



UNIVERSITAT ROVIRA I VIRGILI  
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# European Housing Studies

## Fitxa Tècnica

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### Adreçat a:

- Professionals involved in the housing field (e.g. real-estate conveyancers, notary public, land registrars, judges, condominiums managers, attorneys, policymakers, consumers/tenants associations, architects). - Administration officers and policymakers working in local, regional and national authorities, who will gain specific skills to address the recurring issues and the contentious problems that characterize the contemporary housing policies. These include policymakers and civil servants dealing with housing, urban or social matters. - Postgraduate students of different disciplines (law, sociology, social work, economy, finances, sociology, anthropology, architecture, urban design, engineering), that have only superficially and partially studied housing in their degrees will get specialized training in housing studies.

### Codi:

CHOUSDA-A1-2024-1

### Títol al que dona dret:

Certificat d'aprofitament

### Objectius:

1. To get a complete overview of the housing phenomenon and its complexity in Europe 2. To understand what the right to housing entails and its limits, including what home and adequate home mean 3. To know how the process of housing development works: from Planning, urban design to social housing. 4. To understand the types, rights and obligations of each housing tenure, such as homeownership, tenancies, intermediate tenures, condominiums and collaborative housing. 5. To be aware of the implications of the consequences of forced loss of housing, squatting, homelessness and refugees's situation. 6. To understand housing markets, sales contracts and mortgages. 7. To learn more about the role of different types of housing professionals and their relationship with consumers, including a cross-border perspective. Also housing taxation and alternative methods of housing finance. 8. To comprehend the integration of housing into the city and the territory, paying special attention to people with disabilities, health and new urban challenges. 9. To understand how housing is affected by new technologies (proptech) and how to do housing transactions through blockchain technology, digital tokens and smart contracts.ç 10. To use alternative training techniques (such as simulations and gamifikasi

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## Programa

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**Mòdul:** EUROPEAN HOUSING STUDIES (EHS)

