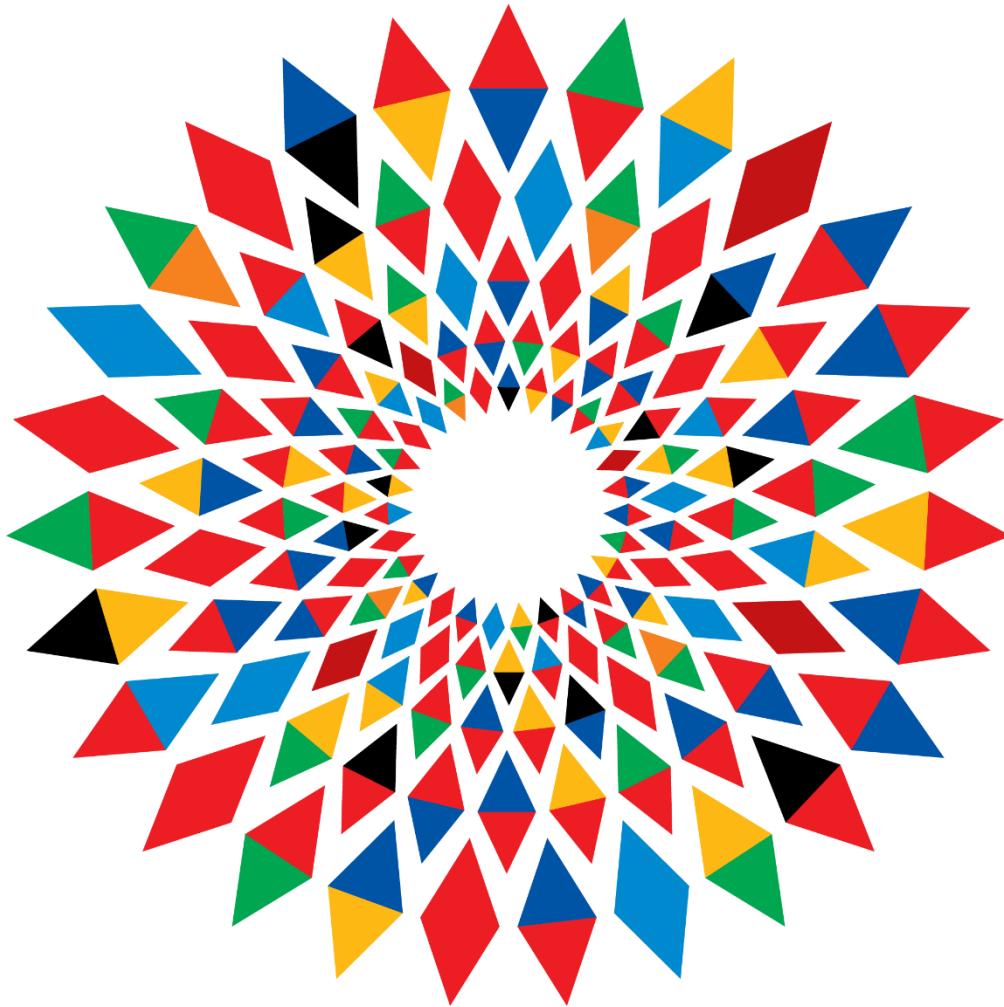


# EU2022.CZ

Czech Presidency of the Council  
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## **Agenda**

**Housing Focal Points Meeting**

**Prague, Czechia**

**9 November 2022**

**Tuesday, 8 November 2022,**

**Venue: Old Town Hall (Hall of Architects – 4th floor),**

**Address: Staroměstské náměstí 1/3, 110 00 Prague 1 – Old Town.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>
17:30–18:00	Registration
18:00–18:10	<b>Welcome speech</b> <i>(Klára Horzinková, Director of the Department of Regional and Housing Policy Strategies and Analyses of the Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic)</i>
18:30–19:10 or 18:45–19:25	<i>Optional: Guided tour of the Old Town Hall (two groups)</i>
18:10–22:00	<b>Dinner</b> <i>(Buffet table)</i>

