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Canada

A Come Back of Panel Housing

While prefab housing in Europe is often still associated with the former Eastern Block's mass panel housing estates the need to cope with the growing demand for affordable housing is again leading towards modular building models. Canada's new prime minister Mark Carney has now announced a CA\$ 26bn (roughly € 16,5 bn) program to finance prefabricated homes.

For more information see: <https://www.mpamag.com/ca/mortgage-industry/industry-trends/can-carneys-26bn-prefab-housing-solution-solve-canadas-housing-crisis/535123>



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Vienna

Communist Party housing Program

Austria's increasingly successful Communist Party (KPÖ) recently doubled its votes in the Vienna regional elections winning representatives in all 23 district parliaments. According to post-election analyses the new party housing program played an essential role in this success. The program had been developed by Wolfgang Förster (PUSH) together with housing experts Christoph Haill and Claudia Krieglsteiner. Among other proposals to deal with the housing crisis it includes measures against housing speculation – like taxation of vacant flats and of vacant building plots and a “housing sticker” to ensure regular controls of old tenement buildings – and a new public housing program of 5,000 “Gemeindewohnungen” (city-owned social housing) annually to be financed by the profits from private developments. KPÖ intends to further work on the program on the national level.



For more information (only in German) see:
<https://wien.kpoe.at/2025/04/02/kpoe-und-links-stellen-programm-fuer-die-wien-wahl-vor/>

US New Public Radio on Vienna Green Housing



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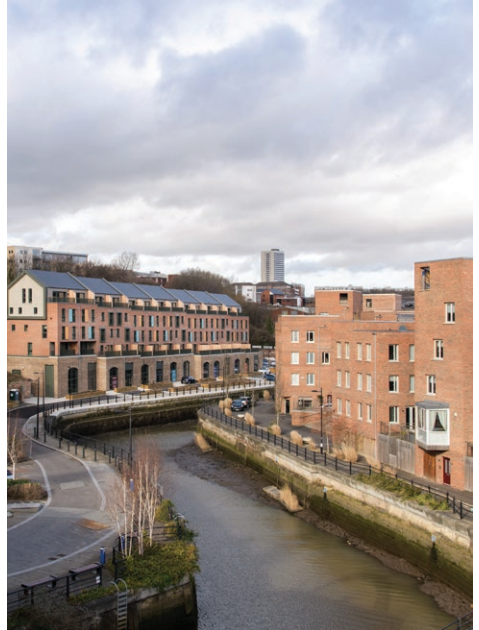
Julia Simons, NPR Climate Solutions Correspondent, has published a comprehensive report and podcast on how Vienna tackles the climate challenge within its vast subsidized 8 i.e, affordable housing program. As Wolfgang Förster from PUSH explains climate protection issues are to be seen as part of the city's environmental and social efforts in its public housing program.

For more information see:
<https://www.npr.org/2025/06/15/nx-s1-5400642/affordable-housing-environment-vienna-climate-change>

UK: 1,5 million new homes till 2029

To cope with the housing crisis UK's new Labour government recently presented a plan to build 1,5 million homes till 2029.

For more information see:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homes-england-strategic-plan-2023-to-2028>



The Malings and Lower Steenberg's Yard, Newcastle, Image credit: PfP Igloo



Allerton Bywater
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