

“DECENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE EUROPEAN CITIES”

CONFERENCE IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BRUSSELS

6. OCTOBER 2008 – 9.30 TO 13.00

On the occasion of the International Tenants Day/World Habitat Day 2008, the International Union of Tenants (IUT) invites you to a conference on future policies of European housing:

Venue:

European Parliament, Brussels, Building Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS)
Room: P7 C 050 (7th floor), Rue Wiertz 60, B-1047 Brussels

Program:

- Welcome: **Sven Carlsson**, President of the International Union of Tenants
- Opening of the Conference: **Barbro Engman**, President of the Swedish Union of Tenants
- Key-note speech: “Decent and affordable housing in the European cities”, **Poul Nyrup Rasmussen**, MEP, President of the Party of European Socialists
- “Housing and the future shape of the EU regional and cohesion policy”, **Danuta Hübner**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy (tbc)
- “Sustainable housing policies- best practice and worst cases in the European cities”, **Prof. Peter Boelhouwer**, Scientific Director Housing Studies, Delft University of Technology
- **Tenants make cities! Tenants from Europe speak for themselves**
- “Harmonious cities and rental housing”, **Jean B. Bakole**, UN-HABITAT, Director Liaison Office to the EU
- Panel discussion: Future EU-policies to guarantee affordable rental housing in the expensive cities of Europe
Eva-Britt Svensson, MEP, Vice Chairwoman of the Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
Jean-Marie Beaupuy, MEP, Chairman of the Urban-Logement Intergroup
David Orr, President of the European Liaison Committee for Social Housing and Chief Executive of the National Housing Federation, England
Alain Hutchinson, MEP, Vice President of the Urban Housing Intergroup
- Closing speech: Dr. **Franz-Georg Rips**, President of the German Union of Tenants

Interpreting will be provided into English, French, German and Swedish.
The conference is free of charge.

Registration:

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