High Level Construction Forum

Webinar 'One year on: European Strategy for Housing Construction'

Tuesday 15 December 2026, 10:00 to 12:30 CET

Agenda

Time (CET)	Agenda
10:00 – 10:05 *(5 min)*	**Opening by the Technical Secretariat of the High Level Construction Forum**
10:05 – 10:15 *(10 min)*	**Opening remarks by DG GROW** *Barbara Bonvissuto, DG GROW Directorate H, European Commission*
One year of the Strategy for Housing Construction	
10:15 – 10:35 *(20 min)*	**The Strategy for Housing Construction one year on** *Pieter Staelens, DG GROW H.1., European Commission*
10:35 – 10:45 *(10 min)*	**Reflections from the HLCF members on the first year of implementation of the ESHC and Q&A** *Contributions from members of the High Level Construction Forum*
10:45 – 10:55 *(10 min)*	**Latest developments on affordable housing: the Affordable Housing Act Recommendation and the Housing Simplification Package** *Philip-Vincent McGuinness, Affordable Housing Task Force, European Commission*
Break (10 min)	
Focus on permitting	
11:05 – 11:25 *(20 min)*	**Study on the state of play of building permits for housing in the EU** *Pablo Gutierrez Velayos, DG GROW H.1., European Commission* *Danilo Bianchini, Intellera*
11:25 – 11:35 *(10 min)*	**Analytical Report on Zoning & planning and its interaction with building permitting** *Elena Petsani, European Construction Observatory*
11:35 – 11:45 *(10 min)*	**Q&A on permitting** *Contributions from members of the High Level Construction Forum*
HLCF Task Force on Offsite Construction	
11:45 – 12:15 *(3 x 10 min)*	**Recommendations of the HLCF Task Force on Offsite Construction** *Speakers tbc*
12:15 – 12:25 *(10 min)*	**Q&A** *Contributions from members of the High Level Construction Forum*
Closing	
12:25 – 12:30 *(5 min)*	**Closing by DG GROW – next steps and HLCF plenary 2027**

Please note: Some agenda items might be subject to change.