



Housing in Practice

Luxembourg

Expert meeting

Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER)

11, Porte des Sciences, Maison des Sciences Humaines, 4366 Esch-sur-Alzette / Belval - Luxembourg

Wednesday, 20 May 2026, 12:00 – 15:00

Background

The housing crisis remains one of Europe’s most urgent challenges, while affecting Member States in different ways. In Luxembourg, rising rents and property prices continue to place a heavy burden on low-income households, increasingly even pushing them out of the country. On top of this, the country’s **landownership structure is highly unequal**, marked by concentrated ownership of residential land, low property taxation, and limited public intervention. With social cohesion at risk, the need for more public social housing and affordable homes on the rental market has never been greater.

Across the European Union, housing affordability has risen to the top of the political agenda. However, the success of the adopted EU Affordable Housing Plan and its subsequent Act (to be announced at the end of 2026) will largely rely on innovative ideas to expand housing supply, mobilise investment, balance immediate needs with structural reforms, and support the most vulnerable.

To learn from the local dynamics in cities and countries where unaffordability is most visible and how it links with European policy initiatives, *FEPS*, together with the *Robert Krieps Foundation*, will organise an **expert exchange** at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (**LISER**) on **20 May 2026 between 12:00 and 15:00**. The event will bring together social geographers, urban planners, politicians, and civil society representatives to examine what Luxembourg’s experience can teach us about the relationship between land ownership, housing production, and inequality. How do local and national dynamics shape housing affordability, and what lessons can feed into the broader European debate?

This event is part of FEPS’ *“Housing in Practice”* series, a collaboration with FEPS members and progressive local and regional leaders, which offers a platform for housing actors on the ground, such as urban planners, architects, community land trusts and civil society, to engage and test their ideas with policymakers and experts.



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Agenda (draft – internal)

12:00 – 13:00 **Welcoming lunch**

13:00 – 15:00 **Expert meeting**

Opening remarks

- **François Balate**, Policy Analyst, FEPS

Presentation & exchange of views with participants

- **Antoine Paccoud**, Research Scientist, LISER
- **Pascal Smet**, Regional Councilor, Brussels-Capital Region & Member of the European Committee of the Regions

Closing remarks

- **Vanessa Zwisele**, Project Officer, FEPS

This expert meeting is followed by a public debate on “Housing, a European crisis, with local solution”, co-organised by the European Committee of the Regions and the Commune of Reiser (Luxembourg).



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