**ECTS:** 6

**Durada:** 60 h.

**Contingut:** EUROPEAN HOUSING STUDIES (EHS)

### Part I: The theory of housing studies

#### Lesson 1. Evolution of housing studies

1.1 What are housing studies?

1.2 Relationship to teaching

1.3 Link to professionalisation of housing work

1.4 Research funding

1.5 The scope of housing studies

1.6 Interdisciplinarity

1.7 Comparative research

1.8 Links to policy-making

1.9 National focus. The United Kingdom

#### Lesson 2. Housing as an interdisciplinary academic study

2.1 Introduction

2.2 Behavioural and institutional economics

2.3 Social constructionism

2.4 Materialism

2.5 Social practices

### **Lesson 3. Housing studies in Europe**

3.1 Main approaches in comparative housing research

3.2 Divergence in European housing systems

3.3 Towards an increasing relevance of regional or local housing systems?

3.4 National focus. The Netherlands

### **Lesson 4. Housing and the European Union**

4.1 Introduction

4.2 Housing conditions and affordability

4.3 Human rights Pàgina 4 SGQ D11 v10/O4.2022

4.4 Economic governance

4.5 Consumer protection

4.6 Climate change

4.7 EU housing policy

4.8 National focus. Ireland

## **Part II: The right to housing**

### **Lesson 5. The right to housing**

5.1 What is the right to housing?

5.2 Sources on the right to housing

5.3 Is the right to housing enforceable?

5.4 National focus. Ireland

## **Lesson 6. The concept of “home”**

6.1 Terms related to the concept of home

6.2 Main and secondary residences

6.3 National focus. Spain

## **Lesson 7. Adequate housing**

7.1 Acknowledgement of the right to adequate housing in international law

7.2 The concept of the right to adequate housing and relation to other human rights

7.3 Specific characteristics and content of adequate housing

7.4 National focus. Spain

## **Part III: Development of housing**

### **Lesson 8. Housing and land use planning law**

8.1 Introduction

8.2 Planning “systems” and their main regulatory instruments

8.3 A Critical view of the relationship between land use regulations and equitable housing policy

8.4 In conclusion

8.5 National focus. The United Kingdom

### **Lesson 9. Nature and types of housing: Urban design and demographics**

9.1 Introduction

9.2 Nature and types of housing

9.3 Urban design

9.4 Demographics

9.5 Migration

9.6 Preferences

9.7 Building communities

9.8 Universal design

9.9 Consultation with communities

9.10 National focus. Spain

## **Lesson 10. Social housing development**

10.1 Definition of social housing

10.2 Size of the sector

10.3 Types of social housing providers

10.4 Financing the sector

10.5 Rent setting and beneficiaries of social housing (allocation scheme)

10.6 National focus. Spain

## **Part IV: Access to and tenure of housing**

### **Lesson 11. The continuum of housing tenures**

11.1 The need for tenure diversification

11.2 Categorization of different tenure models and options

11.3 Rent minus

11.4 Ownership plus

11.5 National focus. Germany

### **Lesson 12. Home ownership**

12.1 Home ownership data in Europe

12.2 Home ownership value

12.3 Protection of private ownership

12.4 Legal limitations to private ownership

12.5 National focus. Spain

## **Lesson 13. The European land market and public land law**

13.1 The European land market

13.2 Public land law and social and affordable housing

13.3 National focus. The United Kingdom

## **Lesson 14. Forms of organizing multi-unit buildings. (1) Condominiums**

14.1 General overview

14.2. International/European/cross-border perspectives

14.3. National focus. Poland

## **Lesson 15. Intermediate tenures**

15.1 Introduction

15.2 Old and new private law instruments

15.3 Private governance structures

15.4 Public-private partnerships

15.5 Conclusion

15.6 National focus. Germany

## **Lesson 16. Collaborative housing**

16.1 “Collaborative housing” phenomenon in different jurisdictions

16.2 Elements of collaborative housing

16.3 National focus. Spain

## **Lesson 17. Forms of organizing multi-unit buildings. (2) Ownership-like cooperatives**

17.1 General overview

17.2 International perspective

17.3 European Union perspective

17.4 National focus. Poland

## **Lesson 18. Tenancies. Regulation of rented housing.**

18.1 Rented housing in Europe

18.2 Regulation of rented housing in Europe

18.3 National focus. The United Kingdom

**Lesson 19. Rental contracts**

19.1 Introduction

19.2 Conclusion of the contract

19.3 Duration and termination of the contract

19.4 Rent setting and control

19.5 Maintenance, repairs and condominium costs

19.6 National focus. Germany.

**Lesson 20. Forms of organizing multi-unit buildings. (3) Tenants buildings**

20.1 Introduction

20.2 Overview of social housing management

20.3 Lettings, allocations and homelessness

20.4 Rents and service charges

20.5 Repairs and maintenance

20.6 Tenant participation and consultation

20.7 Dealing with tenancy contract matters and neighbours and tenants' disputes

20.8 Support to tenants

20.9 Community safety

20.1. National focus. The United Kingdom

**Part V: Forced loss and lack of housing**

**Lesson 21. The forced loss of housing. Evictions**

21.1 Defining an eviction

21.2 Causes of evictions

21.3 The EU Report (2016)

21.4 Housing rights and evictions

21.5 National focus. Ireland

## **Lesson 22. Homelessness**

22.1 The conceptualisation of homelessness and housing exclusion in Europe

22.2 Explaining the ETHOS categories

22.3 Pathways to homelessness

22.4 Instruments to tackle homelessness

22.5 Some data on the homelessness phenomenon in European countries

22.6 National focus. Spain

## **Lesson 23. Squatting**

23.1 Squatting in Europe

23.2 National diversity

23.3 Squatting, adverse possession and the right to housing

23.4 National focus. Spain

## **Lesson 24. Supported housing models and Housing First**

24.1 Emergency responses to homelessness

24.2 Supported housing and Housing First

24.3 What is Housing First and how is it different from other forms of supported housing?

24.4 Evidence base

24.5 Housing First and housing-led approach to ending homelessness

24.6 Housing First and supported housing in a systems approach: success stories

24.7 National focus. Finland

**Lesson 25. Housing for asylum seekers and refugees, and other excluded groups**

25.1 Housing and homelessness situation

25.2 EU policies on housing for excluded groups

25.3 Challenges and barriers to accessing adequate housing

25.4 Good practices/support measures

25.5 National focus. Greece

**Part VI: Housing as a market. Transactions in homes and funding**

**Lesson 26. The housing market**

26.1 The economics of housing markets

26.2 Government intervention in housing markets

26.3 National focus. The United Kingdom

**Lesson 27. Housing demand, supply and prices** Pàgina 7 SGQ D11  
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27.1 General overview

27.2 International perspective

27.3 European Union perspective

27.4 National focus. Poland

**Lesson 28. Mechanisms of housing as property transfer. Sales contract. Property law. Property rights. Title and registration**

28.1 General remarks

28.2 Obligational and real rights

28.3 Real rights – detailed discussion

28.4 Purchasing a real right to a dwelling – the contractual mode

28.5 Land registers

28.6 Sale contract

28.7 The right to use a dwelling and its registration

28.8 National focus. Poland

### **Lesson 29. Mortgage contracts**

29.1 Lack of European rules on mortgage loans

29.2 National diversity

29.3 Equity release schemes in the EU

29.4 National focus. Spain

### **Lesson 30. The Global Financial Crisis 2007. Mortgage securitisation**

30.1 Causes of the 2007 Global Financial Crisis

30.2 The role of housing during the GFC and the following years

30.3 National focus. Spain

## **Part VII: Roles and functions of housing. Property professionals and stakeholders in Europe**

### **Lesson 31. Housing private stakeholders**

31.1 Developers, builders, architects, real estate agents, condominium managers, gatekeepers (notaries, land registrars, attorneys)

