



# EuSEE

Advancing EU Cohesion  
coverage across  
South-East Europe

## Newsletter

Dear reader,

Cohesion policy has an impact on the daily lives of Europeans. In these articles, we explore how certain projects are making a difference in various parts of Europe.

In Croatia and Slovenia, women are fighting to improve the rights of mothers facing **postpartum depression**. In Zagreb, the city government is trying to address the **housing crisis** through various measures, thanks in part to cohesion funds. Across the European Union, **prisoners** struggle to reintegrate into society. EU funds for reintegration are available, but the stigma remains.

Finally, we turn our attention to the lively debate currently underway in Brussels regarding the **future of cohesion policy**.

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## Hi Mom, how are you? Mental health that the system doesn't see

From Ljubljana to Zagreb, there are women who are building what's missing in Europe and trying to secure European funding to do it better and together



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## **Empty Homes and Rising Tourism: Zagreb's Fight for the Right to Housing**



The city of Zagreb, a member of the Mayors for Housing alliance, has introduced several measures to limit the negative effects of rising prices and the spread of short-term rentals. We spoke with Deputy Mayor Luka Korlaet

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## Europe, once an inmate, always an inmate



In the European Union, there are currently over 700,000 people detained in approximately 2,500 facilities. EU funds for reintegration exist, but stigma and lack of opportunities keep former inmates stuck

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# The future of cohesion policy



## Extremely delicate negotiations in Brussels

The European Commission's proposal for the new National and Regional Partnership Plans envisaged in the 2028-2034 EU budget is dividing Parliament and Member States, amid fears of centralization and demands for greater guarantees for regions and agriculture. The debate has just begun and will be decisive for the future structure of European funds



## The European Parliament is working to mitigate risks

MEPs want to prevent funds in the new cycle from being allocated “based on national preferences rather than shared European criteria and objectives.” Interview with Siegfried Mureşan, co-rapporteur on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

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## News from our partners



### Croatia: the Karlovac Library, a flagship sustainability project

The Ivan Goran Kovačić Public Library in Karlovac will soon be adding another eco-sustainable feature: a biosolar roof. This is the first project of its kind adopted by a public institution in Croatia, combining an existing green roof with a new photovoltaic system



### Bulgaria: too many people still without sewerage

A quarter of Bulgarians are not connected to the public sewerage network. Many communities across Bulgaria, including some neighborhoods in Sofia, are still waiting for an adequate wastewater management system. It is not a lack of money, but good planning and punctuality in project delivery



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