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Autumn School 2025

Housing Issues: Different Perspectives, Challenges and Possible Solutions

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Invitation

Dear Students,

We invite you to take part in the **Erasmus+ blended intensive program** (Autumn School 2025) entitled **Housing Issues: Different Perspectives, Challenges and Possible Solutions**, organized by New University (Slovenia) in cooperation with Faculty of Law for Commerce and Judiciary in Novi Sad (Serbia) and EFFECTUS University of Applied Sciences (Croatia).

The autumn school will take place from **15 to 19 September 2025** at New University in Ljubljana, complemented by an on-line virtual component prior to the event.

The event is entirely **tuition-free**; students are expected to use an **Erasmus+ Grant for travel and accommodation** provided by their sending university.

The program will be held in English. Please find the Autumn School program in the attachment. It carries an academic value of **3 ECTS credits**.

Deadline for Erasmus+ nomination: 1 August 2025

Application deadline: 20 August 2025

For more information, please contact the Erasmus+ coordinator of New University, Ms Nataša Kolavčič, at: international@nova-uni.si.

We look forward to welcoming you to Slovenia!

The Autumn School of the New University will be held in the form of a short Blended Intensive program in cooperation with partners from abroad within the framework of the ERASMUS+ project: Mobility of students and staff in tertiary education, BIP Project number: 2024-1-SI01-KA131-HED-000197746-1.





Blended intensive program overview

Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Program (2024-1-SI01-KA131-HED-000197746-1)

HOUSING ISSUES: Different Perspectives, Challenges and Possible Solutions

Access to adequate housing is one of the fundamental pillars of individual well-being, social inclusion, and sustainable urban development. Yet in recent years, European societies have faced increasing challenges in ensuring housing that is affordable, safe, sustainable, and inclusive. Rising property prices, ageing populations, inadequate legal frameworks, climate change, and growing socio-economic inequalities have made housing a complex and pressing issue across the continent.

This situation is especially acute for younger generations, many of whom are confronted with insecure housing conditions, skyrocketing real estate prices, a lack of rental options, and the slow evolution of public housing policy. Access to decent, quality, and affordable housing is no longer a given.

In both Slovenia and the wider European and global context, housing issues are emerging as one of the most urgent social topics of our time. However, discussions about housing policy are often fragmented – addressed either through legislation, market mechanisms, or urban planning – while rarely being approached holistically. The Autumn School 2025, titled “Housing Issues: Different Perspectives, Challenges and Possible Solutions”, brings together students, legal scholars, economists, urban planners, and policy experts to explore the multidimensional nature of housing challenges. The program explores how housing policies can address demographic shifts, legal protections, affordability, taxation, and sustainability.

Participants will explore housing through legal, economic, and environmental lenses, aiming to identify inclusive, forward-thinking solutions. As countries such as Slovenia, Croatia, and Serbia strive to balance accessibility, climate objectives, and legal complexities, the Autumn School offers a timely forum for exchange, critical reflection, and international cooperation on one of today’s most pressing social issues.

The program seeks to bridge key areas of knowledge across disciplines, equipping students with the tools to develop solutions that are socially just, environmentally sustainable, and practically achievable. Beyond deepening subject-specific expertise, the Autumn School fosters interdisciplinary collaboration, bringing together students



from diverse academic backgrounds—an essential approach for addressing a challenge as complex and multifaceted as housing.

