

# Solidarity in the Housing Sector, Budapest European Seminar

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Access to affordable housing remains an enduring question in Europe. Long exacerbated by the credit and debt crisis and kept in the spotlight by migration and population crowding, responses at the civic and the policy level in Europe offer instructive examples of both administrative creativity and social innovation. The aim of this seminar is to consider the lessons that can be taken from some of these solutions in two separate fields – securing and retaining affordable accommodation. Although housing is not a direct competence of the European Union, the organizers maintain that the presented initiatives have transfer potentials especially in countries where the housing sector is under pressure. Participants have been invited from a range of academic, practitioner and government levels with the objective of considering questions of applicability and the practical steps for ensuring successful policy adaptation.

## Section 1: Accessing housing – solidarity and policy responses to homelessness

- 8.30 *Registration (reception desk at Nador u. 15.)*
- 9.00 **Andrew Cartwright**, Central European University, opening remarks
- 9.15 **Chloe Serme-Morin**, European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)
- 10.00 **Orna Rosenfeld**, Consultant to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Sciences Po – Paris Institute of Political Studies
- 10.30 *Coffee break (Nador u. 13., Atrium)*
- 11.00 Break-out policy labs exchanging policy maker practices and results from SOLIDUS case study findings from Denmark, UK, Greece, Slovakia and the Netherlands. The policy labs are moderated by **Balint Misetics** (Central European University & Eotvos Lorand University) and **Csaba Jelinek** (Central European University & Hungarian Academy of Sciences).
- 12.30 Wrap-up of morning session
- 12.45 *Buffet lunch (Nador u. 13., Atrium)*

## Section 2: Holding on to housing – solidarity and policy responses to the debt crisis

- 13.30 **Kathleen Lynch**, University College Dublin, opening remarks
- 13.45 Spanish policy response: **Liviu-Catalin Mara**, Mortgage Victim Platform (PAH, Tarragona) & **Marta Soler**, University of Barcelona
- 14.15 Hungarian policy response: **Jozsef Hegedus**, Metropolitan Research Institute
- 15.15 *Coffee break (Nador u. 13., Atrium)*
- 15.45 European policy response: **Edit Lakatos**, HOUSING Europe - The Federation for Public, Cooperative and Social Housing
- 16.30 Moderated discussion with reflections from **Gyorgy Sumeghy**, Habitat for Humanity

Please register for the event by May 25 using the registration form at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2prfLE5>

