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

9:15 - 9:30 WELCOME SESSION

- **Michel Le Faou** Vice-President of Grand Lyon Metropole, in charge of Housing and Urban Planning
- Cédric Van Styvendael President of Housing Europe

9:30 - 11:00 KEYNOTE SESSION. WHO OWNS OUR CITIES?

• Keynote speaker: **Saskia Sassen** - Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology at Columbia University & Member of its Committee on Global Thought

A discussion will follow with:

- **David Orr CBE** International Housing Expert, Chair of Reall & Board Member of Clarion Housing Group
- **Donal McManus** CEO of the Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH)
- \bullet Sjoerdje Van Heerden Scientific Officer at the Joint Research Center of the European Commission, CiTown Project

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BEYOND EUROPE. FLASH INTERVENTION 1

• György Sümeghy - Advocacy Manager, Europe, Middle East and Africa at Habitat for Humanity International

Secure Tenure & Land - Solid Ground's Principles for secure tenure

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH BREAK & MEET CHRISTINE - a look at Housing Europe's European Election campaign and Manifesto www.housing4all.eu | #housingeu

AFTERNOON | 13:30 - 15:30 @ AMPHITHÉÂTRE ARISTOTE

13:30 - 14:45 PANEL SESSION 2. GROWING CITIES, SHRINKING CITIES AND CITIES ON THE FRINGE: THE DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE LAND CHALLENGE.

• Raffaele Barbato - UIA Project Coordinator

The emerging European Urban Landscapes and the Urban Innovative Actions

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• Álvaro Puertas - Secretary General of Habitat International Coalition & Member of the Support Team of the Global Platform for the Right to the City Land policy – a blessing and a curse for the Right to the City

14:45-15:00 WRAP UP

• **Sorcha Edwards**, Housing Europe Secretary General enters the land of conclusion along with our moderator, **Eddy Adams**

WELCOME SESSION PROFILES



Cédric Van Styvendael, President of Housing Europe

Cédric Van Styvendael holds a master's degree in political science and a postgraduate degree in business training. After a first experience in the public education sector in charge of urban policy issues, he joined the consulting firm Habitat et Territoires Conseil

focusing on issues of Urban Management, Urban Renewal and Strategy, Management and organization.

In 2009, he became Managing Director of Villeurbanne Est Habitat and after taking over as General Director of Est Métropole Habitat he joined the Board of Housing Europe in 2015.

Since June 2017 he is the President of Housing Europe, the European Federation of Public, Cooperative and Social Housing.

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Michel Le Faou, Vice-President of Grand Lyon Metropole, in charge of Housing and Urban Planning

Michel Le Faou is Vice-President of Grand Lyon Metropole, in charge of Housing and Urban Planning. He is also member of the municipal commission on Housing and Urban policies.

Mr Le Faou has extensive experience in local administration as he has been Vice-Mayor for Urban Regeneration in the 8th District of Lyon for more than 12 years. Between 2008 and 2014 Michel Le Faou led SACVL, provider of housing and commercial spaces in the City of Lyon. He is also President of the Urbanism Agency of the Lyon Region.



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Over the last decades the financialization of urban land started transforming the cities, especially in the so called 'global cities'. This becomes clear once one visits the city centre of London, Frankfurt or New York in the evening to see huge tower blocks in darkness. More and more land it's being used as an asset by the high capital through non-transparent procedures that take place in what Saskia Sassen calls 'intermediary space'. This extraction of land is pushing affordable housing out of our cities, excluding thus a number of key workers. Who owns our cities?

World-renowned Sociologist and Robert S. Lynd Professor at New York's Columbia University, Saskia Sassen will address this central question that she has coined in the public discourse and will explain to conference participants the dynamics behind this urban land takeover that is in full swing making the link with Europe's affordable housing challenge.

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Saskia Sassen is the Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology at Columbia University and a Member of its Committee on Global Thought, which she chaired till 2015.

She is a student of cities, immigration, and states in the world economy, with inequality, gendering and digitization three key variables running though her work.

