

# Integration of migrants: financing housing at CEB

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# Mission of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)

- Development bank founded in 1956 to address WWII refugee issues
- **41 Member States**
- Investments geared towards social inclusion
- It provides funding and technical expertise to member countries to implement projects to **meet social, economic and territorial cohesion** objectives:
  - Housing
  - Education and vocational training
  - Support job creation via MSMEs
  - Migrant integration



# Current challenges

1. Respond to **short-term emergency** pressures, while planning a **long-term strategy** for economic and social integration of migrants
2. Demand for **affordable housing** has become a key challenge in many European cities
3. Migrant integration through housing, but also **education, work, social cohesion**: multi-dimensional and multi-stakeholder process
4. Diversity of member countries' situation: poor **knowledge** on different practices and their **results**

## Some responses

**Migrant and Refugee Fund** set up in 2015, 15 projects in Albania, Greece, Serbia...

**Housing to integrate migrants and other vulnerable populations:** € 752 million loans for social housing to socially-vulnerable groups, including migrants in Germany (Berlin Brandenburg, Hesse, Lower Saxony, and Rhineland-Palatinate,...).

**Emergency and long-term integration:** € 100 million loan to Hémisphère SCI (Paris) accommodation for refugees + assistance (long-term accommodation, employment, health and education).

**Integration through education:** € 360 million loans to rehabilitate and expand schools to the City of Malmö and the City of Gothenburg (Sweden) with large share of foreign born population.

Addressing long-term issues of refugees and displaced persons in the Western Balkans: **Regional Housing Programme** – multi-donor fund to assist 4 countries to implement housing projects

**Thank you for your attention**

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