



# EUROPEAN RESPONSIBLE HOUSING AWARDS

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### What is ERHIN?

- The European Responsible Housing Initiative (**ERHIN**) has been a project implemented by **DELPHIS**, **Housing Europe** and the **International Union of Tenants**, co-funded by the European Commission (DG Enterprise).
- The initial project was carried out between April 2013 and October 2014
- It aims at leading the way towards better embedding Corporate Social Responsibility (**CSR**) in the public, cooperative, and social housing sector, through awareness-raising, transfer of knowledge and tools and stakeholder dialogue at European level.



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### What is the Code of Conduct?

- It is an **agreement** between the social and affordable housing industry and tenants and residents signed at the European level.
- It **guides** and **commits** Responsible Housing providers to integrate Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) principles into their business strategy and translate them into concrete practices.
- The aim is improving the provision of **affordable, good quality** housing and services, and contributing to tenants and residents' **well-being**, quality of life and empowerment, and **sustainable** local communities.
- Key **CSR dimensions** are: economic, social, and environmental sustainability, good governance and fair relations to stakeholders, and human resources.



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### What are the ERHA?

- The European Responsible Housing Awards (**ERHA**) are a way to implement the Code of Conduct and reward its application
- The ERHA identify the most social, progressive, fair and responsible **housing projects** all over Europe
- They are open to the **social and affordable housing sector** and to the **hybrid sector** (public + private), but they are NOT open to the private for-profit sector. Municipalities, if housing providers, are also welcome to apply.
- The **Awards Jury** is composed of members of the European Responsible Housing Stakeholder Forum set up in the framework of ERHIN as well as experts in CSR, tenant protection and housing from other sectors.



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# What are the ERHA categories?

The **Categories of the Awards** will be based on the Code of Conduct and will thus be:

1. Fair financing for housing affordability (see [video of 2019 winners](#))
2. More than a roof – supporting communities of equal opportunities (see [video](#))
3. Leaders of innovation, agents of fair energy transition (see [video](#))
4. Building strategic alliances, fostering community participation (see [video](#))
5. Empowering the team, addressing employees' changing needs (see [video](#))

The 2022 edition includes a **special prize** for pandemic-related special solutions - 'Going the extra mile in extraordinary circumstances'.



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# What are the evaluation criteria?

The Jury is paying particular attention to the following aspects:

- **Stakeholder dialogue and Partnerships:** How were stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of the housing project?
- **Awareness-raising and leadership:** To what extent does it contribute to raise awareness on CSR, responsible housing and sustainable development?
- **Transparency and accountability:** To what extent is the organization transparent/accountable on its commitments, actions and results relating to the proposed good practice?
- **Operational implementation:** Were some specific tools developed/used? How replicable are they?
- **Assessment of the shared value created:** To what extent/how was the impact assessed?
- **To what extent is the project innovative?** The Jury will assess the novelty of the project and to what extent does it use new approaches and/or technology to meet housing needs.

Only English applications are accepted!



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## EHRA 2022

- The final ceremony of the European Responsible Housing Awards will take place in Helsinki (Finland) during the **International Social Housing Festival** (14-17 June 2022).
- The **deadline for submissions** is December, 31st 2021.
- Please have a look at our website: <https://www.responsiblehousing.eu/>
- In case of further questions: please send an email to [hello@responsiblehousing.eu](mailto:hello@responsiblehousing.eu) or to the Chair of the Jury [barbara.steenbergen@iut.nu](mailto:barbara.steenbergen@iut.nu)
- Thank you for your attention!