

6. December 2019

International Conference

## Tackling the global housing challenges

### Relevance and replicability of housing cooperatives' role in the provision of affordable housing

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

ZAZ - Zentrum Architektur Zurich (Villa Bellerive), Höschgasse 3, 8008 Zurich

---

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 noncommodifiable 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

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome by Reto Klink (WBG–Zurich) and Marie Glaser (ETH CASE) Presentation of the programme and its objectives by Jennifer Duyne Barenstein (ETH CASE)
9:15 – 11:00	<i>Presentations</i> <b>State of Housing Cooperatives and current challenges in selected countries</b> Richard Lang – Austria Jardar Sørvoll – Sweden and Norway Darinka Czischke – The Netherlands Dimitra Siatitsa – Greece Cristina Gamboa – Spain Gustavo Daniel Gonzales – Uruguay Alain Vimercati – Bolivia Jovana Timotijevic – Serbia Sukumar Ganapati – India Andreas Wirz – Switzerland
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Q&amp;A and Panel Discussion with presenters</i> Moderated by Jennifer Duyne Barenstein
13:00 – 14.00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Presentation</i> <b>Promoting housing cooperatives internationally: experiences, challenges and the role of international cooperation</b>  FUCVAM’s experience in replicating the Uruguayan housing cooperative model in Latin America. By Gustavo Daniel Gonzalez  Enabling housing cooperatives in Ethiopia: the experience of NESTown. By Michael Martin  MOBA Housing Network’s approach towards pioneering housing cooperative in Eastern Europe. By Ana Dzokic  International cooperation between Switzerland, Croatia and Greece: The INURA/NetHood experience. By Ileana Apostol and Panayotis Antoniadis  The Swedish experience in supporting the growth of housing cooperatives in the Global South. By Nina Larrea  Urbamonde’s experience in promoting housing cooperatives globally. By Léa Oswald
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:30	Overcoming the global housing crisis: the role of international cooperation <i>Panel Discussion</i>  Reto Grüninger – Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC) Sascha Delz – NESTown and ETH Zurich Nina Larrea – We Effect, Sweden Ana Dzokic – MOBA Housing Network József Hagedüs – Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest Hans Rupp – ABZ, Switzerland Philipp Klaus – INURA/NetHood and Kraftwerk 1, Switzerland Léa Oswald – Urbamonde  Moderated by Christian Schmid – ETH Zurich
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	Dinner 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.

**For more information:** [wohnforum@arch.ethz.ch](mailto:wohnforum@arch.ethz.ch)