

### Online-Event

## A European task: Integrating refugees in the housing market

Perspectives from Austria, Germany and Sweden

*Tuesday, 27th of September 2022, 4-6 pm*

With the so-called refugee crisis in Europe from 2015 onwards, the immigration of refugees to several European countries has massively increased. This has resulted in enormous pressure for adequate short-term accommodation for these people and their long-term access to the housing market. With the influx of refugees from Ukraine since February 2022, access to the housing market as well as the provision of affordable housing are once again extremely pressing issues. In addition, the question of affordable housing does not only arise for refugees, but also includes other disadvantaged groups on the housing market in different European cities.

Experiences and approaches from Austria, Germany and Sweden provide indications of the prevailing barriers at the housing markets and strategies to overcome them. During the Online-Event, representatives from academia and practice will highlight existing approaches and strategies in the housing market.

## Programme

### Welcome, introduction and procedure

*Dr. Bettina Reimann, German Institute of Urban Affairs*

### Policies and trends for housing and integration in Austria, Germany and Sweden. Challenges for housing for refugees.

*PhD Eva Wikström, Umeå University, Department of Social Work*

### What makes housing inclusive?

Approaches and experiences from practice in Hamburg, Vienna and Umeå.

- *Vienna/Austria: Dr. Katharina Kirsch-Soriano da Silva, Caritas and Dr. Julia Girardi-Hoog, Wiener Wohnen, City of Vienna*
- *Hamburg/Germany: Dr. Katharina Wiethoff, Office for housing, urban renewal, and land use, Hamburg and Kerstin Rieke, SAGA Housing Association, Hamburg*
- *Umeå /Sweden: Daniel Levisson, City of Umeå*

### Comment: Precarious Housing in Europe

*Prof. Dr. Sybille Münch, Hildesheim University*

### Conclusion

*Dr. Bettina Reimann, German Institute of Urban Affairs*

## Inclusive Housing Policies:

Housing is the beginning



### Organisational notes

Please register [» here](#). The registration deadline is the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2022.

For organisational questions, please contact Steffi Greiner ([greiner@difu.de](mailto:greiner@difu.de)). For content-related questions, please contact Dr. Bettina Reimann ([reimann@difu.de](mailto:reimann@difu.de)).

### Technical notes

The event will be realised with Cisco WebEx Meetings. We recommend participation via the free client, which can be download [» here](#). Participation via browser is also possible.

### Project information

The project “Inclusive Housing” is part of the call [Urban Migration](#) of the [Joint Programming Initiative \(JPI\) Urban Europe](#). The project aims to contribute to the development of strategic and practical solutions at the housing market. In this context, “inclusive housing” does mainly refer to the integration of refugees, but also includes other disadvantaged groups on the housing market.

Based on existing findings, experiences and strategies in the field of housing and integration of refugees the project partners from Austria, Germany and Sweden focused on three main topics: “housing market and access to housing”, “housing governance” and “special types of housing”. The project consortium aimed to present in detail the challenges for refugees with regard to housing (access to housing segments, housing biographies and living situations) and to contribute to urban housing policies and strategies (involvement of relevant stakeholders, development of innovative approaches).

### Project consortium

- German Institute of Urban Affairs (Difu), <https://difu.de/en>
- Caritas der Erzdiözese Wien – Hilfe in Not, <https://www.caritas-wien.at/>
- University of Vienna, Department of Sociology, <https://www.soz.univie.ac.at/>
- Umeå University, Department of Geography, <https://www.umu.se/en/>