



RENOVATION AND SUTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF CONDOMINIUM BUILDINGS

THE ROLE OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

Dissemination Seminar¹
23 June 2006, Varna

The Bulgarian Housing Association together with Foundation Housing+ and the participation of Dutch housing associations from Rotterdam and Dordrecht work on the implementation of a project with the support of MATRA Program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the establishment of homeowners associations that aim to achieve sustainable renovation and efficient management of condominium buildings in Bulgaria.

The project is implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Regional Development and public works and in accordance with the recently adopted by the Government of Republic of Bulgaria documents in the field of the national housing policy – National Housing Strategy and National Program for Renovation of Condominium Housing Stock in Republic of Bulgaria. The special emphasis during the project implementation is on the opportunities for energy efficient reconstruction of existing housing estates that is supported by the attracted financial instruments provided by Bulgarian and foreign sources such as the EU structural funds, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank, programs of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands as well as programs of the Government of Republic of Bulgaria.

In this regard, a dissemination seminar will take place on 23 June 2006 in the city of Varna. The Dutch and Bulgarian participants in the project will present the results from their work on the project implementation. The main goal of the seminar is to disseminate the experience of the already realized good practices as well as to discuss the possibilities for extension in territorial terms of all activities related to the energy efficient renovation of existing condominium buildings and their further sustainable management.

The seminar will take place in the building of Varna Municipality, Hall “Varna”

¹ This seminar is organized within the frame of MATRA project Sustainable Housing Management in Bulgaria that is implemented by the Foundation Housing+ in collaboration with the Dutch housing associations Woondrecht and de Nieuwe Unie and the Bulgarian Housing Association.

Preliminary Program²

9³⁰ Opening

10⁰⁰ Plenary session

- *Slavka Ivanova*, Chairwoman of Homeowners Association in block 10 – Zaharna Fabrica, Sofia
Presentation of the implemented renovation and further management of the first condominium building in Sofia – pilot project financed by DIGH (Dutch Housing Guarantee Fund)
- *Stefan Mitkov*, Chairman of the Civil Initiative „For 1 lev – Clean and Green Sofia”
Presentation of a project for maintenance of surrounding areas by the residents in prefabricated housing estate Mladost 4, Sofia
- *George Georgiev*, Chairman of the Bulgarian Housing Association
Presentation of the finalized energy audit of the first renovated pilot condominium building in Sofia that has been certified with class “A” for energy efficiency

12⁰⁰ Coffee brake

12³⁰ Plenary session

- *Dimo Georgiev*, Chairman of the Regional office for Northeast Bulgaria of the Union of Homeowners Associations (CAC)
The Draft Condominium Law and the role of the homeowners associations for the implementation of effective management and maintenance of condominium buildings
- *Eleonora Gaydarova*, Member of the Managing Board of the Union of Homeowners Associations (CAC)
Presentation of the Union of Homeowners Associations (CAC) – mission, role and perspectives
- *George Georgiev*, Chairman of the Bulgarian Housing Association
Existing and future possibilities for financing and subsidizing of the energy efficient reconstruction of condominium buildings (Fund for Energy Efficiency, Credit Line of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, National Program for Renovation of Condominium Housing Stock, DIGH Dutch Housing Guarantee Fund, and EU structural funds)

14³⁰ Discussion on opportunities

15⁰⁰ Conclusive remarks and recommendations for future actions

- Expected input from Dutch participants

16⁰⁰ Cocktail

² Translation is provided for Dutch participants