



Social Inclusion and Access to Basic Services of Third-Country Nationals (AccessIN)

AccessIN Policy Survey Codebook: Housing *AccessIN Deliverable D2.1 (Work Package 2)*



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Policy Area 5: HOUSING

Short description: This codebook aims to capture the conditions under which third-country nationals (TCNs) can access **private and social housing** in your country. We primarily focus on the conditions for accessing housing in the country in general, as defined in the national legislation of the EU Member State. However, some questions also enquire about additional schemes of accessing housing in specific cities (two per country).

As described in the *General Coding Guidelines*, before you start coding, please remember that:

- In answering the questions below, please refer only to the policies/regulations that are in place at the time of coding, unless otherwise specified (e.g. for questions on recent policy developments over the past 10 years, the COVID-19 pandemic, or the war in Ukraine).
- The survey aims to capture the conditions of access to housing for different categories of third-country nationals, including: single permit holders authorized to work in the EU, seasonal workers, individuals with refugee status or subsidiary protection, family members of TCNs, and long-term residence permit holders. Any other group of TCNs (tourists, individuals with short stays up to 90 days, students and researchers, family members of EU citizens, unaccompanied minors, civil servants posted abroad, undocumented migrants, etc.) are NOT covered in this study and should therefore not be considered for the purposes of the data collection.
- When asking about specific schemes/programs to ensure the access of TCNs to specific services, please note that we refer specifically to programs/schemes adopted by public authorities (our survey hence does NOT cover services provided by non-governmental actors).
- The survey is divided into several sections. Section A includes general questions on the legal framework regulating access to housing in your country. You will then be asked specific questions on the conditions that TCNs must meet to access private and social housing (Section B). Finally, Section C will ask about your assessment of the strengths/weaknesses of the current policy framework regulating TCNs' access to this area and the main public authorities and civil society organisations that could offer assistance to TCNs in this matter.

Section A. General questions regarding the legal framework and basic principles regarding housing

Q1: Please specify the country you are coding.

Answer:

Q2: Please specify the most relevant pieces of legislation regulating access to private and social housing in your country.

Please include the full name and the date of the laws/regulations in English and the national language(s).

Answer:

Q3: Please specify which institutions/authorities (national, regional, local) have the main competences for regulating access to private and social housing in your country.

Please mention who has the main responsibility in this area (if it is a shared responsibility, please specify it as such).

Answer:

Section B. Questions regarding the access of third-country nationals to housing

Section B.1 Questions on access to housing IN THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL (please note that the questions on specific schemes applicable in particular cities are included in Section B.2 below)

Q4: Please describe the general conditions under which TCNs can access social housing in your country.

Please mention any requirements that may be of relevance (e.g. prior residence period required; economic situation of individuals/families taken into account; procedure and documentation for submitting an application and waiting time for assessment; the duration for which social housing can be received; etc.). If different requirements apply for different categories of TCNs from the ones covered in this study (single permit holders authorized to work, seasonal workers, individuals with refugee status or subsidiary protection, family members of TCNs, and long-term residence permit holders), please distinguish between the conditions applied for each category.

Answer:

Q5: Are there any targeted schemes/programs in your country specifically designed to support housing affordability (renting and home ownership) for TCNs in the private housing market?

Please refer to schemes/programs such as: offering housing allowances, cash subsidies, help with rental deposits, tax reductions to support affordable home ownership, cooperation with banks to facilitate access to mortgages at reduced interest rates, etc. If several schemes were implemented at the national level, please briefly describe here the ones that you consider most relevant, while specifying their duration, scope, content and which authorities initiated them. If such initiatives focused only on specific categories of TCNs from the ones covered in this study, please specify it as such, while also briefly describing such schemes.

Answer:

Q6: Apart from financial assistance, are there any specific services/programs in your country through which public authorities provide non-financial guidance/assistance to TCNs in search for housing in the private market?

Please refer here to services/programs aiming to assist/guide TCNs in finding private accommodation, information provision on housing rights/procedures; intermediation for signing private rental agreements or for applying for loans or in paying for electricity, gas and other amenities; support in resolving landlord-tenants disputes, etc. If several services/programs were implemented at the national level, please briefly describe here the ones that you consider most relevant, while specifying their duration, scope, content and which authorities initiated them. If such initiatives focused only on specific categories of TCNs from the ones covered in this study, please specify it as such, while also briefly describing such schemes.

Answer:

Q7: Are there any specific programs/initiatives in your country to prevent, monitor or fight discrimination of TCNs in the private housing market?

If several programs/initiatives exist in the country, please briefly describe here the ones that you consider most relevant. If there are particular national institutions/bodies in charge of this area, please also mention their names in English and in the national language(s).