Born in the Netherlands, she grew up in Argentina and Italy, studied in France, was raised in five languages, and began her professional life in the United States. She is the author of eight books and the editor or co-editor of three books. Together, her authored books are translated in over twenty languages. She has received many

awards and honors, among them multiple doctor honoris causa, the 2013 Principe de Asturias Prize in the Social Sciences, election to the Royal Academy of the Sciences of the Netherlands, and made a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres by the French government.



David Orr CBE

David is a hugely experienced leader in both Executive and Non-Executive roles. He has over 30 years of experience in Chief Executive roles, most recently at the National Housing Federation. He is Chair of Reall, an international development housing charity

and is a previous President of Housing Europe.

He chairs the board of ReSI Housing and is a board member of both Clarion and Clanmil Housing Groups.

David is widely regarded as a compelling and inspiring public speaker focusing on the challenge of optimistic leadership and the critical importance of great governance. He has huge media experience, is a well-regarded commentator and blogger and has extensive expertise navigating the sometimes opaque world of politics and government. In June 2018 David was awarded a CBE.



Donal McManus

Donal McManus is currently CEO of the Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH), the Irish federation of housing associations. Donal was previously employed in the public and non-profit housing sectors in Scotland and Northern Ireland in areas of housing develop-

ment, finance and management, and regeneration. He Also worked in urban design within the private sector on land assembly, development appraisals and urban design frameworks.

A former graduate in housing from Ulster University, and in Urban Design from Strathclyde University School of Architecture Glasgow, he received his Doctorate in Governance from Queens University School of Law Belfast focusing on the impact of private finance on social housing delivery. He is a former president of FEANTSA and Chair of the European Housing Forum.



Sjoerdje van Heerden

Sjoerdje van Heerden is a scientific officer at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, where she coordinates a research project about the financialisation of the housing market across EU cities. Before joining the European Commission, she has

worked in the field of urban policy and research for various international organisations (e.g. OECD), research institutes (e.g. EUKN, Swiss Forum for Population and Migration Studies), as well as local and national administrations.

Sjoerdje obtained her PhD in Political Science and Master Urban Studies from the University of Amsterdam and she has published in several international peer-reviewed journals.

PANEL SESSION 1 AGENDA

11:15 - 12:30 PANEL SESSION 1. THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF LAND USE. WHY WE NEED TO SHAPE TODAY THE CITIES OF 2050.

It may increase the cost of housing delivery by up to 20%. In some places around the world 40 m2 of it are enough for 60 homes, while in others they yield just one. The way a city uses it directly impacts the level of CO2 emissions of its transport system. There is no doubt that land is at the centre of modern urban landscapes.

Unlocking land supply is possibly the most effective lever for addressing the global affordable housing challenge but this is very much linked to the interplay between local property markets, land policies carried out by municipalities and local authorities and planning regulation at both national and local level. At the same time, policies dealing with urban land must balance the need for more supply of affordable housing with measures aimed at increasing social mix, preventing speculation and 'gentrification', creating multi-functional urban areas, combining residential investment with efficient transport system, increasing the quality of public and green spaces. Not an easy equation, right?

What is the role of local authorities, housing providers and of the overall community in the puzzle of land? The session will explore how housing providers fight against segregation, how local authorities amend their land use toolkit, addressing also the question to what extent people have the power when it comes to land supply.

- **Josep Maria Montaner** City of Barcelona Housing Councillor Local authorities and the land challenge. Barcelona puts forward inclusionary zoning
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Josep Maria Montaner

Josep Maria Montaner (Barcelona, 1954) is an architect from the Barcelona School of Architecture (ETSAB) in 1977 and Ph D. in the same school in 1983. He is Senior University Professor on Theory of Architecture at ETSAB and Councillor for Housing at Barcelona

City Council (2015-2019). He is the author of more than 40 books including: Después del movimiento moderno. Arquitectura de la segunda mitad del siglo XX, 1993 (Italian version 1996; Portuguese version 2001, Greek version 2014); Arquitectura y crítica, 1999 (Portuguese version, 2007); Sistemas arquitectónicos contemporáneos, 2008, (Portuguese version 2009); La modernidad superada. Ensayos sobre arquitectura contemporánea, 2011 (Portuguese version 2013); and Arquitectura y política, with Zaida Muxí, 2011 (Portuguese version 2014).

