

Declaration

In April 2006 an initiative group of Bulgarian homeowners, homeowners associations in different regions of Bulgaria and Bulgarian housing experts established the Union of Homeowners Associations (UHA) as the first voluntary organization of homeowners associations in condominium housing buildings in Bulgaria. The UHA came into being to meet the need for uniting the owners in condominium housing buildings and capable to achieve a high quality of living conditions and to strengthen and develop the principles of the civil society. The UHA created the opportunity to preserve the common interests of the homeowners, to collect and disseminate the necessary information and training for performing the required activities for the proper maintenance and management of the multistory housing estates in Bulgaria.

From the very beginning of its constitution the Union of Homeowners Associations in Bulgaria was supported by the Dutch housing association Woonbron with the kind assistance of the government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Being one of the largest housing associations in the Netherlands offering extensive experience and know-how in the field of condominium housing, housing maintenance, management and renovation, Woonbron's approach is one which is relevant to current Bulgarian housing situation.

Since 2004, Woonbron housing association has been in collaboration with Bulgarian counterparts. Following the positive results from these existing contacts, Woonbron housing association would like to declare its will to support the Union of Homeowners Associations in providing advice and expertise to enable UHA in turn to:

- help homeowners obtain better living conditions in Bulgaria*
- strengthen itself as a non-governmental organization supporting the establishing of homeowners associations in condominium buildings in Bulgaria*
- provide assistance to UHA in the development and implementation of programs for information and training for the efficient management and maintenance of the condominium housing buildings in Bulgaria.*

Signed, 27th April 2006

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