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Cities for housing – making affordable and social housing work

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Agenda

Location: [CIFE - Centro de Iniciativas para la Formación y el Empleo](#)
Av. de las Provincias, 33, 28941 Fuenlabrada, Madrid, Spain

Day 1 – 18 th November	
9:00 – 09:30	Welcome coffee and registration
09:30 – 10:00	Opening remarks With: - Representative of Ministry from Spanish Minister of Housing and Urban Agenda - Mayor of Fuenlabrada - Francisco Javier Ayala Ortega - European Commission's Housing Task Force, DG ENER - Mathew Baldwin (Video message) - EUI Permanent Secretariat - Agnieszka Siluszek
10:00 – 10:50	Contextual panel: The role of cities in affordable housing With: - European Commission, DG REGIO – Iveta Ivanova - European Investment Bank – Luis Hebrero Rodriguez, Head of Division Housing Cities and Regions Advisory - Sostre Cívic, winner of 2025 European Responsible Housing Award – Jose Tellez
10:50 – 11:30	Keynote speech With: Political scientist and urban planner, Eduard Cabré Romans
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Case study pitches: Affordable housing in action - Case 1 – Brussels Community Land Trust: Thibault Leroy - Case 2 – Fuenlabrada SHARE project: Patricia Serrano Lopez - Case 3 – Vienna model for affordable housing: Michaela Kauer
13:00 – 14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
14:15 – 14:30	Introduction to workshops
14:45 – 16:15	Workshops 3 parallel workshops - Affordable and social housing from a social perspective - Workshop 1, with the City of Fuenlabrada, ES - Workshop 2, with the City of Egaleo, EL - Workshop 3, with the City of Brussels, BE
16:15 – 16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:45 – 17:30	Plenary: Wrap up and reporting

17:30 – 18:30	Case studies expo Discover the case studies at the forefront of delivering housing affordability. Exchange with the peers and learn from their practices.
19:00 – 21:00	Networking dinner

Day 2 – 19 th November	
8:45 – 9:15	Welcome coffee and registration
9:15 – 9:30	Opening to Day 2 – Introduction to the programme and workshops
9:30 – 10:00	10th Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe A dialogue with Ioana Vlad – FEANTSA
10:00 – 11:30	Workshops 3 parallel workshops – Affordable and social housing from a policymaking perspective • Workshop 1, with the City of Thessaloniki, EL • Workshop 2, with the City of Budapest, HU • Workshop 3, with the City of Vienna, AT
11:30 – 11:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:50 – 13:15	Workshops 3 parallel workshops - Affordable and social housing from an environmental perspective • Workshop 1, with the City of Tallinn, EE • Workshop 2, with the City of Getafe, ES • Workshop 3, with the City of Vaasa, FI
13:15 – 14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
14:15 – 14:45	Plenary: Introduction to site visits and closing remarks
14:45 – 17:30	Site visits in the City of Fuenlabrada For the description of the site visits, please see the annex. • EUI – IA SHARE project • VIVIDA from housing to the city: feminist analysis and proposal • Housing Renovation Programme of Fuenlabrada • Urban development and housing strategy

Annex

Option A: the EUI-IA SHARE project & Fuenlabrada housing renovation programme

- The SHARE project will renovate an unused school into long-term housing for seniors. The school's renovation will be carried out under NEB principles. What does this entail? How is Fuenlabrada working with the architecture firm to implement these values? This site visit will start with a short presentation about the SHARE – Innovative Actions Project, which then is followed by a visit to the San Esteban School and neighbourhood, which are the areas of intervention for the SHARE project.
- Fuenlabrada experienced significant growth in the 1980s as a commuter town due to its proximity to Madrid. The rapid construction of housing and the quality of the materials used mean the city faces a challenge today in achieving energy efficiency standards. What's being done? This site visit starts with a short presentation about the Housing Renovation Programme of Fuenlabrada, followed by a walk in a neighbourhood covered by this programme.

Option B: the VIVIDA project & Fuenlabrada Urban development and housing strategy

- VIVIDA is a feminist research project led by the Matrices team at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (URJC), funded by the Institute of Women through Spain's 2023 call for feminist research grants. VIVIDA builds on this foundation to demonstrate the practical need for gender-sensitive interventions in architectural and urban processes.
- Following the city's rapid growth, the City Council proposed an urban development policy that placed people more centrally, with a neighbourhood style very different from that of the city's older neighbourhoods. What has changed? This visit also focuses on the current housing strategy of the city, followed by a visit to one of the neighbourhoods of Fuenlabrada.