



„TENANTS MAKE CITIES“

Dear Friends,

As part of the World Urban Forum 6, the International Union of Tenants (IUT) is pleased to invite you to its networking event

“Tenants make cities – cities need affordable rental housing!”

which will be held on September 3, 2012 from 5 to 7 pm at Naples, Mostra d'Oltremare, pavilion 6 room 4.

The rise of housing prices has been the key driver of wealth and income inequalities. Living in run down quarters and neglected neighborhoods creates inequities since it reduces the potential access to good education, good jobs and public services. The discrimination by address is a matter of fact.

Having a high rate of rental housing is a key factor to reduce housing price volatility, which is a major obstacle to labor mobility. Indeed, the most developed countries have a high share of rental units in their housing stock. Increasing the supply of affordable rental housing would promote a sustainable economic growth as well as a fair and open society. The security of tenure contributes to the prosperity of cities, since it permits an inclusive environment and social cohesion.

For these reasons, IUT claims that the right to affordable and decent housing should be the basis of all welfare systems.

This event aims to favor networking among main stakeholders and individuate best practices in the field through a panel constituted by Marja Elsinga (Professor at TU Delft), Claudio Acioly (UN-Habitat), Andrea Cozzolino (MEP), Guido Piran (SICET), Magnus Hammar and Barbara Steenbergen (IUT).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Naples.

Best wishes,

Sven Bergensträhle (IUT President)



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