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Vienna created a new website to stay tuned on Digital Services Act (DSA) issues

The legislative process at the European level to draft the Digital Services Act, which among other issues (e.g. problems in taxation, precarious working conditions for platform workers or distortion of competition, etc.) is intended to replace the outdated E-Commerce Directive from 2000, is progressing steadily. While the work in the individual parliamentary committees is still ongoing, the Commission has now launched a public consultation process on this matter. The Commission is expected to present a proposal at the end of this year.

This applies, for example, to issues such as the concentrated market power of a few (non-European) platforms like AirBnB, the country-of-origin principle, which is often an obstacle to law enforcement at Member State level, or the lack of access to relevant and useable data from platforms. Furthermore, it must be noted that measures for stronger regulation of platforms had been introduced since the adoption of the E-Commerce Directive 20 years ago. The power, influence and dominant market position digital companies have allows them to decide for themselves what kind of action they deem necessary to take.

To raise awareness of these and other positions, the initiative www.fairdigitaleurope.eu was launched. It represents a multinational network of cities, regions, municipalities, organizations, associations, civil society groups, NGOs and other institutions, which serves to inform and gives the opportunity to exchange information in order to jointly make an approach towards the development of a fair digital Europe.

A download area has been set up, which is constantly updated with important information and documents on the Digital Services Act. Furthermore, from the mid of July you will have the opportunity to register for a newsletter which will keep you up to date on current events at EU level and provides you with relevant information on the Digital Services Act. Please subscribe to the newsletter by clicking here [here](#).

Please share this website in order to build the largest possible network to work together for a fair future for Europe.

Munich: Success against misuse, 350 apartments repatriated

In 2019, the social services department reintroduced a total of 350 previously misused residential units to the housing market. This is shown by the annual balance sheet of the Department of Housing Conservation, which was presented to the City Council today.

Of the apartments returned in 2019, 98 were previously used commercially, 145 were vacant. In 107 of the returned residential units, vacation home use was prevented. The success of the online reporting platform was again evident in 2019. Due to the information provided on the platform, around 700 misappropriation administrative procedures were initiated in the department. Around 200 of these proceedings have already been completed.

Click the [link](#) to view the article. (German)

Sinn Féin call for €230k cap on price of affordable urban housing

Sinn Féin is bringing a private members' bill to the Dáil later today demanding the government double its target for public housing over the next five years.

The coalition deal aims to add 50,000 public housing units by the end of the new government's term but Sinn Féin's motion says this should be set at 100,000.

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Northumbria joins €4.8m EU housing energy efficiency project

More than three-quarters of European residential buildings were constructed before 1990. Many are thermal inefficient and of poor quality, and with the hot and cold extremes of European weather, making their homes thermally comfortable can leave residents in energy poverty.

The EU-funded RINNO project has been devised to find radical new ways to reduce the costs, timescales and disturbance involved in 'deep renovation' and triple the current rate of such renovations in Europe.

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Lisbon Has a Plan to Reclaim Housing From Airbnb

Across the world's cities, vacation apartments that were fully booked this time last year lie empty. Affected by lockdowns, quarantine measures and social distancing, it seems likely that the Airbnb-dominated short-stay market will not fully return to pre-pandemic levels for some time—if ever. For cities that draw many visitors, that leaves a question mark over the fate of apartments that previously catered to tourists.

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We have succeeded in establishing a Europe-wide network of committed people and organizations that are fighting for affordable, social and public housing in Europe. This newsletter is sent out weekly, and you will continue to receive news about important initiatives and events in the EU and worldwide on affordable and social housing.

We therefore ask you, in order to help expand our network even more, to subscribe to the newsletter using the following link or share it in your network:

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