Answer:

Q8: Are there any specific initiatives/schemes/programs in your country specifically aimed to prevent homelessness among TCNs?

If several initiatives/schemes/programs were implemented at the national level, please briefly describe here the ones that you consider most relevant, while specifying their duration, scope, content and which authorities initiated them. If such initiatives focused only on specific categories of TCNs from the ones covered in this study, please specify it as such, while also briefly describing such schemes.

Answer:

Q9: Are there any specific initiatives/programs in your country aimed at reducing/preventing segregation of TCNs in particular areas/neighbourhoods (e.g. quota systems in certain housing areas, interethnic housing projects, spread of social housing across different neighbourhoods, etc.)?

If several initiatives/programs were implemented at the national level, please briefly describe here the ones that you consider most relevant, while specifying their duration, scope, content and which authorities initiated them. If such initiatives focused only on specific categories of TCNs from the ones covered in this study, please specify it as such, while also briefly describing such schemes.

Answer:

Q10: During the COVID-19 pandemic, have there been any specific initiatives/services/programs in the area of social or private housing for TCNs in your country?

If several initiatives/services/programs were implemented at the national level, please briefly describe here the ones that you consider most relevant, while specifying their duration, scope, content and which authorities initiated them. If such initiatives focused only on specific categories of TCNs from the ones covered in this study, please specify it as such, while also briefly describing such schemes.

Answer:

Q11: Since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, have there been any specific initiatives/services/programs in the area of social or private housing in your country for Ukrainians fleeing the war?

If several initiatives were implemented at the national level, please briefly describe here the ones that you consider most relevant.

Answer:

Q12: Over the past 10 years, have there been any important policy developments at the national level aiming to either facilitate or restrict the access of TCNs to social or private housing?

Please mention any policy development that you did not already code in the questions above. If several policy developments were implemented at the national level over the past 10 years, please briefly describe here the ones that you consider most relevant. If such policy developments focused only on specific categories of TCNs from the ones covered in this study, please specify it as such, while also briefly describing them.

Answer:

Section B.2 Questions on access to housing IN SPECIFIC CITIES (see Appendix 1 with the specific cities to be coded for each country).

Q13: In addition to the policies/programs/initiatives implemented in the country in general that you coded in Section B.1 above, are there any other additional initiatives in the area of social or private housing for TCNs in any of the 2 specific cities identified in your country? If these are policies/programs/initiatives that were adopted by the subnational entity (region/province/community...) in which these cities are located, please make sure to include them here.

If several additional initiatives exist in any of the 2 selected cities, please briefly describe here the ones that you consider most relevant for each city. If such initiatives focus only on specific categories of TCNs from the ones covered in this study, please specify it as such, while also briefly describing such schemes adopted at the city level. If any specific city-level initiatives were adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic or for Ukrainians fleeing the war, please also briefly mention them here.

Answer:

Q14: Over the past 10 years, have there been any important policy developments in any of the 2 selected cities aiming to either facilitate or restrict the access of TCNs to social or private?

Please mention here only policy developments specifically designed at the city level. If several policy developments were implemented over the past 10 years in any of the 2 selected cities, please briefly describe here the ones that you consider most relevant for each city. If such policy developments focused only on specific categories of TCNs from the ones covered in this study, please specify it as such, while also briefly describing them.

Answer:

Section C. General questions regarding your assessment of the policy framework and the institutions/organizations that can assist TCNs in this area

Q15: In your expert opinion, which are the main strengths and weaknesses of the current policy framework regulating TCNs’ access to housing that you described above?

Please reflect on the situation in your country in general and, if relevant, also in the 2 selected cities coded above.

Answer:

Q16: Are there any good practices for facilitating TCNs' access to housing in your country in general and/or in the two selected cities coded above that you would like to emphasize and which may be shared in the future in other contexts across the EU?

Please provide examples of any relevant good practices that you have identified in your country and/or in the two selected cities coded above.

Answer:

Q17: What kind of measures would you recommend to address existing gaps and challenges in TCNs' access to housing in your country?

Please reflect on possible remedies (potential legal/policy reforms, funding, preparedness/adequateness of institutions, etc.) to the gaps that currently exist in this area in your country in general and, if relevant, also in the 2 selected cities coded above.

Answer:

Q18: Please list here the main public institutions that can assist TCNs in accessing housing in the country in general and in the two selected cities coded above.

Please provide the names of such institutions in English and in the national language(s), while also adding the link to their respective website(s).

Answer:

Q19: Please list here the main civil society organisations that can assist TCNs in accessing housing in the country in general and in the two selected cities coded above.

Please provide the names of such institutions in English and in the national language(s), while also adding the link to their respective website(s).

Answer:
