

Housing policy: What is going on in the EU and the UK?

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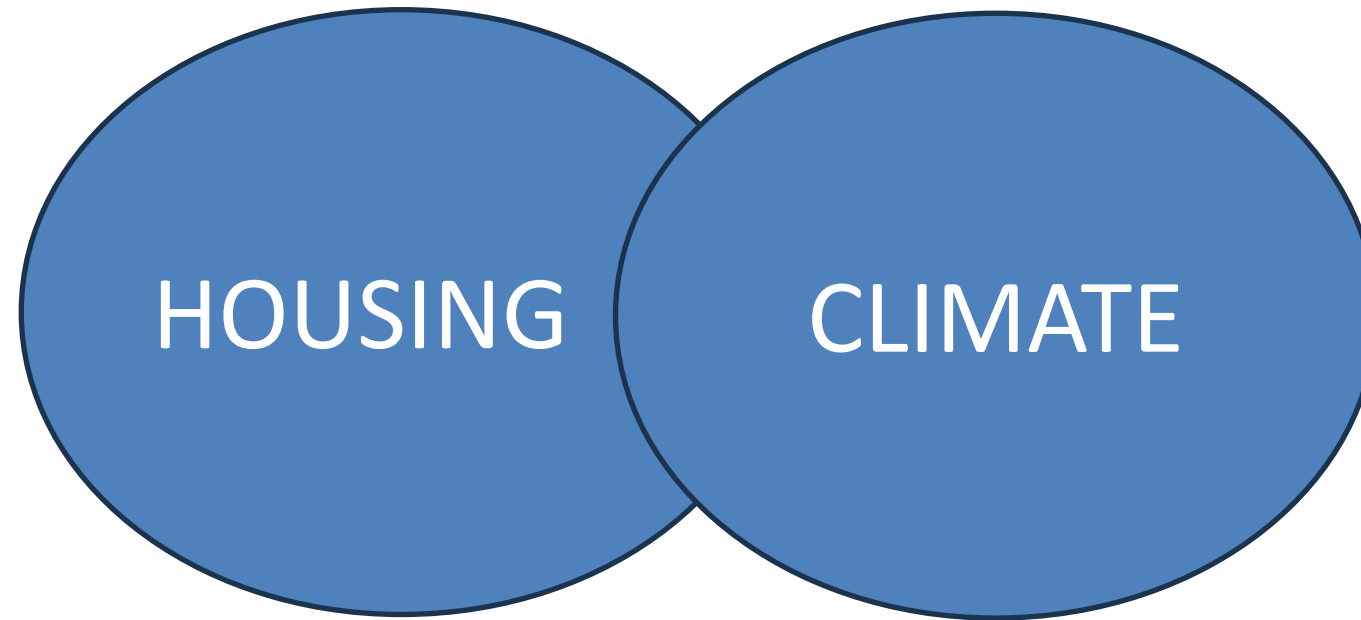
HOUSING

CLIMATE

DANGER SILOS!

QUESTION: WHY ARE SILOS DANGEROUS?

ANSWER: BECAUSE IF THE EU AND THE UK BUILD THEIR NEXT 3 MILLION HOMES IN THE SAME WAY AS THEY BUILT THEIR LAST 3 MILLION THEN THE REMAINING CLIMATE BUDGET WILL BE CONSUMED BY THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND WE WILL ENTER A 3-4 DEGREE WARMING SCENARIO



**OPENS UP THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INCREASE IN
NATURE BASED MATERIALS IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

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EU moves to address housing but what can it do?

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New Housing Task Force set up to ensure all Europeans have access to affordable and sustainable houses

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Good news for the housing crisis! This news item can be **of great interest for your local communities**, and especially for those in need of an affordable accommodation. The Commission has established **the first ever Task Force dedicated to housing**, to support of the first-ever Commissioner for Housing. The aim is to develop and implement a **European Affordable Housing Plan** and related policy initiatives and actions. It will strive to set out effective EU policies to address the structural drivers of the housing crisis, and in particular to unlock public and private investments for affordable and sustainable housing, and thereby also address important housing-related aspects such as homelessness.



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12 JANUARY 2017

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New special committee on the EU's housing crisis to start work

On Thursday, the new special committee on the Housing crisis in the EU (HOUS) elected Irene Tinagli (S&D, IT) as its Chair, alongside its four Vice-Chairs.

MEPs elected the following Committee members to form its [Bureau](#):

Chair: [Irene Tinagli](#) (S&D, IT)

First Vice-Chair: [Dirk Gotink](#) (EPP, NL)

Second Vice-Chair: [Vincent Marzà Ibáñez](#) (Greens/EFA, ES)

Third Vice-Chair: [Ciaran Mullooly](#) (Renew, IE)

Fourth Vice-Chair: [Regina Doherty](#) (EPP, IE)

PRESS RELEASE

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EU housing draft report unacceptable for S&Ds

... EU **housing** draft report unacceptable for S&Ds Today, the European Parliament's special committee on the **housing** crisis in the EU discussed its first draft report, ... disregard for the working methods and ethos of this **House**. This is not the time for national ideological games. ...

Tags:

Committees: • Special committee on the Housing Crisis in the European Union

OUR CHALLENGE: WE NEED TO TALK TO MEPs ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING SUSTAINABLY AND THE KEY ROLE THAT WOOD CAN PLAY IN ACHIEVING THIS

**WE ALSO NEED TO LOBBY COMMISSIONER JORGENSEN AND
HIS HOUSING COMMISSION STAFF**

MORE TIMBER IN CONSTRUCTION HELPS DELIVER:

- **NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA**
- **REVISED BIOECONOMY STRATEGY**
- **EU GREEN DEAL**
- **CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACTION PLAN**
- **FIT FOR 55 PACKAGE**
- **EUROPEAN CLIMATE LAW**
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Do the UK government
'get it'?



Matthew Pennycook MP @mtpennycook · Sep 18

This government is determined not only to build more homes, but to build them better and faster.

We want to see innovative small and medium-sized housebuilders thrive and the uptake of Modern Methods of Construction continue to grow.



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Policy paper

Timber in construction roadmap 2025

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The UK faces some of its biggest challenges yet – climate change, the housing crisis and driving economic growth.

Timber offers a solution as a renewable, low-carbon resource.

It offers immense potential to reduce emissions, create jobs, and build the homes we need.

We must increase the production and use of sustainable, homegrown timber.

Mary Creagh MP the Minister for Nature

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More houses to be built out of wood under Labour's net zero plan

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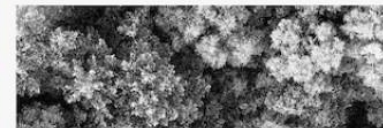
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Consideration of embodied carbon in new buildings

Research report on the practical, technical and economic impacts of measuring and reducing embodied carbon in new buildings.

From: [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#)

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All the UK's biggest housebuilders have or are acquiring or are building their own timber frame operation.

**AS IT STANDS THE EU AND THE UK ARE HEADING DOWN A ROAD
THAT WILL RESULT IN THE REMAINING CLIMATE BUDGET BEING CONSUMED
BY THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT = THREAT**

CURRENTLY NO SENIOR POLITICIAN



**IN EITHER THE EU OR UK
HAS ARTICULATED**



THIS DANGEROUS STATE OF AFFAIRS

**IF THERE WERE MORE TIMBER IN MORE BUILDINGS
WE CAN ADDRESS THIS DANGER = OPPORTUNITY**