



Webinar

Age-Friendly Housing in the context of COVID-19 crisis

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About us in brief

The **European federation of cooperative, public and social housing**

Network of national and regional housing provider federations, **45 members in 24 countries**

About **43 thousand housing organisations** on the ground

'We have a vision of a Europe which provides access to decent and affordable housing for all in communities which are socially, economically and environmentally sustainable and where all are enabled to reach their full potential.'



Key Figures on Housing Europe

- **43,000** local housing organisations
- **24,936,000** dwellings
- roughly **200,000** new dwellings completed each year
- over **200,000** dwellings refurbished each year...and rising
- over **€50bn** in new investment per year
- **7,500+** staff employed directly by the federations
- **300,000+** staff employed by local housing providers



Europe facing a housing crisis

- 10.2% of households in the EU spent over 40% of their disposable income on housing costs in 2017, but this share increases to **37.8%** when considering **households at risk of poverty**.
- When housing costs are taken into account, **156 million people** are at risk of poverty, vs 85 million before housing costs
- Risk of **housing exclusion: increasingly diverse**

Covid19 exposing shortcomings

- **#stayathome**: easier said than done for many
- Impact of **housing conditions**, e.g. Overcrowding, homelessness, quality
- **Fragile groups** most hit including older people
- ... Mid to long- term?



No one should lose their home because of coronavirus

Why focus on housing?

- Housing is **key in guaranteeing healthy living and wellbeing** through its characteristics and location, as a basis for other services
- Impact on the capacity of people to live independently, move, enjoy social relations



Demographic trends & housing

Our societies have to get ready for a rapidly ageing population, so do our homes!

- Some **70-80% of our existing building stock across Europe is unsuitable** for independent living for the ageing population
- Yearly new construction usually represents only around 1% of the total housing stock

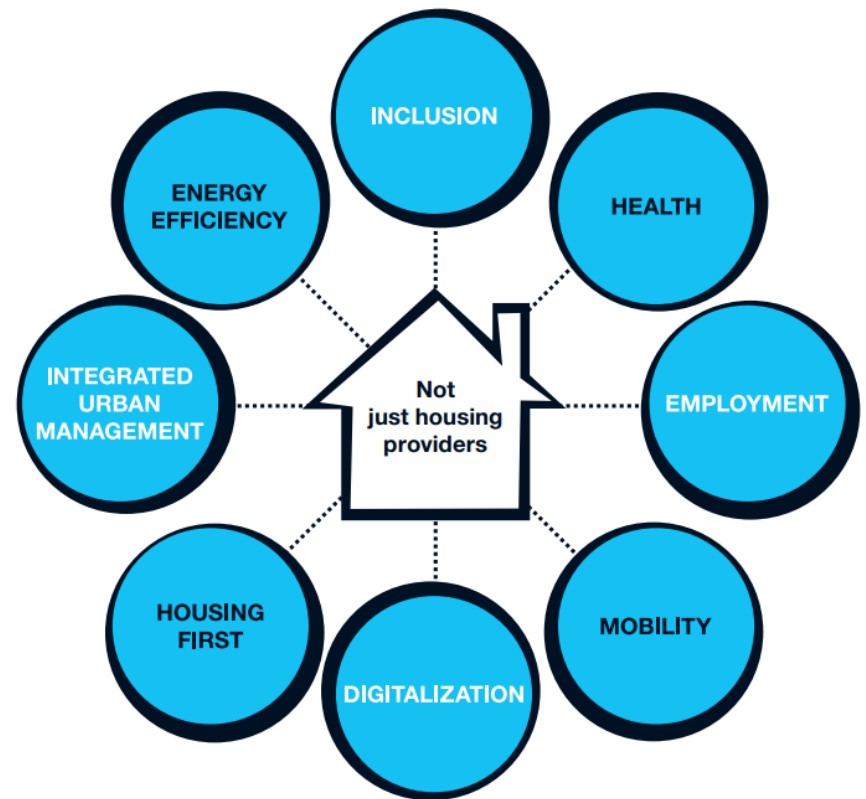
Housing conditions of older people

Mixed picture but some clear risk factors:

- In 2017, the share of people 65 or over living in **under-occupied dwellings** in the EU was just over half (50.6 %), compared with just over one third (34.2 %) for working-age adults
- Older people living alone were more likely to be impacted by **energy poverty** (about 10% in 2018)

Making housing future-proofed?

- The needs of people over 65 are DIVERSE!
- Providing choices and making sure older people are involved in design and decisions
- Social, cooperative and public housing sector that Housing Europe represents is applying a range of solutions
- Forthcoming Housing Europe webinar and research briefing



...Thanks for your attention!

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