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IUT Appeal

Europe needs a real Recovery Plan for the development of affordable rental housing

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Europe has just faced and still faces one of the worst financial crises since 1929. The effects of the crisis are particularly tough for many European citizens who have been deprived of their jobs and dwellings. As a consequence, the housing issue is becoming increasingly important in Europe. In many European states, the financial crisis has caused a veritable housing crisis.

In order to solve this housing crisis affecting the lowest-income households, IUT is of the opinion that affordable rental housing must prevail. The private rental sector and ownership sector have both shown their limits in meeting the growing social demand.

Europe is a political, economic and industrial world power. It must guarantee its inhabitants decent and human living conditions fitting the stakes of our society.

In that context, IUT members is of the opinion that European states must bring a quick answer to this emergency situation by reinforcing the access to affordable rental housing.


In order to bring an effective and social answer to European peoples' expectations, financial means exist. The allocation of these means to the affordable rental housing is veritable political and social choice.

IUT launches an appeal to all Parliaments in Europe, but also to governments and representatives of each European state in order that financial means dedicated to affordable rental housing shall be preserved and reinforced.

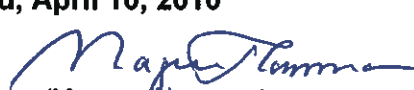
We urge the European states to set up national plans for affordable rental housing at the earliest. The balance of European society and its people depends on it.

Financial means for affordable rental housing could be a relevant opportunity to reinforce an economic stimulus plan.

Signed by IUT Board members in Helsinki, Finland, April 10, 2010



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