

Social and affordable housing in CEE



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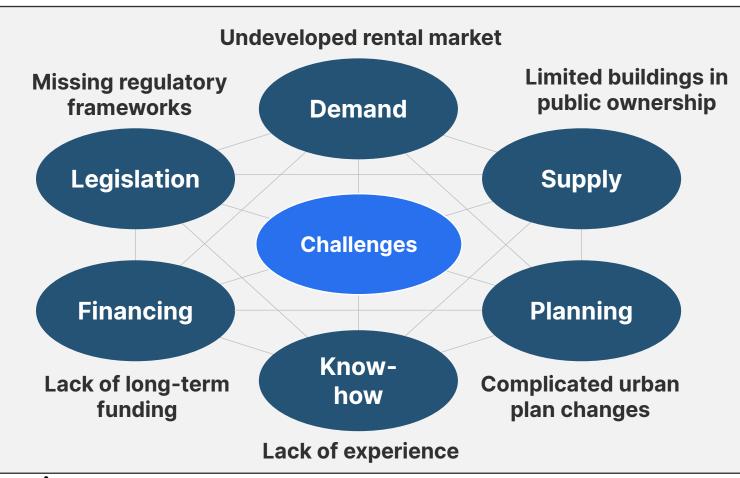
Covering the whole social finance and impact spectrum





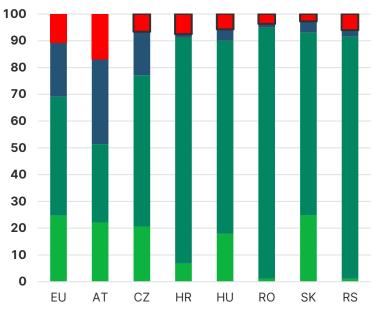
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The current situation in CEE



Led to a limited stock of affordable housing

Type of tenure (% of total population)

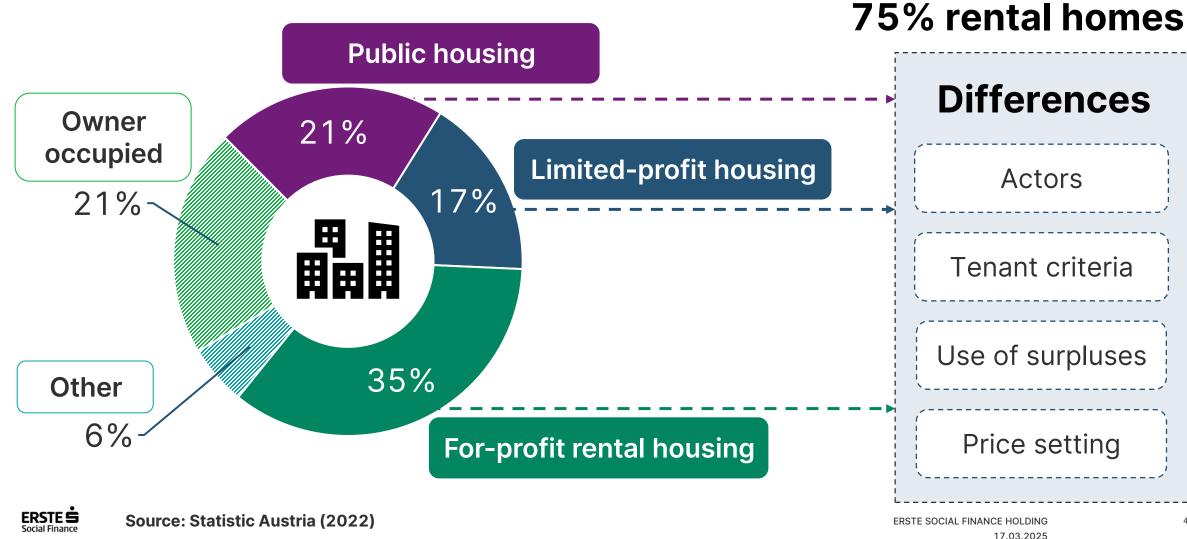


Tenant, rent at reduced price or free

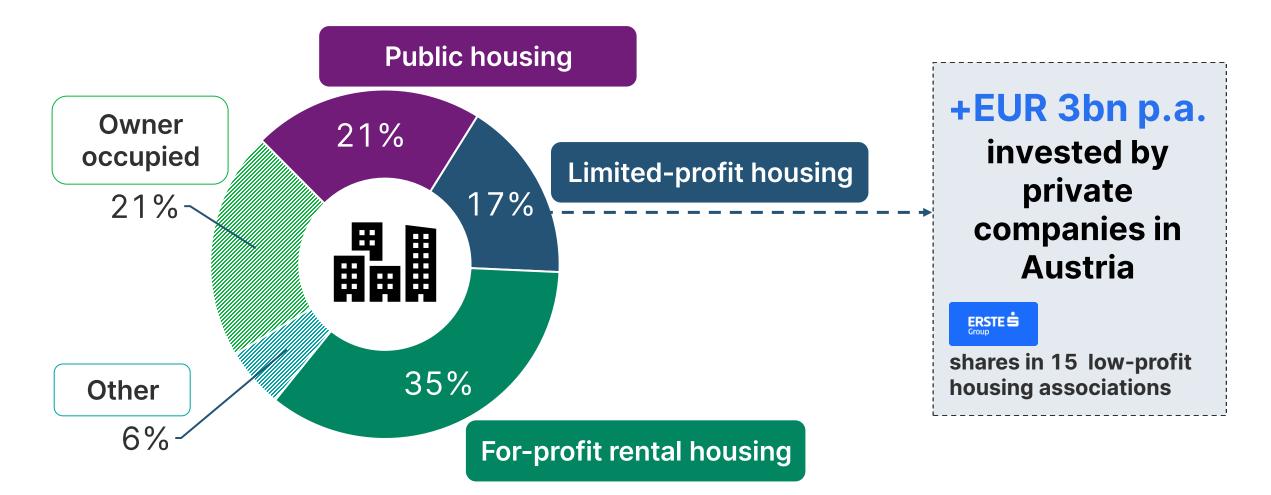
Tenant, rent at market price

- Owner, no outstanding mortgage or housing loan
- Owner, with mortgage or loan

Types of housing in Vienna



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Investing with self-commitment *in case of lack of legislations*

Supporting advocacy efforts

to create new legal frameworks

Rent affordability and reduced return expectations

Transparent target groups and tenant allocation

Long-term investment horizon

Collaboration with engaged / willing municipalities

Show-casing the model through pilot projects

Integration of social housing through NGOs



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Joint-venture with Slovak Investment Holding

- $\checkmark\,$ Collaboration on tenant group defintion
- ✓ Focus on vulnerable peope (~66%)
- $\checkmark\,$ Purchase of flats /buildings on free market

Cooperation with public bodies on project level

- $\checkmark\,$ Different public entitites for tenant allocation
- ✓ Focus on public servants (~100%)
- ✓ Majority of projects purchased on free market



Supporting the development of new legal frameworks

Importance of legal frameworks for affordable housing

Financial incentives to attract private capital

 tax incentives (VAT / income tax), subsidized loans, grants, provision of land (zonings / tendering), reduced amortization period, incentives for employers...

Legal requirement / accounting rules of potential institutional investors

• banks, insurance companies, pension funds



Facilitated access to European funding

• European funding providers (EIB, CEB, EIF...) generally require a local definition for affordable housing



Structure and local needs should be defined by public bodies

• Tenant groups, rent levels, support with tenant allocation

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