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- Professor Julie Lawson, Centre for Urban Research RMIT University, Melbourne and Oleksandr Anisimov, Doctoral Researcher, Aalto University, Espoo - ***Ukraine: Rebuilding a Place to Call Home – an ongoing process of reform for recovery.***

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Prior the war on Ukraine, poor housing conditions prevailed such as overcrowding, lack of maintenance, energy inefficiency (and energy poverty) and severe unaffordability for low to middle-income groups entering housing market in major cities and Ukraine continues to face the problem of poor homeowners, unable to sell or invest to renovate their buildings. By 2023, Russian aggression further damaged over 817,000 homes, directly affecting two million residents, causing approximately 15 to 20% of UA citizens to change their place of residence. This process has been uneven, and some communities are overcrowded, while others are partly abandoned. It also means high pressure for residing tenants and first-time buyers to keep or find a new home.

Recent data estimates that 745,000 IDPs in Ukraine seek integration in their current location for the longer term, 3.3 million IDPs see returning home as their durable solution of choice, while 142,000 IDPs are looking to resettle in another location as a durable solution (IOM, 2023). Yet despite the scale and spatial diversity of need, official plans, programs and funding offer no plan or long-term housing solutions. Housing policy reform is painstakingly slow, there is no needs-based capital investment approach and almost no public interest housing providers stepping in to provide long term solutions. Rather, policy remains focussed on preserving the pre-war homeownership-oriented model, via vouchers and certificates for repairs and reconstruction and temporary housing.

This inadequate response may be turned around through academic, civil society efforts, NGO advocacy and international co-operation. For recovery efforts to be effective, efficient and equitable, more informed attention needs to be given to the governance, planning, financing, construction and management of safe, durable, affordable and energy efficient housing. *This presentation will update the audience on Ukraine's housing policy reforms and recovery efforts to date, including plans for the use of recently proposed EU Ukraine Facility and the landmark report Rebuilding a Place to Call Home, and invite researchers to play a role.*

Dr Julie Lawson is Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Urban Research, RMIT and an experienced international housing policy researcher, urban planner and public policy analyst who has conducted and managed research for international organisations, national and regional governments as well as industry and advocacy bodies in the field of housing and urban development for over 20 years. Julie has a very extensive policy research network and communicates complex housing policy issues concisely and clearly via a variety of media. She currently provides expertise to the Ukraine Recovery Plan and is co-author of the international report Rebuilding a Place to Call Home with Fedoriv and Anisimov from New Housing Policy. She co-created and contributed to the course Tools for Post Conflict Urban Recovery with TU Delft and NGOs NHP and UNUN and initiated the European Network of Housing Researchers (ENHR) working group with Ukrainian housing and urban researchers Fedoriv and Sukhomud Crises, Conflict and Recovery.

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