

46th International UIPI Congress “Sustainable Policies for Housing”

Friday 6.6.2025 Congress Programme

NH Collection Helsinki Grand Hansa, Ballroom, (Kaivokatu 12)

9.00 Arrival of the Participants

9.20 Opening of the Congress and Welcome Addresses

Harri Hiltunen, CEO, The Finnish Real Estate Federation

Marju Silander, Executive Director, Suomen Omakotiliitto

Kai Warnecke, President, International Union of Property Owners

Session One: The EU's Expanding Role in Housing

9.30 Keynote Speech: The EU's Expanding Role in Housing: What to Expect?

Dan Jørgensen, European Commissioner for Energy and Housing, [TBC]

5 min video address

Henna Virkkunen, European Commission Executive Vice-President
for Tech Sovereignty, Security, and Democracy, [TBC]

9.45 Keynote Speech: The EU and Housing

– How to Ensure the Principle of Subsidiarity?

Sari Multala, Minister of Climate, Environment and Housing

10.05 Panel Discussion: EU and Housing: What Should Be the Role of the EU?

Emmanuelle Causse, Secretary General, International Union of Property Owners

Maria Ohisalo, Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Special
Committee on the Housing Crisis in the European Union (Greens)

Aura Salla, Member of European Parliament (EPP)

11.00 Coffee Break



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Session Two: Free Markets and Social Housing – Finding the Right Balance

11.30 Introduction: Why are Free Housing Markets Important

Tuukka Saarimaa, Associate Professor in Urban Economics, Aalto University

12.00 Panel Discussion: Free Markets and Social Housing
– Finding the Right Balance

Tuukka Saarimaa, Associate Professor in Urban Economics, Aalto University

Riikka Perälä, Adapting Housing First program, Postdoctoral Researcher,
Y-säätiö (Housing First Initiative)

Eemeli Karlsson, Economist, Finnish Landlord Association

12.50 Lunch, Hotel NH Collection (Secret Garden)

Session Three: Housing Across Regions

14.00 Introduction: Urban vs. Rural Housing – What Are the Realities?

Mari Vaattovaara, Professor in Urban Geography and Director of
the Institute of Urban and Regional Studies

14.35 Panel Discussion: Housing Across Regions – Can One Approach Fit All?

Mari Vaattovaara, Professor in Urban Geography and Director of
the Institute of Urban and Regional Studies

Heikki Aitto (National Coalition Party), Member of Finnish Parliament,
Chair of the Grand Committee

Jukka Malila, President of the Board, Finnish Home Owners' Association



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Session Four: Young Generations, Home Ownership and Housing

- 15.30 Introduction: Rents and Home Ownership
– Can the Youth Afford a Home of their Own?
Hans Dubois, Senior Research Manager, Eurofound
- 16.15 Introduction: Boosting Student Housing Supply:
What Can Attract Private Landlords? Outcome of UIPI Survey on
Student Accommodation, HOME2 Erasmus Project
Nataša Vistrička, Policy Director, International Union of Property Owners
- 16.30 Conclusions: Summing Up – One or Many?
Housing Policies for a Multifaceted Crisis
Emmanuelle Causse, Secretary General, International Union of Property Owners
- 16.45 Closing Remarks
Kai Warnecke, President, International Union of Property Owners
- 19.30 Dinner, Restaurant 10. Kerros
(Original Sokos Hotel Vaakuna, Kaivokatu 3)
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