

# FINANCING SOCIAL HOUSING THE CEB'S EXPERIENCE

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### The CEB in brief

Development bank founded in 1956 by eight Council of Europe member countries with an exclusively social mandate

Main objective: to foster social cohesion in Europe

40 Member States – members of Council of Europe

#### **Key Figures**

- Staff 182
- Total assets €26 billion
- Own funds €6.5 billion
- Outstanding loan portfolio €12 billion
- €38 billion in projects financed since inception
- Rating AAA (Moody's), AA+ (S&P, Fitch)

## Multilateral Finance Institution

Financial intermediary between capital markets and borrowers

Mainly medium and long-term loans

On-lending to borrowers on a non-profit basis

Raising funds by issuing debt instruments on capital markets

Benefiting from attractive cost of funds

# Sectoral lines of action

	Sectors of action
Strengthening social integration	<ul> <li>Aid to refugees, migrants and displaced persons</li> <li>Social housing for low-income persons</li> <li>Creation and preservation of viable jobs</li> <li>Improving living conditions in urban and rural areas</li> </ul>
Managing the environment	<ul> <li>Natural or ecological disasters</li> <li>Protection of the environment</li> <li>Protection and rehabilitation of the historic and cultural heritage</li> </ul>
Supporting public infrastructure with a social vocation	<ul> <li>Health</li> <li>Education and vocational training</li> <li>Infrastructure of administrative and judicial public services</li> </ul>

# The CEB in social housing

Social housing represents nearly 50% of the CEB's total lending

#### Total amount €17 billion

- Housing and housing-related infrastructure (€ 11 billion)
- Cross-sector operations with housing and urban components (€ 6 billion)

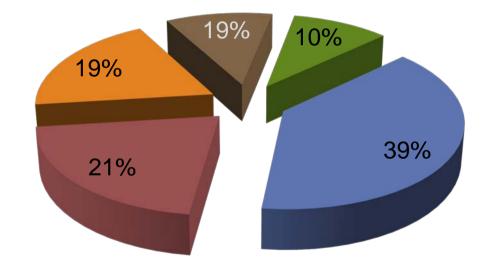
#### Leverage effect €45 billion

 Loans to housing and associated infrastructure projects mobilized € 45 billion of total investments across Europe

**Increasing demand since 2009** 

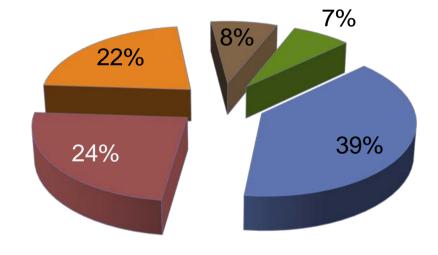
# Geographical distribution of housing and urban development support

- Southern Europe
- South Eastern Europe
- Western Europe
- Nordic & Baltic countries
- Central Europe



# Sectoral distribution of housing and urban development support

- Low-income persons
- Refugees and migrants
- Reconstruction and urban infrastructure
- Green housing
- Elderly and disabled persons



# Eligibility Criteria

Regulatory legislation on publicly funded (social) housing (income, size, cost etc.)

#### In the absence of legal provisions, CEB criteria

- Income ceiling vs. national average
- Size limit vs. national average
- Occupancy clause

#### Rehabilitation/conversion restricted

- Publicly funded housing
- Commercial floor area < 20%</li>

#### Ad hoc project specific criteria

- Housing for priority / vulnerable groups
- EE improvement in housing

### Financial means of action

#### **Project specific**

#### **Multi-project programmes**

- CEB **loan amount** in principle < 50% of total eligible cost(s)
- Tenor / Grace period commensurate with project requirements up to 25 years in line with on-lending terms
- Adequate **risk profile** of the counterparty or the guarantor
- Interest rate fixed or floating
- No Commissions or fees
- Terms and conditions for each loan tranche determined separately
- Disbursement schedule follows progress of works or absorption capacity

# Cooperation partners

National or regional government authorities

Social housing agencies

Public bodies entrusted with responsibilities in the field of social housing

Financial Institutions

# Approches to social housing financing

#### Access to property

Social mortgage loans

Social properties for purchase

#### Social rental properties

Refurbishment works

Energy efficiency





#### **Support elements**

Technical advice

Advice on energy efficiency measures

Socio-economic advice and follow-up

# **Examples of Projects**

#### **France**

Adaption of social dwellings for the needs od elderly and disabled persons

#### **Estonia**

Refurbishment of multiple-unit residential buildings

#### Belgium

Social mortgage and renovation loans

Refurbishment of social housing units

#### Montenegro

Access to property for low-income households

#### Hungary

Refurbishments of pre-fabricated panel buildings

#### Ireland

Loans for local authorities and cooperative housing bodies

#### **Finland**

Construction and renovation of rental social housing (including housing for elderly)

#### **FYROM**

Construction of rental housing units

# European cooperation

**Other IFIs** 

European Union

United Nations Agencies

World Bank

National Development Agencies

# Forward looking issues



# Thank you for your attention

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