



## The Right to Housing in Times of Crisis: European Experience and Ukrainian Perspectives

### INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Friday, 23 January 2026, 14:00 – 16:00 (CET)

Hybrid (Strasbourg, MISHA, Salle de la Vitrine / Online)

**Host:** *ITI MAKErS (Interdisciplinary Thematic Institute, University of Strasbourg).*

#### **Organisers:**

- Laboratoire SAGE (UMR 7363, University of Strasbourg) ;
- Faculty of Law, Palacký University Olomouc (Czech Republic) (within the implementation of the Project "Social Rights of Temporary Protected Persons from Ukraine in the EU Countries: The Evolution and Key Challenges of Further Development" supported by the Czech Scientific Foundation (2025-2027);
- Association 'Étude Académique des Droits de L'Homme et du Constitutionnalisme' (France).

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The right to housing is one of the fundamental social human rights and is closely linked to the realization of the rights to dignity, social protection, and personal security.

Ensuring this right has become especially urgent for Ukraine in the context of the massive destruction caused by Russia's full-scale war.

It is also urgent for the European countries, especially EU-member states, because of their geographical proximity to Ukraine and their political position in this conflict.

The intersection and the 'essence' of the problem is in the Ukrainians under the temporary protection regime:

- they have a lot of difficulties in the EU-member states, when it comes to the access to the social housing market;
- they mostly don't have flats/houses in Ukraine – they are destroyed, damaged, or are situated at the occupied territories Ukraine doesn't control.

So, the access to adequate housing is important to restore normal living conditions (we will look at the people, displaced during the war in Ukraine or from Ukraine). Plus, when the right to housing is protected, it contributes to one's social integration, psychological stability, dignified life and much more,

Also, in case of Ukraine, it will play a significant role in encouraging the return of Ukrainians currently abroad and/or in preventing further departure.

Before the war, Ukraine lacked an effective system for providing social housing, including functioning mechanisms for creating and expanding housing funds, as well as sustainable financing tools at local and national levels. This gap now necessitates a thorough study of EU best practices and the development of comprehensive reforms of national legislation, to be implemented during the post-war reconstruction period or once active hostilities cease.

Despite various government initiatives - among them the launch in 2025 of a pilot project to establish a municipal rental housing fund and the draft Law "On the Fundamental Principles of Housing Policy" - Ukraine still has no comprehensive concept for social housing and no dedicated legislation to structure such a system.

Developing these proposals should be grounded in the experience of EU member states, European housing standards, and the most efficient use of resources allocated for reconstruction and social support.

In this context, French experience is a valuable one.

## Speakers and Participants

- **Dr. Natalia Mishyna (in person)**, ITI MAKErS Visiting Fellow, Associate Member of the SAGE Laboratory (University of Strasbourg), President of the Association ‘Étude Académique des Droits de L’Homme et du Constitutionnalisme’ (France).  
*Topic: “Housing First” at the Local Level’.*
- **Dr. Alla Fedorova (in person)**, Associate Professor at the Institute of International Relations, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine), Researcher at the Faculty of Law, Palacký University Olomouc (Czechia), member of the European Committee of Social Rights of the Council of Europe.  
*Topic: ‘The Right to Housing for Displaced Ukrainians: How EU and Ukrainian Responses Shape Post-War Mobility’.*
- **Dr. Olena Sviatun**, Associate Professor at the Institute of International Relations, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Researcher at the Faculty of Law, Palacký University Olomouc (Czechia).  
*Topic: “The Right to Housing for Displaced Ukrainians in Times of Crisis: European Social Housing Standards and the Draft Law ‘On the Fundamental Principles of Housing Policy’ (No. 12377)”.*
- **Iryna Ostapa**, Senior Project Officer “Strengthening the social dimension in Ukraine”, Council of Europe.
- **Dr. Ganna Khrystova**, Dr.hab., Head of the Kyiv Office of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.
- **JUDr. Ondřej Hamulák**, Ph.D. Vice-dean for Science and Research at the Faculty of Law, Palacký University Olomouc (Czechia).
- **Representatives from the SAGE Laboratory and ITI MAKErS, Palacký University Olomouc.** Experts and researchers specializing in the regulation of European society, social actors, and interdisciplinary approaches to human rights.

*After the short presentations done by N.Mishyna, A.Fedorova and O.Sviatun we propose:*

- Q&A session based on their presentations;
- discussion on the topics, related but not limited to:
  - the right to housing: core European standards;
  - social housing in the EU: the experience of France;
  - housing rights of temporarily protected persons in the EU;
  - affordable housing as a driver of economic recovery;
  - employment and social housing: can these systems be connected?