OBJECTIVES

To deepen students' knowledge and raise their awareness of contemporary housing issues, the following pedagogical approaches will be applied during the Autumn School:

- **Lectures on selected topics:** *Expert-led sessions will address housing through legal, social, economic, and environmental lenses, including affordability, regulation, taxation, climate impact, and sustainable renovation.*
- **Problem-Based Learning:** *Students will be presented with real-world housing challenges (e.g., urban affordability, legal disputes, environmental regulations) that require critical thinking and collaborative problem-solving. These may be supported by brief preparatory readings or multimedia materials to stimulate engagement before the sessions.*
- **Inquiry-Based Learning:** *Participants will be encouraged to raise questions and explore key issues – such as the right to housing, taxation systems, or the effects of green spaces on property values – fostering independent thinking and discovery.*
- **Collaborative Learning:** *Group discussions and team-based reflections will allow students from different countries and academic backgrounds to exchange insights and explore housing issues in a comparative and multicultural context.*
- **Socratic Method:** *Facilitators will use guided questioning to stimulate debate and deepen understanding of complex legal and policy questions related to housing rights, sustainability, and economic justice.*
- **Culturally Responsive Teaching:** *The program will integrate examples and experiences from different national contexts (e.g., Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia), promoting intercultural dialogue and inclusive learning.*

By combining these approaches, the Autumn School will offer a dynamic and engaging academic environment, enabling students to critically reflect on housing as a multidimensional societal challenge.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: *include improved knowledge of housing policy and law, enhanced critical thinking, and greater awareness of sustainability and inclusion in urban development. Participants will be better prepared to advocate for fair, resilient, and evidence-based housing solutions in both academic and real-world settings.*



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TARGET GROUP (AUDIENCE): Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral students from Erasmus+ Programme and Partner countries, particularly those studying law, social sciences, economics, urban studies, and environmental policy.

BENEFITS FOR PARTNER INSTITUTIONS: Strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration, fostering academic exchange, and promoting shared understanding of housing as a core element of social justice and sustainable development.

BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPANTS: The program carries an academic value of **3 ECTS credits**, awarded based on participation, engagement, and a final reflective assignment or discussion.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS: The Autumn School is supported by **Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Program (BIP)** funding through both sending and host institutions (STA and SMS BIP mobilities).



Programme

1st PART: ON-LINE INTRODUCTORY MEETING

Mandatory event for students

FRIDAY, 12. 9. 2025

Location: On-line, via ZOOM

ORIENTATION DAY

10:00–11:30

- **Dr Katarina Vatovec**, Dean of the New University, European Faculty of Law
- **Ms Nataša Kolavčič**, Erasmus+ coordinator, lecturer, New University, European Faculty of Law

The introductory meeting will take the form of an online ice-breaker and orientation day. It will provide participants with essential information about the overall event and their study obligations. Additionally, it will offer an opportunity for participants to get to know one another, exchanging basic information about themselves and their home institutions, and share their expectations for the event. Participants will also receive instructions for preparatory work at home, along with possible study materials. Student preparation is mandatory.

The structure of the introductory meeting may vary depending on the participants involved, but it is generally intended to be informal and conversational. It will encourage each participant to share relevant information and ask questions to better understand one another's needs and expectations.



2nd PART: BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAM, Ljubljana, Slovenia

MONDAY, 15. 9. 2025 – HOUSING CHALLENGES AND QUALITY OF LIFE: A SLOVENIAN POLICY PERSPECTIVE

Location: New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

16:00–17:30

- *Dr Peter Wostner (Institute of Macroeconomic Analysis and Development of the Republic of Slovenia): Quality of life in Slovenia: understanding territorial dimension*

17:45–19:15

- *Dr Boštjan Kerbler (New University, European Faculty of Law; Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia): Housing Issues for the Elderly*

TUESDAY, 16. 9. 2025 – HOUSING ISSUES: INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LEGAL PERSPECTIVES

Location: New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

16:00–17:30

- *Dr Katarina Vatovec (New University, European Faculty of Law): The Right to Adequate Housing in International and EU Law*

17:45–19:15

- *Dr Jernej Letnar Čerňič (New University, European Faculty of Law): Human Right to Adequate Housing: Illusion or Legal Obligation?*

WEDNESDAY, 17. 9. 2025 – HOUSING ISSUES: NATIONAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVES

