

Who we are

International Union of Tenants (IUT) is a non-governmental and not-for-profit membership organisation for global tenants' organisations. IUT was founded in 1926 in Zürich, Switzerland. Since 1956 our head office is in Stockholm, Sweden with a representative office in Brussels since 2008. We have 74 member organisations in 51 countries, and are financed through membership fees. Guiding all our work is the Tenants' Charter.

The Tenants' Charter is available in all major languages on www.iut.nu



IUT Members 2022

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burundi, Canada, Congo (Democratic Republic), Congo-Kinshasa, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England (UK), Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Iceland, India, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Liberia, Luxembourg, North Macedonia, Nepal, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Ireland (UK), Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland (UK), Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, USA, Wales (UK)

For more information about joining IUT, please go to iut.nu/membership

What we want

- Aiming to realise the right of everyone to good housing, and to a sound and healthy residential environment, at an affordable and fair rent.
- Residential democracy and a right to tenant participation in issues that concern housing costs and the housing environment.
- Security of tenancy and rent limitations.
- Tax neutrality regardless of the type of tenure.
- No discrimination with regard to age, gender, race, ethnic background, disability, sexual orientation or religion.



What we do

Facilitates and organises co-operation between tenant organisations, sharing information, best practice and experience.

- Communicates news via the website.
- Publishes regular newsletters
- Lobbies the EU Institutions and disseminate information.
- Identifies and prioritises policy issues.
- Arranges and participates in seminars, conferences and ceremonies.
- Arranges working groups.
- Follows current research and commissions research.
- Works with membership organisations to analyse issues and influence decisions that concern tenants and requires international cooperation.
- Coordinates International Tenants' Day, on the first Monday of October in each year.
- Partners with UN agencies, such as UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and UN Habitat
- Partners with the ENHR – European Network for Housing Research and APNHR – Asia-Pacific Network for Housing Research.
- Member of several EU networks and working groups related to housing, including European Housing Forum, and the Housing Partnership for the EU Urban Agenda and Housing 2030.



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Housing needs to be addressed locally, nationally and internationally. Affordable and sound housing is one of the safeguards for peace and security, a fundamental pillar in all democratic societies and necessary for labour mobility. Lack of affordable housing and homelessness are major ingredients in social exclusion. Tenants should have a right to participate in decisions affecting their homes.



Tenants together!

Promoting tenants' rights since 1926
Tenant participation across borders



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In consultative status with the UN ECOSOC
In participatory status with the Council of Europe