He writes for international reviews of Architecture and he has been visiting lecturer at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London (1986-1987); scholarship in the Spanish Academy in Rome (1987) and visiting lecturer in the New School in New York (2007). He has taught courses and given lectures in Europe, America and Asia. In 2005 he was awarded by the Spanish Government's National Prize on Urban Design.



Solveig Råberg Tingey

Solveig Råberg Tingey is the Chief Economist at BL - the Danish Social Housing association representing more than 500 non-profit housing organizations within the sector and promoting the interest of almost one million residents - that is every sixth Dane.

Solveig has broad experience with economic analysis and works with regulation, social efforts, financing and housing policies. Special interests are social development, reducing segregation and providing homes for vulnerable groups such as the homeless.



Caroline Lucats

Caroline is the Director of the Housing Department in the City of Lille. She has worked for more than 20 years in housing policy, including 5 years in the housing department of the city of Roubaix. Since 2003 she is the Head of housing and health and urban risks.



Benoît Tracol

Benoît Tracol is the CEO of Rhone Saone Habitat, a Social Housing Cooperative that builds around 200 housing units per year in the Lyon area and manages 6,500 housing units. Rhone Saone and Le Village Vertical de Villeurbanne were the pioneers of Participative

housing in France, creating the first cooperative of inhabitants. This co-production was delivered in 2013.

Since the end of 2018, Benoît Tracol has also been President of the Solidarity Land Organization Orsol, created by associating two other regional cooperatives. The purpose of this land agency is to offer sustainable housing through the mechanism of dissociation of land and buildings. These dwellings are intended for an access target whose resources are modest.



Sarah Boyack

Sarah is Head of Public Affairs for the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations. She is a member of the Vacant and Derelict Land Task Force and the Scottish Government's Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel. She started her professional life working as a Town Planner

in the London Borough of Brent, then as Senior Planner in Central Regional Council. She was then a Lecturer in Town Planning at Edinburgh College of Art/Heriot Watt University.

From 1999 to 2016 Sarah was an elected Member of the Scottish Parliament. She served in Donald Dewar's first Cabinet as Minister for Planning, Transport and the Environment. She was Convenor of the Environment and Rural Committee in the second term of the Parliament and was a member of Scottish Labour's Shadow Cabinet for Environment and Rural Affairs, Local Government and Planning and then Environmental Justice.

In 2016-17 she was a Visiting Lecturer at Heriot Watt University teaching Planning and Environmental Studies.



György Sümeghy

György Sümeghy received his MA in English and Hungarian Literature in 1995 in Budapest. He spent ten years in public education and later at a private business college.

He joined Habitat for Humanity Hungary as National Director in 2005. Under his leadership, Habitat for Humanity Hungary has become an advocacy led organization to change housing policies in the country.

Gyorgy joined HFHI/EMEA in 2013 to lead regional advocacy initiatives and support national advocacy programs in the EMEA region. He represents HFHI in Brussels and all over Europe at regional conferences and in coalitions. He is also leading EU level policy advocacy efforts.

For further information please check:

https://www.habitat.org/emea/impact/what-we-do/advocacy

PANEL SESSION 2 AGENDA

13:30 - 14:45 PANEL SESSION 2. GROWING CITIES, SHRINKING CITIES AND CITIES ON THE FRINGE: THE DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE LAND CHALLENGE.

It's now a widely recognized reality that major cities face a structural shortage of affordable housing. This means finding adequate and affordable housing in places where job opportunities are is increasingly hard. In a rapidly urbanizing world, the 'right to the city' cannot be guaranteed without tackling the housing crisis. At the same time, some of our cities and regions are experiencing outward migration and population decrease. They are faced with very different issues such as high housing vacancy rates and abandoned properties, and a persistent need for services and revitalization of areas with an increasingly excluded and often ageing population. In these two radically different realities, land is the protagonist.

