

Housing for Refugee Inclusion

SHARE Regional Conference

March 6-8, 2019

C&S Rooftop in Vienna (Untere Viaduktgasse 16, 1030 Vienna)

PROGRAMME

Day 1 Theoretical Background & Overview of Housing & Reception	
6 March 2019	
13:30-14:00	Registration & coffee
14:00-14:30	<p>Welcome & introductions</p> <p>Karin Abram – Head of Department Policy, Advocacy & Programmes, Caritas Austria, Vienna Petra Hueck – Director, International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC Europe), Brussels</p>
14:30-15:15	<p>Refugee status & housing in Austria and in Europe: contextual overview</p> <p>This session will provide a brief overview of housing for refugees in Europe, with a special focus on the Austrian context. It will introduce the key questions and topics which will guide the conference and will situate the topic of housing for refugees within the broader issues of migrant assistance and integration as well as affordable housing.</p> <p>Alexander Machatschke - Head of Competence Centre for Poverty, Caritas Austria, Vienna Abderrahim Khairi - Migration and Integration Policy, Housing Europe 15min Q&A at the end</p>
15:15-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:30	<p>Panel 1: Housing for refugees across Europe</p> <p>When charged with the task of providing housing for newcomers, what are good models in different European countries? Which policies and practices are favorable? How have municipalities successfully overcome challenges in a tight market? How have refugees overcome challenges in accessing housing? How can housing assistance contribute to the wider social integration of refugees? Inputs from three European partners on how their respective systems work</p> <p>Faustine Masson - Project Manager « Plan Migrant », Délégation interministérielle à l'hébergement et à l'accès au logement (DIHAL), France Ramón Palomino García - Director of Cabinet Equity, Social Rights and Employment, Municipality of Madrid, Spain</p> <p>Moderation: Nura Ali, Caritas Austria 15min Q&A at the end</p>
16:30-18:00	Break-out groups: Mapping housing for refugees across Europe

In four small break-out groups, participants will discuss the different systems in each of their respective contexts, mapping the national systems, and reflecting on how to multiply opportunities and good practices of each approach.

19:30

Group dinner at the Habibi & Hawara restaurant

Day 2 Good Practices in Urban and Rural Areas & Study Visits

7 March 2019

9:00-9:15

Registration & coffee

9:15-10:30

Panel 2: Housing approaches in urban and rural areas in Austria

Participants will receive an overview of best practices from across Austria, covering both cities and rural areas. What experiences have been made when hosting refugees in Vienna vs. smaller municipalities or rural areas? What are the opportunities and challenges in each respective context?

Philipp Hohensinn - Social worker, Diakonie Flüchtlingsdienst Salzburg

Christian Beiser - Head of an emergency, counselling and mobile support service for persons with housing issues, Caritas Vorarlberg

Christian Hrubes – Coordinator for Refugee Care, Red Cross Upper Austria

Moderation: Nura Ali, Caritas Austria

15 min Q&A at the end

10:30-10:45

Coffee break

10:45-12:00

Panel 3: Housing approaches in urban and rural areas across Europe

Teodor Petkov - Mayor of Vitosha Municipal District Sofia, Bulgaria & Vladimir Milev Bulgarian Council on Refugees and Migrants

Minna Hirsova - Special Planner, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and Environment (ELY) Uusimaa region, Finland

Debora Vanhaelen - Social Worker, Public Welfare Centre, Bocholt, Belgium

Daniele Albanese - Board Member, Consorzio Comunitas/Caritas Italiana

Moderation: Magdalena Boehm, ICMC Europe

15min Q&A at the end

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00-17:00

Study Visits – Zinnergasse (Vienna) & Haus Romero (Probstdorf, Lower Austria)

Participants will choose to visit one of two housing projects, in an urban or rural area.

Group one: Visit of Zinnergasse, Community-oriented integration office in Vienna that offers housing to resettled refugees and asylum seekers, including unaccompanied minors.

Group two: Haus Romero in Probstdorf, a housing project in a rural environment of Lower Austria

18:30

Optional guided tour & group dinner at Magda's Hotel

Hotel staff will also provide a brief presentation on Magda's Hotel, a social enterprise run by migrants.

Day 3 Housing through Resettlement & Interactive Exchange

8 March 2019

9:00 - 9:30

Registration & coffee

9:30 – 11:00

HAP programme: Lessons learned from resettlement experiences

This session will look at HAP I-III, the Austrian resettlement programmes that ran from 2013-2018, as well as resettlement experiences in other European countries. Speakers will present lessons learned and reflect on the unique advantages and challenges of housing provision in resettlement programmes.

Barbara Kurz - former Project Manager HAP, Caritas Austria

Christoph Pinter – Head of Office of the UNHCR Office in Austria

Blijke Eeckhaut - Resettlement Expert, Fedasil, Belgium

Gudrun Haskins Carlisle - Horton Housing, UK

Moderation: Nura Ali, Caritas Austria

15 min Q&A at the end

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00

Share Welcoming Videos

Sneak preview of the SHARE Welcoming Communities Videos from Austria and two other European partners. The resettled family that participated in the SHARE Video as well as the filmmaker will share their personal experience and reflections on housing and integration in Austria.

Moderation: Nura Ali, Caritas Austria

15 min Q&A at the end

12:00 – 14:00

Working Lunch – Breakout Groups

Participants will be invited to join one of 4 breakout groups on key thematic issues raised during the conference. Facilitators will present briefly on their respective experience related to the issue and will then open the floor for an informal group discussion.

- **Group 1: Social housing and accessing the private market**, facilitated by Hélène Leduc (Caritas International, Belgium) and Gudrun Haskins Carlisle (Horton Housing, UK)
- **Group 2: NGO- and Citizen-led shared housing approaches**, facilitated by Aleksandra Semeriak Gavrilienok (CEAR, Spain) and Christian Hrubec (Red Cross Upper Austria, Austria)
- **Group 3: Housing for groups with special needs**, facilitated by Claire Pavlaki (METAdrasi, Greece) and Abdi Khalif (Gateway Support Group, UK)
- **Group 4: Combining housing and integration support**, facilitated by Romke Hameleers (Dutch Council for Refugees) and Debora Vanhaelen (Public Welfare Centre, Bocholt, Belgium)

14:00 – 14:30

Conclusions & lessons learned: Participatory reflection

The conference will close with a report-back from the breakout groups and a discussion of take-aways and conclusions from the conference.

Carole Viennet, PhD, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law

Abderrahim Khairi, Membership & Events Officer, Migration and Integration Policy Assistant, Housing Europe

Magdalena Boehm, Programme Manager, ICMC Europe

14:30-15:00

Closing