

HOUSING IN EASTERN EUROPE	
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DATE/TIME	27 July, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
VENUE	Crystal 3
DESCRIPTION	<p>Housing and urban policy interventions are highly country-specific given the various stages in which the transitional countries of Eastern Europe currently find themselves. East European countries with economies in transition face some common housing challenges, including low energy efficiency standards in housing; low housing affordability; underdeveloped rental markets; need for capacity development of decision makers, and lack of policy coordination between stakeholders at different levels. As a result of these and other social, environmental, organizational and financial challenges, East European countries are experiencing a growing degradation and deterioration of the housing stock.</p> <p>Homelessness, including persons evicted due to housing restitution to previous owners and those evicted for nonpayment of maintenance or other costs, will also be discussed during the Side Event.</p>

