

## PROGRAMME

18 November 2025, Grandior Hotel, Prague (Euforie room)

### 09:00 – Official Welcome

**Marco Corradi**, President, Housing Europe

**Miriam Bellušová**, Board Member, European Builders Confederation (Slovak Association of Construction Crafts SZZ)

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### 09:15 – Setting the Stage

**Joao Goncalves** (Housing Europe)

## PART 1 – Housing Strategies for Scale and Affordability

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### 09:20 – Keynote: The Swedish experience. Ensuring Affordability at Scale

*Insights and lessons from Sweden's decades-long approach to housing policy, financing and management.*

*Current problems and ongoing responses.*

**Marten Lilja** (Housing Expert)

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### 09:35 – Panel: Recent Renovation Practices of Large Housing Estates in Baltic, Central and Eastern European countries

*A deep dive into practical experiences, challenges, and latest outcomes from renovating large housing blocks and districts across the Baltic and CEE region.*

**Moderator:** João Gonçalves (Housing Europe)

#### Panelists:

**Anu Sarnet** (Estonian Union of Co-Operative Housing Associations, EKYL)

**Jana Kubankova** (Czech Chamber of Architects)

**Martha Giannakopoulou** (European Urban Initiative Expert)

Q&A with the audience

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## Networking Coffee Break

## PART 2 – Case Studies, Challenges & Way Forward

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### 10:30 – Lighthouse District #1: The Karvina Project – the ARV holistic approach in Czechia

*A concrete example of a holistic district renovation developed in the city of Karvina by the “ARV” partnership, which showcases the integration of energy, social, and community improvements.*

**Robert Wawerka** (Czech Technical University in Prague)

**Michael Sikora** (City of Karvina)

### 10:45 – Lighthouse District #2: Ermua – the drOp lab for building trust with residents

*In Ermua (Spain) the “Drop” consortium developed and tested their integrated renovation methodology aiming to transform social housing districts into inclusive sustainable neighbourhoods.*

**Andreea Nacu** (Housing Europe)

### 11:00 – Fireside Chat: What Is Lacking at the Local Level to Bring About the Desired Projects

*An informal discussion on the needs and critical gaps the Affordable Housing Initiative pioneers are facing in their pathway to deliver successful holistic projects.*

**Moderator: Margherita Marinelli**, Housing Europe

#### Panelists:

**Franco Amigoni** (Town of Fidenza)

**David McCourt** (Cooperative Housing Ireland)

**Farne Conway** (new City XXI near Kyiv, Ukraine)

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## **11:45 – Response from the stakeholders: breaking down barriers to scaling up**

Their response to the policy, financial, and technical hurdles identified and faced by local promoters.

### **Panelists:**

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**Matthew Baldwin** (European Commission's Housing Task Force)

**Miriam Bellušová**, Board Member, European Builders Confederation (Slovak Association of Construction Crafts SZZ)

**Bernd Riesland** (Austrian Federation of Limited-Profit Housing Associations)

**Michael Sikora** (City of Karvina)

**Angeliki Konstantinopoulou** (Sustainable Energy Finance Association)

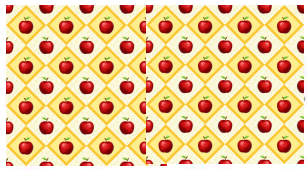
### **12:30 – Interactive Q&A**

An open forum for the audience to ask questions to the stakeholders.

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### **12:45 – Takeaways and Closing Remarks**

Sorcha Edwards (Housing Europe)



**The day will continue with a pitching session which is invitation-only.**

### **Pioneers pitch projects to investors and financial experts**

*Hotel Grandior, Conference Room and Classroom*

### **14:00 – Welcome and rule setting**

### **14:10 – Presentation from pioneers, feedback, and Q&A**

### **17:00 – Conclusion**

*The AHI Days are the opportunities to showcase great examples from the sector and elicit discussion across the board on the ways to expand those. The programme is quite multifaceted to accommodate different learning and networking opportunities, encompassing workshops and seminars (open to the public), study visits, and one-on-one organised meetings between practitioners (1 on 1). The events are organised across Europe in Dublin (June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2025), Prague (November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2025) and a city to be confirmed (June 2026).*

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