Promoting access to adequate, affordable and decent housing for all

Steps towards a more supportive framework: Initiatives from Eurocities Working Group Housing and the EU-Partnership on Housing

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Lack of decent accessible housing

• Supply side – insufficient supply, spatial distribution, costs
• Demand side – increased (risk of) poverty, less income, difficulty to access financing
• Policy response call for regulation, “balancing act” between subsidiarity and e.g. EU competition law
Sustainability needs:

• better funding
• better legislation
• better knowledge
Better legislation

• Guidance Paper on state aid and housing

• Capacity Building Workshop for practitioners and legislators will be held with the support of CoR in May 2018 in Brussels

• Removal of narrow target group for social housing in SGEI decision - a broader definition is already accepted in the European Pillar of Social Rights

• Stability and Growth Pact versus “Golden Rule” for investment
Better knowledge

• Improvement of subnational housing database
• Policy Guidance for cities for good housing policies
• Policy Guidance to be tested in a „policy lab“ for cities
• Recommendation for an EU exchange programme for peer-to-peer learning for urban housing responsibles
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