

## 9<sup>TH</sup> BALTIC HOUSING CONFERENCE

Sustainable living environment: best practices in housing

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### Conference Speakers



**Cédric Van Styvendael** was elected Housing Europe President by the Housing Europe General Assembly in Amsterdam 2017. He has been the General Manager of Est Métropole Habitat located in the Lyon metropolis since 2009. Mr Van Styvendael is also deeply involved in the National federation USH and alongside several local and national roles: he is executive committee member of USH and vice-president of a social housing association in charge of social policy in the Rhone. When asked what were the 3 words which defined him most when he took up the presidency of Housing Europe he listed: Kindness, Equality, Fight.



*Housing Europe is the European Federation of Public, Cooperative and Social Housing. Established in 1998, it is a network of 44 national and regional federations which together gather about 43.000 public, social and cooperative housing providers in 23 countries. Altogether they manage over 26 million homes, about 11% of existing dwellings in the EU.*

*Social, public and co-operative housing providers have a vision of a Europe which provides access to decent and affordable housing for all in communities which are socially, economically and environmentally sustainable and where everyone is enabled to reach their full potential.*



*Est Métropole Habitat is a social housing organisation in the Metropolitan Region of Lyon, that manages around 16.000 homes. It is part of the umbrella housing group, GIE EST Habitat. EMH vision is to contribute towards a city of quality, cohesion and balance.*



**Jarek Kurnitski** is a professor in Tallinn University of Technology (Estonia) and in Aalto University (Finland). He is also a Vice-president of REHVA (Federation of European Heating and Air-Conditioning Associations). In Tallinn University of Technology, he is a director of Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, head of the Center of Excellence in Zero Energy and Resource Efficient Buildings and Districts (ZEBE) and a head of Nearly Zero Energy Buildings Research Group. Jarek Kurnitski is one of the leading scientists in Europe in the field of energy efficiency and indoor climate of buildings. He has distinguished role in the preparation of European technical definitions for nearly zero energy buildings and in the development of energy calculation frames for present Finnish energy performance regulation.

***Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture at the Tallinn University of Technology*** is the place of birth for Estonian civil engineering and building research, the oldest and most distinguished department of the university. The latest achievement of the Department is work in the field of mechanics and energy efficiency with the support of institutional research grants. Nearly zero energy building research has laid the foundation for Center of Excellence in Zero Energy and Resource Efficient Buildings and Districts. The mission is to be one of the leading universities in Nordic countries in the field of building research.



**Eleonora Gaydarova** – Master's degree in Urban Housing Management - Erasmus University, the Netherlands. Doctor's degree in Social Sciences - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Long-term professional experience in the field of housing, urban regeneration and community development. Expertise in legal, social and institutional aspects of housing; sustainability of the built environment; energy renovation of multi-story apartment buildings; community development and training for homeowners' associations. Participation in national, international and EU funded projects in the field of energy renovation of condominium housing. Chairperson of Managing Board of the Union of Homeowners Associations. Lecturer in Housing and Sustainable Living Environment at the New Bulgarian University. Since 2014 Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Housing, UK.



**The Union of Homeowners Associations in Bulgaria (CAC)** is a national umbrella organization that has been created to unite homeowners and homeowners' associations in condominium apartment buildings and to combine their efforts to achieve high quality of living environment. This creates possibility to protect common interests of homeowners, to collect and disseminate the necessary information, research and training to perform the needed activities for sustainable maintenance, management and renovation of multi-story apartment buildings.



**Sergejs Sidorko** is committed to the cooperative movement in Latvia and since 1997 has been a chairman of one of the largest housing cooperatives in Latvia with 1050 members (1800 apartments) and over 2 million € turnover. He also holds executive positions at several other housing associations since 2002 and has organized seminars and offered consultations to cooperatives in Latvia. Sergejs Sidorko is a board member of ESEB and has helped to shape its legal agenda and improve technical solutions. He is also lecturer of Facility Management at the College of Law and has a weekly radio show focusing on housing and renovation.

**The Building and Energy Conservation Bureau (ESEB)** is a non-profit organization, founded on July 4th 2012, to inform society, policy-makers and financial institutions about the state of residential and public buildings in Latvia and in the Eastern Europe and to find a solution for their preservation. [www.ekubirojs.lv](http://www.ekubirojs.lv)



**Vytautas Turonis** is the Chairman of Lithuania's National Buildings Administrators Association (NBAA), responsible for uninterrupted activities of the organization and representation of buildings administration companies, which are members of the NBAA. Vytautas Turonis is also the General Manager at Lithuanian company Mano Būstas and member of the Board of City Service SE, a group of companies, servicing European markets. He is responsible for the group companies' activities throughout Baltic States and has been working in group companies since 2004.

**The National Buildings Administrators' Association (NBAA)** unites Lithuanian companies, whose activities are related with administration, maintenance and renovation of residential buildings and evaluation of energetic efficiency. One of the principal goals of the Association is sharing experience and know-how among its members and active participation in legislation procedures.



**Saskia Lührs** (M.A. and Communications Manager) has almost 10 years of working experience in the fields of energy efficiency, energy politics and markets, political consultancy and European and international cooperation. Before joining IWO in early 2017, Saskia worked at the German Energy Agency (dena) in Berlin, managing activities with a focus on international and European cooperation and energy politics, as well as assisting bilateral projects on energy efficiency in Central Asian countries and Turkey. At IWO, Saskia is strongly involved in project and training activities on housing in the Baltic States and Poland. She also coordinated IWO's communication and exchange with its network partners in Eastern and Western Europe, e.g. with IVIM.



**Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO e.V.)** - Founded in 2001 and based in Berlin, the Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO) is an NGO bringing together private and public partners from Germany and abroad who aim at a market-oriented, sustainable, ecologically and socially viable development of the housing and building sectors in Eastern Europe (EU and beyond), Caucasus and Central Asia. IWO combines cultural and political understanding of Eastern Europe and Central Asia with technical knowhow and a strong network of relevant stakeholders in the region and beyond. IWO's activities are supported by German and other national ministries and institutions, the EU, as well as international financing institutions. IWO is co-founder and supporter of the International Association for Real-Estate Management (IVIM) based in Minsk, Belarus.



**Olga Maksymenko** - President of PU «Expert Interbranch Association of Ukraine». Expert in management, standardization and certification areas, participates in various projects within the harmonization of EU and Ukrainian legislation and standards processes. Professional interests are connected to the implementation of European and international standards in housing and communal services and assessment of personnel compliance with qualification standards procedure structuring.



**PU «Expert Interbranch Association of Ukraine» (EMAU)** brings together individual experts, expert organizations, and institutions to create a specialized professional environment in Ukraine. EMAU aims to create favorable conditions for professional growth, qualification level improvement of experts through formation and support of the system of professional standards, deployment of an independent assessment system, promotion of the best practices in the implementation of standards for the management and operation of independent experts. EMAU unites professional associations, conformity assessment bodies, public organizations on the principles of voluntariness and equality.



**Andres Jaadla** is currently Chairman of the Management Board of the Estonian Union of Co-operative Housing Associations and has been a member of the Board since establishment of the Union in 1996. Since 2014 he is also a member of the Board of Housing Europe. He has long-term professional experience in local government: Deputy Elder of the City Centre of Tallinn, member of the City Council of Rakvere and the Mayor of Rakvere. In addition, he has been a initiator of the Covenant of Mayors European initiative in Estonia, member of the Committee of the Regions and Vice President of the Union of the Baltic Cities.