

6. December 2019

International Conference

### **Tackling the global housing challenges**

#### **Housing cooperatives' role in the provision of affordable housing**

Organised by the Zurich Association of Swiss Housing Cooperatives (WBG) and the ETH Centre for Research on Architecture, Society and the Built Environment (ETH CASE)

Venue: ZAZ – Zentrum Architektur Zürich (Villa Bellerive), Höschgasse 3, 8008 Zürich

Worldwide governments are rolling back from the housing sector, the private sector is proving unable to cater for the needs of low-income groups, and an increasing number of people across the world are struggling to find a decent home.

In this global context, people are seeking new strategies to meet their housing needs, and housing cooperatives are regaining international attention as a third way to secure access to affordable non-commodifiable housing.

This one-day international conference brings together a group of leading experts on cooperative housing. Drawing on their international experiences and insights, it will explore the current role, approaches and strategies of housing cooperatives in a selected number of countries. Speakers and the audience will openly debate the opportunities and challenges of replicating successful practices in different contexts.

Drawing on the various international examples of cooperative housing the conference will unpack the following questions:

- What is the role of housing cooperatives in the provision of non-commodifiable housing and inclusive cities? What context-specific factors enable or constrain their housing projects?
- What are the opportunities to scale-up and to transfer successful cooperative housing practices in different socio-economic, cultural and institutional contexts?
- How can housing cooperatives and their partners share experience across national boundaries? Which approaches work and what are their achievements?

## Programme

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome by Reto Klink, WBG Zürich, and Dr. Marie Glaser, Director ETH CASE
9:15 – 10:45	<p><i>Presentations</i></p> <p><b>State of Housing Cooperatives and current challenges in selected countries</b></p> <p>Dr. Richard Lang – Austria          Dr. Jardar Sørvoll – Sweden and Norway          Prof. Dr. Darinka Czischke – The Netherlands          Dr. Dimitra Siatitsa – Greece          Cristina Gamboa – Spain          Gustavo Daniel Gonzales – Uruguay          Jovana Timotijevic – Serbia          Dr. Sukumar Ganepati – India          Andreas Wirz – Switzerland</p>
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion with presenters</p> <p>Moderated by Dr. Jennifer Duyne Barenstein</p>
12:30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p><i>Presentations</i></p> <p><b>Promoting housing cooperatives internationally: experiences, challenges and the role of international cooperation</b></p> <p>FUCVAM's experience in replicating the Uruguayan housing cooperative model in Latin America – Gustavo Daniel Gonzalez, FUCVAM</p> <p>Enabling housing cooperatives in Ethiopia: the experience of NEStown – Dominique Langenbacher, NEStown</p> <p>MOBA's approach towards pioneering housing cooperative in Eastern Europe – Ana Dzokic, MOBA</p> <p>International cooperation between Switzerland, Croatia and Greece: The INURA experience – Ileana Apostol and Panayotis Antoniadis, INURA</p> <p>The Swedish experience in supporting the growth of housing cooperatives in the Global South – Nina Larrea, We Effect</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:30	<p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p> <p><b>Overcoming the global housing crisis: the role of international cooperation</b></p> <p>Reto Grüninger, Swiss Development Cooperation          Dominique Langenbacher, NEStown          Nina Larrea, We Effect          Ana Dzokic, MOBA          Hans Rupp, ABZ          Philippe Klaus, INURA Switzerland          Bea Varnai, Urbamonde</p> <p>Moderated by Prof. Dr. Christian Schmid</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Q&A and Discussion
17:00 – 17:15	Wrap-up and closing remarks by Reto Klink, WBG Zurich
18:00 – 21:00	Reception at ZAZ

**Conference Fee:** CHF 150 including beverages, lunch and reception.

**Registration:** <https://jamatu.com/9188/Tackling-the-global-housing-challenges>

**Conference language:** English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

**Registration:** Mandatory by 25 November 2019. If a registration is cancelled between 28 November and 2 December 2019, a cancellation fee of 50 percent will be charged, after which the full amount is due. Registration is transferable.

**Photos:** Will be taken at the event. With your registration you agree that these photos can be published and that your name is on the list of participants.

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