



IUT World Conference 2026 in Malmö and Copenhagen

*A Century of Tenants – A Future for
Rights and Affordability*

Invitation to the press

100 years fighting for tenants' rights: IUT World Conference and EU Housing Commissioner to address global housing challenges

Journalists are invited to join a digital press conference ahead of the International Union of Tenants (IUT) World Conference, marking the 100 years anniversary of IUT's global tenant union.

On this occasion, we are glad to welcome the EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing, Dan Jørgensen, and the Mayor of Malmö, Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, to our digital press conference.

The **digital press conference** will present key messages from the upcoming conference and outline the priorities of tenants' organisations worldwide at a time of rising housing costs, increasing financialisation, and mounting pressure on tenants globally.

Key themes

- An EU and global perspective on tenants and affordable housing.
- Rising rents, affordability pressures, and energy costs.
- The role of public policy in securing long-term housing affordability.
- Why tenant representation matters in shaping housing policy.

The IUT World Conference brings together tenant organisations from across the world to discuss the future of housing systems and the role of tenants in shaping them. Please find the IUT World Conference program: <https://www.iut.nu/events/iut-world-conference-2026/>

Speakers

- **Marie Linder, President of the International Union of Tenants (IUT)**
- **Dan Jørgensen, EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing**
- **Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, Mayor of Malmö**

Digital press conference

Date: 7 May 2026

Time: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM (CEST)

Format: Online (link provided upon registration)

Register and attend the digital conference

Please register by sending an email to Martina Li Polo Pola, Communications Officer at IUT Brussels Office, at brussels@iut.nu. A Zoom link will be shared upon confirmation.

Register and attend in person

Media representatives are also welcome to register for accreditation to attend the IUT World Conference in person (i.e. not the digital conference), from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM (CEST) on 7 May 2026, at the Town Hall in Malmö, located at Stortorget 2.

The deadline for registration is 5 May 2026, at 6:00 PM (CEST).

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About the International Union of Tenants (IUT)

Founded in Zürich in 1926, the International Union of Tenants (IUT) is a global NGO dedicated to safeguarding tenant interests and promoting affordable, high-quality rental housing. As a non-profit umbrella organization, the IUT represents 80 national and local associations across 52 countries. Headquartered in Stockholm since 1956—with a liaison office in Brussels—the IUT operates on the principle that housing is a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of global peace and security.

The 23rd IUT World Conference: A Century of Tenants

In a landmark year for housing advocacy, the 2026 World Conference (May 7–9) marks the 100th anniversary of the IUT. This triennial event, hosted across Malmö, Sweden, and Copenhagen, Denmark, unites tenant representatives, researchers, and policymakers to address a critical global shift: the treatment of housing as a financial commodity rather than a human necessity. The program features a robust schedule of thematic sessions, interactive workshops, and site visits designed to strengthen global tenant movements and enhance tenants' rights. The event will culminate in a public Housing Festival in Copenhagen, celebrating a century of international solidarity and collective action.