

*The 2nd RESPONDER Multinational Knowledge Brokerage sustainable housing Event.*

# Sustainable housing in a post-growth Europe

Exploring Policy Options and Open Research Questions

**6-7 June 2013, Barcelona (ES)**

Organized by the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology



## Why housing and why now?

Housing responds to fundamental human needs. However, the past growth in the building and real estate sectors in some European and non-European countries did not bring us to sustainability considering the social, ecological and economic problems it created. Housing has been regarded a key sector for economic growth. But what are the consequences for this sector when growth is more and more questioned: in post-growth Europe? Housing policies contain complex interrelations between economic, environmental, and social systems; housing is a key area where the urgent changes are needed.

## Key issues we plan to discuss...

The 2nd Multinational Knowledge Brokerage Event brings together policy-makers, high-level scientists, and business representatives to address pressing questions on the potentials and challenges of sustainable housing and to provide an impetus for effective policy. We will specifically explore the following questions:

- What is the contribution of new and creative approaches in policy making – like cohousing, shared services and appliances – for increased habitability, comfort levels and reduced environmental impacts?
- Which economic and regulatory mechanisms could bring together the existing demand for affordable housing and the potential of the empty housing stock?
- What is the the potential of successful policy approaches in different European Member States in the field of energy efficient refurbishment of existing housing and their contribution to job creation and increased energy efficiency?
- How to combine top-down and bottom-up approaches in the implementation of social housing and energy efficient refurbishment?

## Three good reasons for you to come...

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1. High-level and interesting keynote speakers from policy, science and civil society.
2. Opportunity to share your experience and questions, discuss them with renowned experts and experienced policy makers, by using participatory approaches and system mapping.
3. Joint development of ideas for innovative and forward-looking policy making.

## Expected Outcomes

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In a process design that maximizes dialogue between participants, the event will create the space and sufficient time to unravel contradictions within the topic of “Sustainable housing in a post-growth Europe”. This approach aims to arrive at tangible implications for future policy development. Based on a systemic exploration of pressing questions which need to be addressed and tackled to achieve more sustainable consumption in Europe, participants will generate useful impetus for effective policy support. Knowledge exchange between all participants will support both policy making and future research.

## Coming?

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Registration by email with attached registration form to: [housing@SCP-RESPONDER.eu](mailto:housing@SCP-RESPONDER.eu) or via [http://www.scp-responder.eu/community/my\\_registrations](http://www.scp-responder.eu/community/my_registrations)

The registration forms are downloadable at:

[http://www.scp-responder.eu/pdf/events/2013\\_barcelona/registration\\_form.doc](http://www.scp-responder.eu/pdf/events/2013_barcelona/registration_form.doc)  
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## About RESPONDER

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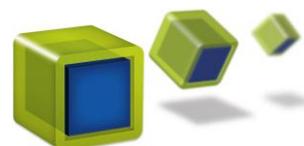
“Sustainable Housing in a post-growth Europe: Exploring Policy Options and Open Research Questions” is part of the EU-FP7 project RESPONDER funded by the European Commission DG Research and Innovation under the 7th Framework Programme of Research. RESPONDER aims to promote sustainable consumption by exploring novel ways of knowledge brokerage between science and policy-making in various consumption fields. It thereby also helps to improve the management of potential political, social and economic contradictions of sustainable consumption with economic growth.

The innovative core of RESPONDER is the methodology “**participatory systems mapping**” for knowledge brokerage and its application in five different policy areas: “Food Consumption”, “Household Savings and Debts”, “Housing”, “Household Electronics” and “Mobility”. For more information, please visit the RESPONDER website: <http://www.scp-responder.eu/>

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## Sustainable housing in a post-growth Europe

### Exploring Policy Options and Open Research Questions

Date: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Venue: COAC, Association of Architects of Catalonia, Plaça Nova 5, 08002 Barcelona, Spain

### Agenda (State: May 29 2013)

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

09.00 **Registration & coffee**

09.30 **Welcome & introduction**

*Joan Martinez Alier, Autonomous University of Barcelona (ICTA-UAB)*

*Gerd Scholl, Institute for Ecological Economy Research, Berlin*

*Brokerage event facilitator: Peter Woodward, Quest Associates*

#### **Session 1: Re-orientation of the housing sector**

10.00 **Overview of the issues and visions**

*Francois Schneider, Autonomous University of Barcelona (ICTA-UAB)*

10.20 **Groups and plenary discussion**

*All participants*

11.00 **Coffee**

#### **Session 2: Social rent in a post-growth Europe**

11.15 **Keynote presentation/case studies**

*Javier Burón, Partner URBANIA ZH GESTION; Researcher EKITEN THINKING - EHU-UPV*

*Claire Roumet, Secretary General of CECODHAS Housing Europe (European Federation of Public, Cooperative & Social Housing)*

*Joris Hoekstra, TU Delft, OTB Research Institute for the Built Environment*

12.15 **Groups and plenary discussion**

*All participants*

13.00 **Lunch**

#### **Session 3: Energy efficient refurbishment in a post-growth Europe**

13.50 **Keynote presentation/case studies**

*Albert Cuchí, Politechnical University Catalonia & Green Building Council Spain*

*Eva Heiskanen, National Consumer Research Center Finland and visiting professor at IIIIEE Lund University*

14.45 **Feedback discussion from session 3**

15.15 **Coffee**

- 15.30 **System mapping session I: exploring refurbishment, social rent and co-housing**  
*Parallel working groups*
- 16.50 **Reporting back system mapping results**

#### Session 4: From Vision to Reality: Best Practice

- 17.00 **Sharing best practice**  
*Interactive poster walk on sustainable housing*
- 18.00 **Close**
- 20.00 **Joint dinner at Mescladis** (Carrer de Carders, 35 – 08003 Barcelona)



### Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

- 9.00 **Welcome back & introduction to day 2**

#### Session 5: Co-housing in a post-growth Europe and bottom-up case studies

- 9.10 **Keynote presentation and case study**  
*Dick Urban Vestbro, The Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm*  
*Marcel Seehuber, AMK Altötting, Mietshäuser Syndikat, Germany*
- 10.00 **Feedback discussion from session 5**
- 10.40 **Coffee**
- 10.55 **System mapping session II: exploring refurbishment, social rent and co-housing**  
*Parallel working groups*
- 12.10 **Reporting back system mapping results**

#### Session 6: Pulling it together

- 12.30 **Plenary discussion**  
*What are the emerging messages for policy makers and the research community?*
- 13.30 **RESPONDER (project) beyond today**
- 13.45 **Close and lunch**

#### Moderators of system map sessions:

*Markus Hametner, Vienna University of Economics and Business*  
*Ursula Kopp, Vienna University of Economics and Business*  
*Gerd Scholl, Institute for Ecological Economy Research, Berlin*

#### Brokerage event facilitator:

*Peter Woodward, Quest Associates*

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