

City of Ljubljana

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LJUBLJANA'S PLEDGE TO THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

A strong social Europe means that it is inclusive for all. Ljubljana is a city where we respect diversity and live together. Ljubljana is a social city that promotes social inclusion and human dignity. Through numerous programmes, services and activities, we strive for social equality, solidarity and openness. To that end, we pay special attention to vulnerable groups.

Commitment to principle 16. Health care

The Slovenian Constitution ensures everyone in Slovenia the right to health insurance and healthcare, which are provided as a public service at the primary, secondary and tertiary level. Services at the primary level are provided by the municipality. The City of Ljubljana is the founder of the largest such public institution in Slovenia, which records more than 2.7 million patient visits a year. The Community Health Centre Ljubljana (CHC) provides high-quality and optimal access to healthcare services through 1,500 highly qualified employees and a modern infrastructure at 11 main locations in the city.

Together with the CHC, the City of Ljubljana invested more than €32 million in the renovation of buildings and purchase of equipment in the period 2007 to 2017, and that investment cycle has not yet been completed. The construction of an extension to the Bežigrad Unit of the CHC began this year. The aforementioned project is valued at more than €7 million. Also in progress is the planning of the construction of a new building on Metelkova Street, with an estimated value of €8 million. The replacement of CHC buildings will begin later, by 2022, in Rudnik (€8 million) and Jarše (€6 million).

Commitment to principle 19. Housing and assistance for the homeless

The right to housing is a fundamental human right. The Slovenian Constitution states that the State shall create opportunities for citizens to obtain proper housing. The minimum technical and spatial conditions for adequate housing are specified in the Housing Act.

The City of Ljubljana established the Public Housing Fund of the Municipality of Ljubljana (PHF) as a central local institution for implementing the national housing programme at the local level. The PHF implements diverse measures and initiatives designed to reduce or lessen the housing problem across the city (e.g. the allocation of housing or residential buildings for special purposes to organisations that provide services and organise programmes for vulnerable groups; rented sheltered housing for citizens over the age of 65; anti-eviction activity in cooperation with NGOs, etc.).

We currently manage a total of 3,671 not-for-profit accommodation units that are rented to individuals and families via public tenders, and a total of 436 housing properties for individuals or families who are for any reason at risk of homelessness (granted in the order the applications are submitted). Of the total, 37 dwellings and six residential buildings are currently rented to

various organisations that provide services and organise programmes for those who cannot live independently or who need specific forms of support and protection to do so (the homeless, people with disabilities or mental health issues, victims of domestic violence, etc.). Exclusively for homeless 5 dwellings and 2 residential buildings are rented to 2 organisations.

In order to better address the housing needs of residents, we plan to gradually provide more not-for-profit residential units. At the estimated cost of €150 million, at least 1,500 additional not-for-profit residential units will be available by 2022. We also plan to upgrade social services for the most vulnerable groups and long-term homeless people. The old shelter, which now operates in inadequate premises owned by the City, will therefore be totally rebuilt by 2022, at the estimated cost of €3 million.

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