**Wednesday, 9 November 2022,**

**Venue: Ministry of Regional Development CZ  
(Academy of Public Investment),**

**Address: Pařížská 4, 110 00 Prague 1 – Old Town.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>
8:30–9:00	Registration
9:00–9:10	<b>Welcome speech and launch of the meeting</b> <i>(Daniela Grabmüllerová, Deputy Minister for managing the Section of Coordination of EU Funds, International Relations and Tourism of the MRD CZ)</i>
9:10–9:25	<b>Agenda of the meeting &amp; CZ PRES priorities incl. housing area</b> <i>(Klára Horzinková, Director of the Department of Regional and Housing Policy Strategies and Analyses of the MRD CZ)</i>
9:25–9:45	<b>Keynote speech:</b> <b>Affordable Housing from a European Perspective</b> <i>(Sorcha Edwards, Secretary General, and Julien Dijol, Deputy Secretary General &amp; Policy Director, Housing Europe)</i>
9:45–9:55	<b>European Commission opening remarks</b> <i>(Eduardo Martínez Rivero, Head of Unit, State Aid – Post and Other Services, DG Competition, European Commission)</i>
9:55–10:00	Break
10:00–10:10	<b>Topic Introduction:</b> <b>New Financial Instruments to Improve Housing Affordability</b> <i>(Sorcha Edwards and Julien Dijol, Housing Europe)</i>
10:10–10:25	<b>Cost Rental in Ireland</b> <i>(Robert Nicholson, Head of Unit, Affordable Purchase &amp; Cost Rental – Housing Delivery, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Ireland)</i>
10:25–10:40	<b>Affordable Housing Support Programme in Latvia</b> <i>(Niks Balinskis, Senior Officer, Department of Housing Policy, Ministry of Economy, Latvia)</i>
10:40–10:55	<b>European Investment Bank Supporting Social and Affordable Housing</b> <i>(Kamil Dörfler, Senior Urban Specialist, European Investment Bank)</i>
10:55–11:25	<b>Discussion</b>
11:25–11:40	Coffee break

11:40–11:50	<p><b>Topic Introduction:</b>  <b>Regulation of State Aid and its Possible Reform with the Aim of Accelerating Public Investment in Affordable Housing</b>  <i>(Sorcha Edwards and Julien Dijol, Housing Europe)</i></p>
11:50–12:05	<p><b>The Swedish Investment Aid Scheme for Rental Housing and Homes for Students</b>  <i>(Stefan Svensson, Senior Adviser, Department of Planning and Housing, Division for Housing and Building, Ministry of Finance, Sweden)</i></p>
12:05–12:25	<p><b>State Aid and Housing Policy</b>  <i>(Eduardo Martínez Rivero, Head of Unit, State Aid – Post and Other Services, DG Competition, European Commission)</i></p>
12:25–12:55	<b>Discussion</b>
12:55–13:05	Family Photo
13:05–13:55	Lunch
13:55–14:05	<p><b>Topic Introduction:</b>  <b>Current Affair: The Response of Housing Policies to the Ukrainian Crisis</b>  <i>(Sorcha Edwards and Julien Dijol, Housing Europe)</i></p>
14:05–14:20	<p><b>Housing Solutions for Ukrainian Refugees in Poland</b>  <i>(Zuzanna Lulińska, Chief Specialist, Housing Department, Ministry of Economic, Development and Technology, Poland)</i></p>
14:20–14:35	<p><b>Impact of the Automatic Protection of Ukrainian Refugees on the Division of Responsibilities in the Federal State of Belgium and the Response of the Regions</b>  <i>(Benediekt Van Damme, Director, Flemish Government – Agency for Housing, Belgium)</i></p>
14:35–14:50	<p><b>Rental Housing Opportunities in Multi-generational Houses in Rural Areas - Identification and Mitigation of Barriers</b>  <i>(Petra Sedláčková, Head of Unit, International Organization for Migration (Czechia))</i></p>
14:50–15:20	<b>Discussion</b>
15:20–15:30	<p><b>Wrap-up of the meeting and closing remarks</b>  <i>(Daniela Grabmüllerová, Deputy Minister for managing the Section of Coordination of EU Funds, International Relations and Tourism of the MRD CZ)</i></p>
15:30–16:00	Follow-up snack and networking