

Tackling the Housing Crisis in Europe

Progressive ideas for affordable and sustainable housing policies

Tuesday, 9 December 2025, 14:00 – 15:30
@ European Parliament, Brussels

The **housing crisis** in Europe has become **structural** and **systemic**: In 2023, 8,8% of EU households spent over 40% of their disposable income on housing, and nearly 900.000 people were homeless. Between 2015 and 2023, house prices rose by nearly 50% across the EU, and rents increased by 18%.

With the fundamental right to **housing** under increasing threat across regions and social groups, the issue **has become a key priority on the European agenda**. For the first time, an **EU Commissioner** holds a dedicated portfolio for Energy and Housing with a mandate to deliver the first **European Plan for Affordable Housing** by the end of 2025. In parallel, the European Parliament has entrusted a **Special Committee on the Housing Crisis in the European Union** to examine the drivers of the housing crisis and propose concrete, actionable solutions at EU level.

To support the committee's work and push for a progressive European response, *FEPS* has joined forces with the *Kalevi Sorsa Foundation*, *Eteron*, and the *Progress Institute* to develop a handbook on housing crisis fundamentals in Europe. On **9 December 2025**, between **14:00 and 15:30**, the handbook and country-specific insights for Finland, Greece, and North Macedonia will be presented to committee members, policymakers, civil society representatives, and experts.

In assessing the **lack of social and affordable housing supply**, **energy poverty**, and **short-term rentals and speculation**, the discussion will focus on how to rebalance market power and ensure housing affordability in the green transition.

The event takes place under Chatham House rules. Participation is possible upon invitation only.

PROGRAMME

14:00 – 14:10

OPENING REMARKS

László Andor, Secretary General, FEPS

Irene Tinagli, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the Special Committee on the Housing Crisis in the European Union

14:10 – 14:30

PRESENTATION OF THE HOUSING HANDBOOK

Dimitra Siatitsa, Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Urban Planning, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)

With country insights from:

Biljana Dukovska, President, Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform

14:50 – 15:20

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH PARTICIPANTS

Moderated by: **François Balate**, Social Policy Analyst, FEPS

15:15 – 15:30

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Dimitris Rapis, Project Coordinator, Eteron

Andreas Schieder, Member of the European Parliament and S&D
Coordinator of the Special Committee on the Housing Crisis in the
European Union



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