Shrinking cities that create opportunities for their population by changing their course regarding land management, safeguarding the 'Right to the Shrinking City'. Growing cities that dare to experiment with the so called 'meanwhile spaces' and with the change of land use. And then, cities on the fringe, cities that come up with strategies to address the consequences of the fact that the borders between urban and suburban get more and more blurry.

This session will present the whole spectrum of the land challenge and solutions through the eyes of housing providers, creative citizens and international experts who shape the landscapes of the future.

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PANEL SESSION 2 PROFILES



Raffaele is currently helping European cities to test bold and innovative solution to urban challenges.

At Urban Innovative Actions, he coordinates the team in charge of the selection process of projects, supporting selected projects

during the implementation phase and coordinating the capitalisation process of the knowledge generated by urban authorities and key stakeholders involved.

Before joining UIA, Raffaele worked with more than 500 urban authorities for 8 years at URBACT. Raffaele is also a lecturer at different universities in France and abroad, on topics related to the urban dimension of EU Policies, participative and integrated urban planning and social innovation.

Guido Schwarzendahl

Born in 1964 in Munich. Master Degree in Geography, Political Sciences and Sociology. Business Administrator for housing industry. Primary interest, focus and drive has always been social housing. Since 2001 occupation as a managing director in a housing co-

operative in Halle(Saale), a city in the former GDR which faced a strong decline of population in the last two decades. Following this experience I was member on the evaluation committee for adjusting the local housing markets of the federal building ministry in 2007 and 2008 and again in 2014 up to 2016.

Since 2012 committed for Cooperative Housing International (CHI) and since 2015 Vice-President of CHI. Since 2014 engaged for Housing Europe and member of the Urban Development Committee.

Celine Di Egidio

After Céline graduated in Architecture at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, she was self-employed as an architect for 5 years. She then joined the Housing Company of the Brussels Capital Region (SLRB) as a project manager. She has been working on SLRB's

acquisition opportunities since 2017. In 2018, she completed her education with an Executive Real Estate Program at the Solvay Business School of Brussels, which has since allowed her to develop SLRB's expertise in regional acquisitions for the development of social housing in Brussels.

Laura Colini

Dr Laura Colini, PhD in Urban, Regional and Environmental Design, Post-Doc EU Marie-Curie and Habil in Urban Studies in Italy. Her recent work covers socio-spatial inequalities, housing & financialisation, inclusion of migrants and refugees with a focus on EU





urban policies. As an academic she has ben doing research and teaching in several universities and research institutes in Italy, Germany, France, USA. Currently works as senior policy expert on social and urban policies for the EU COM (URBACT, UIA, EU Urban Agenda). Co-founder of Tesserae Urban and Social Research and member of the International Network for Urban Research and Action INURA.



Álvaro Puertas

Architect and Master in Sustainable Development with a focus on habitat rights and the social and environmental aspects of sustainable development. Carer oriented to promoting public awareness of habitat issues and the impacts of sustainable development proc-

esses on urban and rural environments and the habitat rights of local communities and disadvantaged groups. Current General Secretary of Habitat International Coalition (HIC) the global network for rights related to habitat. Through solidarity, networking and support for social movements and organizations, HIC struggles for social justice, gender equality, and environmental sustainability, and works in the defence, promotion and realization of human rights related to housing and land in both rural and urban areas (http://www.hic-gs.org/).

THE LAND OF CONCLUSION

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Sorcha Edwards, Housing Europe Secretary General

Sorcha is convinced of the need for decent housing for all in order for our societies to function. Housing Europe members have a key role in achieving that. Sorcha has a dedicated past in promoting inclusive housing policies & a fair energy transition in the EU and

across Europe. She is skilled in international project management, policy analysis and influence, and social, cooperative & public housing promotion.

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Eddy Adams

Eddy Adams is interested in cities. He works as an Expert for URBACT, Urban Innovative Actions and the OECD, amongst others. He is also an adviser to the Social Innovation Exchange (SIX).

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THANK YOU

The event is taking place within the framework of the 2nd International Social Housing Festival (ISHF). We would like to thank all co-organizing parties of the ISHF as well as the organising committee in Lyon for all their support in bringing this event to life. More than 70 additional events are waiting for you during the ISHF. Find out more at www.ishf2019.com

