

## Barcelona hosts the annual congress of the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR)

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These days, Barcelona is hosting the annual congress of the [European Network for Housing Research \(ENHR\)](#), one of the world's most important gatherings of housing researchers.

This congress, which is held in our city **from August 30 to September 2** -organized by Barcelona City Council and the ENHR itself, with the collaboration of the [Barcelona Metropolitan Housing Observatory \(O-HB\)](#), among other organizations- focuses this year on the fight for the right to housing, the pressures of globalization and the affordability of housing in cities.

Among other issues, the meeting will bring to the table debates on: the fight for the right to housing, access to housing in the face of the expansion of financial and economic actors in the real estate market, and the different models and evidence on the new rent control mechanisms.

It will also discuss how to increase the supply of affordable housing, how to face the ecological challenge with the design of sustainable homes, and new urban challenges such as, for example, tourism and gentrification.

The congress is structured in two blocks: the **New Housing Researchers Colloquium (NHRC)** -August 30-, aimed mainly at researchers who are working on their doctoral theses related to housing; and the **Annual ENHR Conference** -from August 31 to September 2-, aimed at housing research professionals and the specialized sectors to meet, discuss approaches and results, and to compare policies of European countries.

### SHARE EXPERIENCES

Apart from the debates, in the [Barcelona ENHR 2022](#) workshops have been organized to share experiences and research on cooperative housing, the comparison of housing policies, on neighborhoods and vulnerable communities, energy and efficiency, sustainability, the social housing in the global world, policies on homelessness and against exclusion, and the situation of refugees, among others.

One of the workshops, organized directly by the O-HB, deals with 'The role of housing observatories in Europe: joining forces for better housing'. Coordinated by Jordi Bosch, director of the O-HB, and Alice Pittini, of the Housing Europe Observatory, it aims to review the obstacles and challenges faced by housing observatories in aspects such as housing data, monitoring and evaluation of housing policies, or housing governance; and explore how to improve coordination between local, regional and national housing observatories and the Housing Europe Observatory.

## RESEARCHERS AROUND THE WORLD

Annually, the ENHR congress is one of the most important international events in the field of housing research, and brings together researchers from universities and research centers around the world, who bring together and share the most advanced research in the international field.

The ENHR is a multidisciplinary organization, made up of institutions and people who are dedicated to research on housing in all aspects. It was created in 1988 to provide an organizational platform for institutions and individuals in Europe and other countries actively involved in housing research.

Currently, it has nearly 1,000 individual members and almost 100 institutions representing almost every country in Europe.