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Platform

!Call for solutions

50 Out-of-the Box Housing Solutions for the Locked Out

Compendium of the most innovative & daring
European examples

APPLICATION DEADLINE

17 MAY 2019

[Application form \(click here\)](#)

The Housing Solution Platform proposes to **publish a collection of some of the most innovative and daring examples of housing solutions for the locked out in Europe.**

Widespread increasing housing prices and budget cuts on social spending over the last few years have contributed to an increasing number of people being "locked out" of the housing market i.e. being unable to access adequate quality affordable housing and therefore being excluded from the housing market or inadequately housed.

We believe that the publication will encourage different stakeholders to become more innovative in the provision of affordable housing solutions and to fill the gaps in existing systems.

The publication will cover a wide scope of solutions in different parts of the housing system e.g. innovative construction, social housing, mobilisation of private rental sector, activating vacant stock, community-led housing, innovative legal and financing mechanisms, cross sectoral cooperation, emergence of new actors, eviction prevention, architectural and sociological projects, daring land policies, etc. The publication will also include examples of projects which have failed, so as to focus on the learning take-away.

The 50 solutions will be proposed by experts including academics, architects, urban planners, civil servants, social workers, social housing providers, and other profiles. They will present what they think to be the most important innovative housing solutions. The project is financed by the **King Baudouin Foundation** and the **Y-Foundation**.

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EXPECTED RESULTS

The result will be an attractive compendium of 50 of the most innovative and daring initiatives to provide affordable housing for vulnerable groups, proposed by experts from different sectors and from across the European Union.

Objectives

The project aims to

- Publicize and promote innovative and daring housing solutions
- Foster the policy debate on the need for more creativity to adequately house people who are currently locked out of the housing market
- Showcase solutions from across housing systems and from a broad range of contexts
- Profile individual affordable housing experts and relevant institutions (NGOs, platforms, companies, housing associations, etc). The compendium will include short bios (areas of expertise, contact details, etc.) of the key experts & institutions.
- Highlight key elements essential for the success of each project or policy presented, to facilitate potential transfer/replication to other locations/countries
- Nurture local, regional, national and European policy-making in the area of housing solutions
- Inspire more stakeholders to replicate "bottom up" initiatives
- To move beyond a silo approach to target groups and serve all vulnerable groups currently excluded in housing systems (e.g. Roma, homeless people, migrants, ex-prisoners, single parent families, people with disabilities, etc.)

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR AN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

→ Why submit an article?

The Housing Solutions Platform publication will be widely promoted to an extensive range of key housing players from local authorities to European Union institutions decision makers, from foundations to universities. We strongly believe this compendium is an opportunity to showcase innovative grassroots projects & daring ideas and can be a springboard for project investments and promotion.

Each project will also feature an expert's short biography, to provide an overview of some of the key actors in the field of affordable housing for the most vulnerable. In creating the Housing Solutions Platform and launching this project, we hope to offer a European space to experts and practitioners on affordable housing solutions. We hope the compendium will be a step towards an impactful community of practice on housing solutions at European level. Experts whose solutions feature in the final compendium will have an opportunity to showcase their profile, expertise and perspective on how to address the affordable housing shortage.

Some of the applicants will be eligible to present their project at the Lyon Social housing festival in June and the project's closing conference (Brussels).



→ **Who can apply?**

Submissions are welcome from a wide network of experts such as practitioners, academics, professionals, policymakers (we hope to receive submissions from a wide range of professional backgrounds – housing, NGO, architecture, law, planning, public authority, grassroots etc.)

→ **What are we looking for?**

The key projects and policies showcased will provide examples of emerging solutions to develop affordable housing solutions, and how to overcome the concrete financial, administrative and political obstacles. They can be European examples or transferable good practices from outside Europe.

Some of the areas the publication aims to cover are the following (not exhaustive):

- Mobilisation of the private rental sector
- Community-led housing
- Innovative financial and legal mechanisms
- New methods of construction
- Innovative partnerships and cross sectoral cooperation
- Innovative social housing for the most vulnerable
- Activating vacant stock
- Emergence of new actors
- Architectural and sociological solutions
- Daring land policy

➤ **How to submit a proposal?**

If you are interested to apply for your policy or practice to be showcased in the publication, please fill in the **application form (click here)**, describing the solution to be showcased, how does it match the aim and scope of the study, the key problem it addresses, the method used, key findings or results and limitations.

The projects can be submitted in **English** and **French**. If you would like to submit the proposal in another language, please contact us at housing.solutions.platform@gmail.com

The Housing Solutions Platform invites to send your proposal to housing.solutions.platform@gmail.com by 17th May 2019.



SELECTION PROCESS

The proposals will be selected by a **Steering Committee** appointed by the three Housing Solutions Platform partner organizations, representing a mix of expertise and profiles.



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The Steering Committee experts will select the solutions according to several factors, including:

- ✓ clarity of the description
- ✓ impact
- ✓ potential transferability (condition of replication)
- ✓ degree of innovation
- ✓ adequacy of the housing provided (e.g. affordability, suitability, habitability, accessibility, tenure security, flexibility)
- ✓ How is community/participatory dimension taken into account

For more information, please contact housing.solutions.platform@gmail.com

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