31.2 Mortgage lenders and brokers

31.3 The regulation of professional activity

31.4 Competencies, functions, rights, liability and particularities

31.5 Professional accreditation

31.6 National focus. Spain

### **Lesson 32. Housing and consumers redress**

32.1 The Global Financial Crisis and the Mortgage Credit Directive

32.2 The MCD: a missed opportunity

32.3 A divergent national transposition

32.4. National focus. Spain

**Lesson 33. Consumers and professionals issues on EU cross-border property transactions**

33.1 Cross-border purchasers of residential property

33.2 Professional assistance

33.3 National focus. The United Kingdom

**Lesson 34. Taxation of housing**

34.1 Introduction to taxation of housing

34.2 Types of housing taxation

34.3 Housing-related tax deductions, reliefs, and subsidies

34.4 Taxation neutrality between housing tenures

34.5 National focus. Denmark Pàgina 8 SGQ D11 v10/O4.2022

**Lesson 35. Contemporary methods to finance real estate investments: Crowdfunding**

35.1 General overview

35.2 Real estate crowdfunding: a new type of investment

35.3 Crowdfunding under Regulation (EU) 2020/1503

35.3 National focus. Spain

**Part VIII: Housing, city, territory and environment**

**Lesson 36. Housing and the city**

36.1 Housing and the city

36.2 Planning, zoning, design, architecture, development and building of housing

36.3 Housing and urban regeneration

36.4 Urban management

36.5 Social housing in urban plans

36.6 Municipal land patrimony

36.7 Public, green, inclusive, cultural, recreation and safe: spaces and places

36.8 Housing and urban services

36.9 National focus. Spain

### **Lesson 37. Right to the city and the UN New Urban Agenda**

37.1 Right to the city

37.2 Threats to the idea of the right to the city and the right to housing

37.3 Right to the city and New Urban Agenda

37.4 National focus. Poland

### **Lesson 38. Territorial cohesion**

38.1 Urban polarisation and competition for the city. Causes of exclusion

38.2 Urban policies and resilience

38.3 Peripheries: new imbalances and trends

38.4 Planning for a networked territory for a positive urban-rural relationship

38.5 Lively and connected rural areas: housing as a key factor

38.6 National focus. Spain

### **Lesson 39. Independent living for persons with disabilities and housing**

39.1 What is independent living?

39.2 How does the EU promote independent living?

39.3 What is universal design?

39.4 Best practice model: Sweden

39.5 National focus. Ireland

### **Lesson 40. New urban challenges**

40.1 Introduction

40.2 Gentrification

40.3 Short-term rental

40.4 Empty dwellings

40.5 Substandard housing

40.6 Conclusion: integrated development and effective multi-level governance

40.7 National focus. The Netherlands: Rotterdam

#### **Lesson 41. Green affordable housing**

41.1 Green affordable housing and energy efficiency in the EU

41.2 Energy efficiency in condominiums and in rented dwellings

41.3 National focus. Spain

#### **Lesson 42. The Sustainable Housing Target and Urban Goal SDG11: Safe and affordable for all?**

42.1 International context

42.2 National focus. The United Kingdom

#### **Lesson 43. Housing and health**

43.1 Introduction

43.2 Housing and health: key variables

43.3 A systemic matrix

43.4 Conclusion

43.5 National focus. Switzerland

### **Part IX: Housing and new technologies**

#### **Lesson 44. An introduction to proptech**

44.1 The concept of proptech and its challenges

44.2 Different types of proptech services and products

44.3 The use of technology in the *iter* of a real estate transaction

44.4 The real estate brokerage profession through proptech

44.5 National focus. Spain

**Lesson 45. Blockchain technology, smart contracts and tokenization**

45.1 Bitcoin, blockchain technology and smart contracts

45.2 Land registries and blockchain

45.3 Buying a home through the blockchain

45.4 Renting through the blockchain

45.5 National legislations and MiCA Regulation

45.6 National focus. Spain

**Lesson 46. Evidence-based analysis of judicial decisions and an application to Spanish housing case law**

46.1 An evidence-based framework for legal research

46.2 A data-science perspective to the analysis of judicial decisions

46.3 A challenge for better quantitative legal research: data quality and accessibility

46.4 National focus. Spain

**Lesson 47. Smart, sustainable and inclusive cities: housing and IoT**

47.1 Introduction: urban challenges in the post-COVID age

47.2 Concepts and definitions

47.3 Technology, the city and housing

47.4 Barriers and enablers to smart, sustainable and inclusive cities

47.5 National focus. Spain

**Lesson 48. European data protection and housing**

48.1 Emerging conflict between housing and privacy

48.2 Smart homes and the transformation of everyday living

48.3 Privately owned multi-unit housing (condominiums)

48.4 Rental housing

48.5 The European General Data Protection Regulation

## 48.6 National focus. Israel

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