

**Charter for
European Network for Housing Research**

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Article I

The European Network for Housing Research organises all those engaged in housing research in Europe, regardless of institutional affiliation, disciplinary background or school of analysis, to enhance the scientific quality and practical relevance of such housing research in Europe, and to promote contacts both within this scientific community and between researchers and practitioners in housing.

The Network will help organising international conferences and workshops, form working groups to further research on particular topics and decide on their termination, co-operate with other international groups and organisations active in housing research, facilitate publication of research reports, and issue a quarterly Newsletter to its members.

Article II

The Network consists of European-based individual researchers and research institutions who join the Network as full members by direct application. Associate membership is open to institutions, agencies and associations of practitioners in housing, as well as to individual and institutional members from outside Europe. Final decisions concerning the acceptance of membership applications will be taken by the Coordination Committee.

Article III

There will be a General Assembly meeting of the Network every two years, as far as possible in connection with international housing research conferences organised in liaison with the Network. The Assembly reviews the general policy of the Network and elects the Coordination Committee.

All members have a right to attend the General Assembly and participate in its discussions. Decisions are reached by a majority of those voting. The right to vote in the Assembly is dependent on payment of the memberships fee and is based on a system of "one person — one vote". The voting procedures are the same regardless of whether the voter is a full individual member of the ENHR or whether he or she is employed by a research institute which in turn is a full institutional member of ENHR.

Associate members are generally not granted voting rights. The Coordination Committee, however, may grant voting rights to certain of these individuals if they are apparently engaged in research.

Voting by proxy is allowed, provided that the proxy is a full member of the ENHR and presents a signed and witnessed document from each member for whom he or she acts as a proxy.

Article IV

The Network is administered by the Coordination Committee, consisting of the Chairman, two Vice Chairmen, a Treasurer and no less than seven nor more than eleven additional members. Members of the Coordination Committee are elected for a period of four years. In order that their terms of office will be staggered, elections should be held every two years. At each election, about half of the Coordination Committee is elected.

Elections to the Coordination Committee will normally be held at ENHR General Assemblies. To facilitate voting, an election via the ENHR website will be organised before the final voting in the General Assemblies takes place. But, if in certain years the Coordination Committee decides that this is not practical, an election only via the ENHR website may be held. Voting is based on a system of one person – one vote (see Article III).

After each election of the Coordination Committee, the Coordination Committee itself elects, from its membership, the various officers of the Committee. The Chairman has the casting vote. The Coordination Committee proposes to the General Assembly from among ENHR full members an Election Committee to facilitate the nomination of candidates for the Coordination Committee.

Article V

It is the duty of the Coordination Committee members to promote the Network and its purposes as specified in Article I. This includes taking part in Committee meetings. In cases of resignation or unavoidable lapses of membership between General Assemblies or in order to insure representation within the Committee, the remaining Committee members may vote to “co-opt” new members until the next election. If an elected member of the Coordination Committee has valid reason not to attend a Committee meeting, the Chairman may temporarily appoint an alternate. The Coordination Committee may also temporarily appoint “ad-hoc members” to the Committee for special purposes.

Article VI

Any proposal to change the fees must first be announced in the Newsletter. The Coordination Committee decides the membership fees to be paid by each membership category. Fees are paid annually in advance.

Article VII

The Treasurer is responsible for supervising the receipt and disbursement of money on behalf of the Network and for preparing an Annual Statement of accounts and estimated future expenditures to be submitted for approval by the Coordination Committee.

Article VIII

The Coordination Committee submits to the General Assembly a Financial Position report, including a statement of accounts from the ENHR Treasurer.

Article IX

The Coordination Committee appoints, when needed, a Coordinator of the ENHR Office to assist the Chairman in carrying out the instructions and decisions of the Coordination Committee. The ENHR Office provides the Managing Editor of the Network’s Newsletter.

Article X

Amendments to the Charter of the ENHR should first be announced in the Newsletter and then voted upon in the next General Assembly. A simple majority is required to change an article in the Charter.

Article XI

This Charter enters into force on the first day of July, 1992.