



European Affordable Housing Consortium

Sustainable Housing for Social Impact

The European Affordable Housing Consortium (SHape-EU) is the point of reference for a socially inclusive Renovation Wave and New European Bauhaus. Together with communities and experts on the ground, 10 dedicated partners are shaping the envisaged by the EU Affordable Housing Initiative by creating blueprints for a just energy transition with affordability and liveability at their heart.

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OBJECTIVE

Support SMEs, public authorities and social and affordable housing providers, in their planning and implementing renovation projects at the district level, by replicating the approaches of ‘Lighthouse Districts’.

WHAT IS A ‘LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT’?

A ‘Lighthouse District’ is defined as a renovation project that went ‘the extra mile’ in terms of technological, social or process innovations and followed an integrated approach, meaning they include one of the three following features:

- ✓ Use of technologies, such as digital, smart energy efficient solutions, circular and modular renovation toolkits and eco-design, use of renewables as energy sources to improve energy efficiency and the sustainability of the district;
- ✓ Use of people-centred business models (energy communities, common spaces, co-investment in renovation, frameworks to empower residents, such as co-investing and resident owned services, integration of circular economy approaches), innovative financial models, promote social innovation, access to health and social services, opportunities for social economy enterprises, improving social inclusion and fighting energy poverty;
- ✓ Experimentation of co-creation and engagement practices for renovation at district level, engaging several disciplines (creative, green, digital, mobility).



ACTIVITIES

The European Affordable Housing Consortium will:

1. Gather and make available all information related to innovative ways of renovating social and affordable housing at the district scale.
2. Draft blueprints to replicate the approach of the 'Lighthouse Districts' throughout Europe.
3. Provide tailored support to local actors on how to carry out 'Lighthouse Districts' approaches.
4. Facilitate meetings and learning opportunities in a series of online and onsite events.
5. Learn lessons from the project and recommend policy changes.

PROVIDED ASSISTANCE

1 – Blueprints for replicating 'Lighthouse Districts'

In the Blueprints any project leader planning or already undertaking district renovations will find codified knowledge related to the 'Lighthouse District' approaches. This information will be accompanied by examples of where it has been proven successful and recommendations on associated conducive regulatory and financial frameworks. The following specific topics (formulated as questions) will be included in the Blueprints:

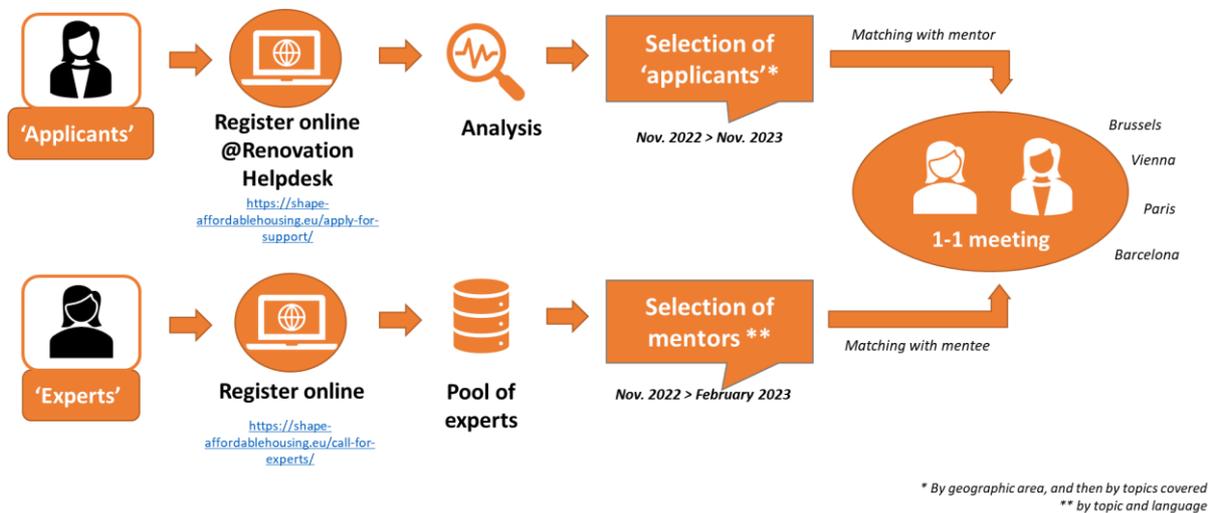
| Implementation Topics | Social Innovation Topics | Technical topics |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How to accommodate temporarily the tenants during renovation period? – How to deliver SME-friendly, innovation and partnership procurement? – How to attract and include private capital (e.g., use social and green bonds) as a source for funding lighthouse districts? – How to ensure cost-neutrality for residents after the renovation operation. – How to team up with local authorities for the uptake of new technologies targeting social and affordable housing. – How to tackle renovation of multi-apartment blocks, including multi-ownership challenges? – How to design districts to address a combination of | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How to combine different target groups? – How to ensure co-creation? – What models of co-ownership or shared ownership of accommodation or utilities? – How to combine social, ecological and economic purposes? – How to consider the role of mediators and mediation techniques to align different interests? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How to put in place modular building systems? – How to develop industrialised packages (standardised renovation solutions)? – How to maximize circularity in renovation and construction? – How to ensure energy efficiency at district-level by combining different sources of energy? – How to digitise social housing service provision in an affordable, adaptable and purpose driven manner? – How to make a combination of purposes possible (housing, economic, leisure, nature, etc.) through spatial planning? |



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| <p>purposes: housing, economic, leisure, nature, etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How to tackle split incentives? – How to explore projects' aggregation? | | |
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2 – Tailored peer-to-peer support

Professionals in social housing, local authorities and construction SMEs involved in renovation projects are eligible to receive tailored support by carefully selected SHAPE-EU experts. These experts have led Lighthouse Districts themselves and are ready to support in any of the topics listed above. Interested professionals can benefit from a tailored mentorship programme: based on the expert's practical experience, the mentee will be guided towards solving a commonly agreed challenge.



Registrations in the Helpdesk will remain open until 2023. Decision on which projects to support will be made on a rolling basis. Applications can also be directed to other support provided by the Consortium (training, webinars, etc.).

There are no specific demands regarding maturity of the supported districts. They should use the support to improve their project either already at the planning phase or the implementation phase.

The Renovation Helpdesk is available at <https://shape-affordablehousing.eu/apply-for-support/>



3 – Knowledge-sharing, exhibitions and networking events

Calendar of events