Location: New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

16:00–17:30

- *Dr Sanja Škorić (Faculty of Law for Commerce and Judiciary in Novi Sad): Housing Regulation in Serbia with Special Emphasis on Building Managers*





17:45–19:15

- *Dr Nana Weber (New University, European Faculty of Law): Legal Aspects of Rental Agreements in Slovenia: Rights, Obligations, and Legal Framework*

THURSDAY, 18. 9. 2025 – HOUSING ISSUES: NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSING PRICES AND REAL ESTATE TAXATION

Location: New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

16:00–17:30

- *Dr Jelena Uzelac and Ana Uzelac (EFFECTUS University of Applied Sciences): Climate Change and Housing Legislation – The Impact of Green Spaces in Urban Ecosystems on Property Prices*

17:45–19:15

- *Dr Martin Dekleva (New University, European Faculty of Law; Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia): Legal Framework and Limitations of Real Estate Taxation*

FRIDAY, 19. 9. 2025 – HOUSING ISSUES: SUSTAINABILITY PERSPECTIVE

Location: New University, Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

16:00–17:30

- *Dr Živa Kristl (New University, European Faculty of Law): Residential buildings and sustainable transformation*

17:45–19:15

- *Tjaša Doberlet (College of Civil Engineering Kranj; doctoral student at the New University, European Faculty of Law): Sustainable Renovation of Residential Buildings from the Perspective of Earthquake Resilience and the Importance of Public Awareness*



Registration

The registration process follows the preliminary nomination process where students from partner universities are nominated as Erasmus+ BIP students to New University.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

The Erasmus+ BIP student nominations should reach the New University international department at international@nova-uni.si no later than **1 August 2025**. Partner institutions are invited to nominate up to 5 Bachelor's and/or Master's students by filling in the attached **BIP Nomination form**.

After the termination of the nomination process, the New University will evaluate the nominations and carry out a final selection of candidates. All selected students will receive on their e-mails an Erasmus+ BIP **Acceptance letter** and further instructions referring to the preparation of the **Application form** and Erasmus+ BIP **Learning agreement**.

A full step-by-step guidance and assistance will be guaranteed to international students during the registration process. For more info, please contact the Erasmus+ coordinator of New University, Ms Nataša Kolavčič, e-mail address: international@nova-uni.si.

Deadline for nomination: **1 August 2025**

The New University Blended Intensive program "Housing Issues: Different Perspectives, Challenges and Possible Solutions" will have the academic value of 3 ECTS. Students will receive a Certificate of attendance with the relevant transcript of records.



Lectures

- **Dr Peter Wostner**

Dr. Peter Wostner is a researcher and expert in the fields of innovation, digital transformation, territorial development, and EU cohesion policies. With over 20 years of hands-on experience in practical policy design and delivery, he has been working at the Institute of Macroeconomic Analysis and Development for the past 5 years, where he edits the National Productivity and Development Report.

- **Dr Boštjan Kerbler**

Boštjan Kerbler is a scientific councillor and full-time employee at the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia. His research focuses on housing and spatial studies. He holds the academic title of full professor and lectures at the master's and doctoral levels in the Department of Infrastructure and Real Estate Management at the European Faculty of Law.

- **Dr Katarina Vatovec**

Katarina Vatovec is an Assistant Professor of European Law at the European Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Government and European Studies (New University). Her research focuses on EU law, the politics and law of international organizations, constitutional law, international sanctions, and the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms at national, regional, and international levels.

- **Dr Jernej Letnar Čerňič**

Jernej Letnar Čerňič is a Full Professor of Human Rights and Constitutional Law at the European Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Government and European Studies of the New University. He has over twenty years of experience in research, teaching, consulting, and training in human rights law, constitutional law, business and human rights, public international law, and administrative law. His studies have been cited in reports by the United Nations, the European Parliament, and the Council of Europe, as well as in decisions of the Slovenian Constitutional Court and the European Court of Human Rights, and academic studies from around the world. He has been actively involved in various





roles within Slovenian and global civil society, participating in numerous domestic and international humanitarian projects.

