

Celebration of World Habitat Day

7th October 2019 11.30-13.30

TUSIAD – KAGIDER Office: Avenue des Gaulois No 13, 1040 Etterbeek



PROGRAM

11.30 Opening and welcome words

 12.00 World Habitat Day United Nation Habitat Mr Paulius KULIKAUSKAS, Chief (Ag). Office for Europe and European Institutions
12.20 International tenants reflections on World Habitat Day

- Ms Barbara Steenbergen (IUT) and Ms Ilaria D'Auria (IUT -Brussels) 12.40 What does World habitat Day means for local work?
- Swedish Union of Tenants Region Aros-Gävle Mr Johan Pelling
- 13.00 Lunch Wrap mingling

Moderator: Ms Aslihan Tekin, Freja Forum Foundation

The United Nations has designated the **first Monday of October of every year as World Habitat Day**.since 1985. This year is the purpose of World Habitat Day to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns.

Freja Forum Foundation started as a project for women and gender equality during / after the war in former Yugoslavia. During the 2000s, the focus has become more and more on the situation of young people, their lack of future faith for their own country. Freja wants to put the living conditions of young people in the Western Balkans and Europe in focus where the right to a home is one of the fundamental parts.

IUT -International Union of Tenants considers housing to be a fundamental right in every society. Housing therefore needs to be adressed locally, nationally and internationally. Affordable and sound housing is one of the safeguards for peace and security, and a fundamental pillar in all stable societies. Lack of housing and homelessness are major ingredients in social exclusion.

International Tenants' day

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