

Chair: Laurent Ghekiere

Vice-chair: Klaus Lugger

15:30 – 17:30

1. [15:30 – 16:00] Presentation of the preliminary research

- *Presentation by Kathleen Van den Broeck, Senior Housing Researcher, [HIVA](#), University of Leuven*

Kathleen presented the latest research project the University is leading right now with the participation of Housing Europe, aiming to **shape the most cost-effective housing policy**. Within this frame, KU Leuven is working on developing different public administration models based on theory, practical experience and exchange with academics and other stakeholders.

The project is financed by DG EMPL and the Housing Agency of Flanders. Kathleen stressed that the models will allow flexibility of defining the needs and will try to link them with the government objectives. **The research includes different steps and instruments: financial, regulative, communication tools etc.** As for social housing, the models can provide a potential solution to quantitative shortages. The next step of the research will be the revision of the models according to the context and the design.

2. [16:00 – 16:30] Responses by housing practitioners

- *Contribution by Barbara Steenbergen, IUT*

Barbara highlighted the necessity to define the criteria of the well-working of the housing market, and also the necessity to differentiate between housing needs and demand. Furthermore, she stressed that the tenant neutrality should be taken into account.

- *Contribution by Alice Pittini, Housing Europe Observatory*

Alice identified the integrated definition of the cost effectiveness and the transparency as key points of consideration. The research should also calculate the impact on the reduction of costs and on education. Finally, it should be born in mind that the housing system in many countries changes.



3. **[16:30 – 17:30] Round table discussion with participants**

Members were invited to provide input to the discussion on the following point:

“At what extent do you think welfare state reforms will have an impact on the social housing sector (energy efficiency, investment in social infrastructures, sustainable urban development...)?”

Eva Bauer from GBV, Austria raised the topic of housing quality and the question of housing for poor people. The cost effectiveness means also efficiency in energy.

4. **[17:30 – 18:00] Housing Europe Observatory internal discussion**

Alice briefly presented the “day after” the presentation of “The State of Housing in the EU 2015” publication. The launch conference in May has been a success and it raised attention to different stakeholders from across the EU.

The board has made its decision to produce such a publication every two years, so the preparation for the 2017 edition that will have a thematic focus should be starting anytime soon. However, an important next step regarding the publication of 2015 is the revision of the data and therefore Alice asked Members to submit their review about the reliability of the data as soon as possible.

Members agreed that the *State of Housing in the EU* should reach DG REGIO and its Director General.