- **Dr Sanja Škorić**

Sanja Škorić is an Associate Professor of Labour Law and Commercial Law (Corporate Law, Trade Law) at the Faculty of Law for Commerce and Judiciary in Novi Sad (Serbia). In her 20-year-long professional career, she ranged from general legal work at the university to teaching. She published her first scientific paper in 2008, and since then she has published over 70 scientific, professional and conference papers on various topics - commercial law, competition law, industrial property rights, higher education, labor law, civil service law, collective labor law, mediation and peaceful resolution of disputes, environmental protection, etc. She is currently the co-author of two university textbooks and two practicums. She currently holds the position of Vice-Dean for teaching at the faculty.

- **Dr Nana Weber**

Nana Weber is an Associate Professor of Civil and Commercial Law at the European Faculty of Law and Associate Professor of Labor Law at MLC Faculty of Management and Law in Ljubljana. She holds a Master's and Doctorate in Legal Sciences and has extensive experience in the judiciary, public administration, and private legal practice. She currently leads Weber N., Legal Consulting, Analysis, and Mediation Ltd., and serves as a court-appointed mediator for several Slovenian courts and ministries. Dr. Weber is a member of the national Bar Examination Board for civil law and regularly publishes scholarly and professional works, including commentaries on the Family Code and Labor Law.

- **Dr Jelena Uzelac**

Jelena Uzelac is a Lecturer in Civil Law and Public Administration at Effectus University College for Law and Finance in Zagreb. She holds a law degree from the University of Rijeka and a doctorate from the European Faculty of Law in Ljubljana. Since 2010, she has held various academic and administrative roles at Effectus, including Vice Dean for Legal Affairs and Dean. She currently serves as Vice Dean for Teaching and Study Programs and leads the Student Counseling Center. Dr. Uzelac has participated in numerous national and international legal and educational projects and regularly contributes to professional conferences and trainings in civil law, public administration, and higher education quality assurance.



- **Ana Uzelac**

Ana Uzelac is a Teaching Assistant at Effectus University College for Law and Finance in Zagreb. She graduated in 2021 from the Faculty of Science at the University of Zagreb, where she was awarded several STEM scholarships for academic excellence.

During her studies, she was actively involved in science outreach and education in mathematics, physics, and informatics. Ms. Uzelac has attended numerous professional workshops on digital technologies in education, programming, and STEM, and presented at the 52nd ISMD International Symposium on Multiparticle Dynamics in Hungary in 2023.

- **Dr Martin Dekleva**

Martin Dekleva holds a PhD in Law and is an Assistant Professor in the field of Public Administration and Administrative Law at the European Faculty of Law (New University). He obtained his law degree and doctorate from the Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana. He works as an advisor at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia, where he deals with cases from various fields of administrative law. He has also worked as a senior associate in a law firm and as a legal assistant at the Administrative Court of the Republic of Slovenia. His professional work focuses primarily on administrative law, as well as other related legal fields. He is the author of several professional and scientific articles.

- **Dr Živa Kristl**

Živa Kristl is a Full Professor of Law and Real Estate Management at the European Faculty of Law, New University. She earned her PhD degree at the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Ljubljana.

- **Tjaša Doberlet**

Tjaša Doberlet completed her studies in structural engineering at the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, University of Ljubljana. She is a chartered civil engineer with many years of experience in designing building structures made from various materials. At the College of Civil Engineering Kranj, an associated member of New University, she serves as Vice-Dean and Head of the Department of General Studies. She also lectures in several courses and supervises diploma theses. Her research focuses on public awareness and attitudes toward seismic retrofitting in Slovenia, which is also the central topic of her PhD studies - currently in their final stages – in the postgraduate programme Law and Management of Real Estate.

