



Press Release: IUT's President at the EU Conference on Affordable Housing- addressing the European Housing Crisis

Brussels, 24/03/2025 – Marie Linder, President of the International Union of Tenants (IUT), will speak at the **Conference on Affordable Housing**, co-organized by the European Commission and the European Parliament. This conference marks the beginning of a comprehensive and evidence-based consultative approach to affordable housing policy, ensuring inclusive engagement with all relevant stakeholders and levels of governance and ultimately leading to the finalisation of the European Affordable Housing Plan early next year.

The event will take place on **24 March 2025**, from **15:00 to 18:30**, at the **European Parliament in Brussels**.

https://energy.ec.europa.eu/document/download/f4aff484-abd1-45f1-a16c-8b804c1fbae1_en?filename=2025-03-14_Joint%20EP-EC%20Conference_Draft%20programme.pdf

Key Issues IUT will address

- **Financialisation**

Marie Linder: “Big investors are treating homes like stocks, buying them to generate profit rather than provide housing. This drives up rents and displaces communities. **We need regulations to ensure housing remains a basic right**, not just another tool for the rich to become richer.”

- **Housing Cost Neutrality**

Marie Linder: “Energy-efficiency renovations should **save tenants money**, not force them out of their homes with rent hikes. If landlords upgrade buildings, any rent increase must be offset by energy savings, this is the principle of **housing cost neutrality**.”

- **A 30% Quota for Social, Public, and Affordable Housing**

Marie Linder: “Too many people are being priced out of their own neighbourhoods. Establishing a **30% minimum quota** for social, public, and affordable housing is essential to ensuring that housing remains accessible for all, not just the privileged few.”

IUT is committed to **representing tenants' interests** at this crucial conference, as tenants are among those hardest hits by the ongoing housing crisis in the European Union.

The event will be **webstreamed live**. Tune in here:

https://energy.ec.europa.eu/events/conference-affordable-housing-addressing-european-housing-crisis-2025-03-24_en

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