



Press Release

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EHF welcomes the continuation of the Intergroup URBAN

The European Housing Forum (EHF) strongly welcomes the continuation of the European Parliament Intergroup URBAN and is looking forward to collaborating with its members in the future.

Today (11th of December) the list of the European Parliament Intergroups was validated by the European Parliament Conference of Presidents. URBAN Intergroup is among the 28 cross-party and cross-committee groups approved.

The members of the EHF strongly welcome this outcome and congratulate MEP Jan Olbrycht, President of this intergroup during the previous legislature, for his tremendous effort to ensure the continuation of URBAN.

The URBAN Intergroup at the European Parliament has been working successfully since 2004 to ensure that urban related issues are reflected in European Parliament's discussions and to stimulate exchange of views between MEPs and civil society on topics relevant for urban development, including housing related issues.

Although the European Union does not have a mandate to take action on housing issues, EU policies are not housing neutral. In the past, the URBAN Intergroup has been a privileged platform to discuss housing related topics. Hence, the strong support of Europe's housing actors for the continuation of URBAN.

The European Housing Forum, an informal platform gathering 15 EU-wide associations active in the field of housing, are looking forward to collaborating with the intergroup and the 76 Members of the European Parliament who have already expressed their interest to participate in URBAN.

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Note to editors:

The European Housing Forum (EHF) is an informal platform gathering representative organisations of the entire housing sector – consumers, providers and professionals – in order to share their expertise and raise the issues that this sector faces towards the EU institutions. The EHF currently has 15 members, all of which are major international or European organisations working in the area of housing using the network of their numerous national organisations all over Europe.

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