ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF JUSTICE IN THE HOUSING SECTOR

HOUSEINC

Affordable, sustainable and inclusive housing for marginalised communities

Housing inequality, defined as disparity in the access, affordability, quality of housing conditions and availability of housing between different groups of people, affects many in the EU. Those living in or at risk of poverty are disproportionately impacted. The quality of housing goes beyond the physical structure of a building and has impacts on health and well-being, economic and working conditions, and social cohesion.

HouseInc (2024-2027) investigates how housing inequality is driven and impacted by various dimensions of poverty (such as energy, mobility, and health).

In the light of multiple ongoing crises in Europe, such as rising energy prices, global warming, Covid-19, and changing migration patterns, the project focuses its research activities on vulnerable groups living in or having migrated from Eastern Europe. The aim is to develop (policy) solutions to enable a socially just and equitable green transition that contributes to the development of an inclusive European society.

Diversity and a greater social justice are at the heart of HouseInc and the project's objective to examine poverty interlinkages and their impact on housing in order to derive high-quality policy recommendations.

Objectives

1 Apply a holistic integrated methodological approach (micro-meso-macro) to study interlinkages among dimensions of housing inequalities and socio-demographic characteristics of marginalised communities.

2 Assess and help policymakers understand economic, social and ecological drivers of and related effects on housing inequalities and examine pathways and impacts of their interaction.

3 Analyse and assess the effects of different types of tenure and policies on housing inequalities.

4 Investigate the role of geographic scale and conceptualise proximity/distance regarding fragilities in dimensions of housing inequality.

5 Map, co-design and scale-up social, economic and ecologic/digital solutions to housing inequalities in the context of marginalised communities.

6 Derive, co-design and validate empirically based and high-quality policy recommendations to address interlinked dimensions of housing inequality on the local, regional and national level.

By taking a holistic approach, HouseInc will develop solutions that aim to relieve the burden of housing inequality in four marginalised communities in Europe: **Roma communities** (in Czech Republic and Romania) as well as **Ukrainian refugees** (in Italy) and **migrants from Eastern Europe** (in Germany). The selected case studies put a special focus on Eastern Europe and the impact of Russia's invasion of the Ukraine. Over 100 community and policy stakeholders will assess validity and ensure adaptability and acceptance of HouseInc developed policy recommendations.

And further! HouseInc solutions and recommendations will contribute to the development of sustainable and inclusive cities and communities throughout Europe.

A **multinational survey** (8,000 participants) across 8 countries to provide a snapshot of the impact of ongoing crises on the different dimensions of housing inequality.

Policy recommendations to provide guidelines for policymakers to increase access to affordable, inclusive and sustainable housing for marginalised groups in society.
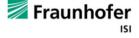

Establish **multi-stakeholder Living Labs and focus groups** to **co-design solutions** at local and regional levels, across at least 15 countries.

Concrete outputs for policy, business and communities

- Several **databases** (legislation, projects, research, literature, etc.).
- **4 country snapshots** - overview of the housing conditions and the policy setting in each case study country.
- **Infographics** on drivers and impacts.
- 1 **atlas** of extant financial, environmental, technical and community-based solutions mapped and characterised covering at least 15 EU countries.
- 10 innovative co-designed, scalable and replicable solutions made available through **factsheets** translated into national languages to inspire policy recommendations.
- A **capacity building toolkit** to translate evidence on drivers of housing inequalities into actionable strategies for policy, societal, and business stakeholders interested in addressing interconnected dimensions of poverty in the housing sector..

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