

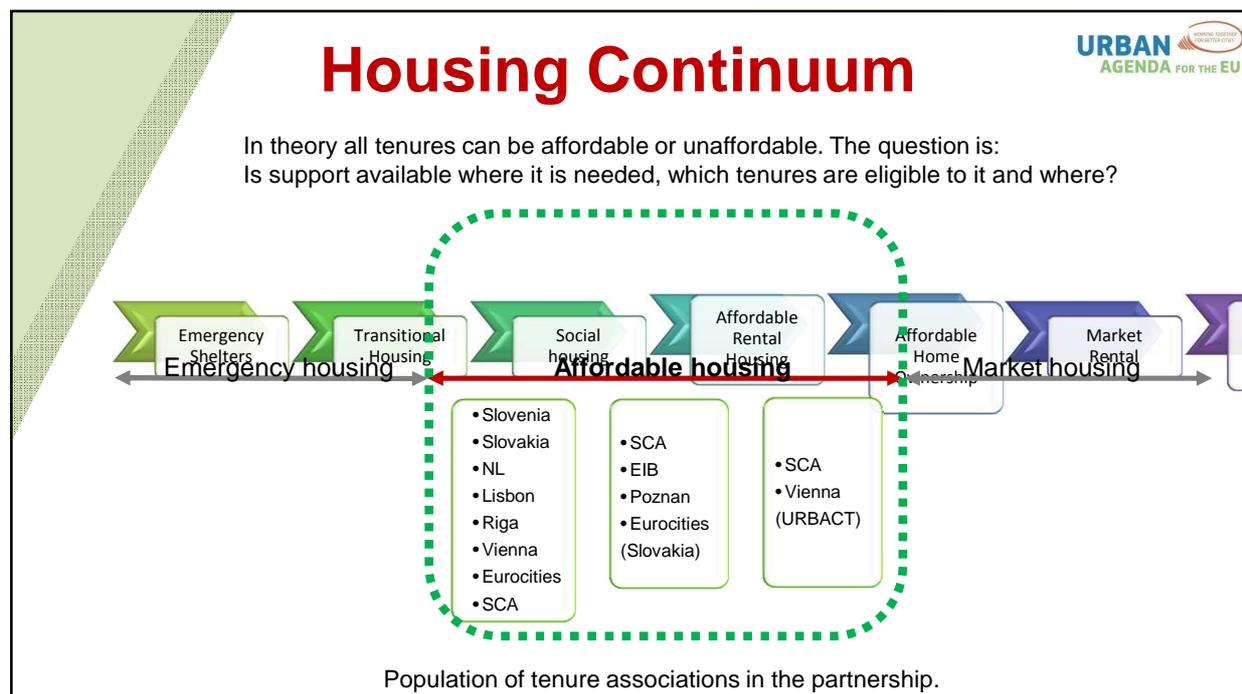


The state of housing in the EU

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HOUSING

- New affordable/social housing production has decreased between 2009 and 2012 ...
- ...but number of households on waiting lists keeps increasing:
 - BE 140,000 to 186,000
 - FR 1.2 to 1.7 million
 - IT 600,000 to 650,000

Affordability gap:
81.5 mio. Europeans are overburdened by housing costs.



Actions & recommendations 2017

- Guidance on EU regulations and public support for housing
 - Paper with in-depth analyses and recommendations
 - Capacity Building Workshop for practitioners and legislators
 - Remove narrow target group for social housing in SGEI decision
- Toolkit on Affordable Housing Policies for cities
 - Projects linked to different governance systems in the EU
 - Categories for CSR in housing policies (ERHIN Project/Award)
- Studies on innovative financing models in old and new MS
 - Funding conditions in old and new MS
 - Obstacles and problems identified, new models to be identified

Outlook 2018

- Unlocking investment potential
 - Need for data on local economic performance
 - Long-term public investments & EU „maths“
- Energy efficiency investments
 - Different local, regional and national situations
 - Energy poverty to be avoided
- Land use and building ground prices
 - Link to spatial planning and urban development
 - Need for anti-speculation and tenure security
 - Provide tenure security and rent regulation mechanisms

Bonus track: rethinking governance

- Evidence based approach in (housing) policy-making requires valid data from local and regional level
 - Recognition of the broad diversity of European housing traditions, financing systems and legislative framework
- Housing investments as part of integrated urban policy making
 - Infrastructure investments pay back, responsibility of all actors
- Housing (and urban) issues need more structural attention on EU-level
 - Housing Focal Points, Informal Ministerial Meetings, HLG in EC