



H:OUSE

Housing: to Overcome Unstable Situations in Europe

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We are delighted to share the first news from the latest AMIF Fund project, ***Housing: to Overcome Unstable Situations in Europe (H:OUSE)***. This project, which started in March 2024, aims to promote recognising migrants' right to housing in the EU by supporting community sponsorship schemes in six EU countries: Italy, Greece, Portugal, Slovenia, Hungary, and Ireland.

Thanks to the many (European and non-European) successful experiences in **supporting access to housing** through bottom-up approaches, the project intends to systematise the most effective practices, extrapolate their strengths and then develop and test a **multi-stakeholder intervention model** based on the direct involvement of a wide range of **public and private sponsors**, and on representatives of migrant communities, as solid bridges between vulnerable migrants and the host country. In the course of its activities and building on the **cross-dimensional research** (led by partner Glocal Factory), we will implement in the first year of the project (by January 2025), the project will provide a **tailor-made training path** for this multi-stakeholder group, with the construction and sharing of tools to acquire the necessary skills to involve better and support migrant communities and diaspora.

Local authorities and other public and private stakeholders will be involved in the most pressing issues affecting the migrant community, including accessibility of housing solutions and constantly being informed about innovative practices developed on the ground.

The project's overall objective is to systematise and disseminate the most effective Community Sponsorship practices, building on the Irish model and leveraging all the successful experiences in the field in which the partners have participated in recent years or are most familiar.

The start of the H:OUSE project journey was complemented by the project Kick-Off event and the first partner meeting in Padova (Italy). There, we brainstormed ways



to implement community sponsorship as an innovative approach to finding housing solutions, drawing inspiration and local contexts from all 10 partner institutions.



Since then, the partners have launched the project's first phase by mapping the housing situations, challenges, and issues in each project territory and creating a comprehensive collection of EU policies, recommendations, best practices, and grassroots experience in community sponsorship schemes. They mainly focused on the problems and opportunities experienced by members of the migrant community and diaspora. A special focus of this mapping was investigating the integration of asylum seekers and temporary or international protection beneficiaries.

In June 2024, the project also participated at a **DG Home – Priorities of Home Affairs Fund** event to be part of the thematic session *Learning from the Past to Shape the Future: A Focus on Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund*. We greatly value these occasions to share perspectives and learn how to address such crucial topics from other partners.

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