

Parce que l'avenir du logement social se joue aussi à Bruxelles



# SGEI of Social Housing The french case

# French case in the SGEI process

- 1957-2003 : Grey zone
- 2003 : SGEI Altmark ruling
- 2005 : EC Decision « Monti package»

#### **Dutch and Swedish cases**

- 2011: EC Decision « Almunia package »
- 2012: UNPI complaint 1
- 2012 : ERDF control / OHLM energy : HLM tool
- 2013: UNPI complaint 2: 2 OHLM
- 2014: ALUR law: EC Decision in CCH L411-2
- 2015: Compensations control / ANCOLS
- 2018: ERDF control / OHLM energy



#### **UNPI Complaints**

05/05/12 : General complaint against France : no application of the EC Decision in the french SGEI of social housing

- No application of the Decision illegal state Aids
- No control of over compensation
- No separation SGEI/commercial activities
- SGEI in all local housing markets

28/05/13 : new concret and legal complaint against 2 social landlords (Soginorpa + Pas de Calais Habitat)

- 2 concreet cases of overcompensation
- No application of public service obligations
- No separation SGEI/commercial activities

### French social housing SGEI

- Mission of general interest defined by the law including social mix and diversity of housing
- Special rights as OHLM providers by « agrément » registration
- Legal act of entrustments as SGEI
- Public service obligations :
  - income ceiling + allocation process
  - affordable rents set by the law
  - long term secured lease for tenants
  - extra-rent of solidarity
- Compensations (subsidies, LT public loans, VAT, tax exemptions, public lands, ERDF, EIB loans...)

## Legal impact of complaints

- Exchange between DG COMP French ministry of Housing
- Questions on local based SGEI / local housing markets and not at the national level
- No formal Decision of DG COMP on the 2 complaints (till now...)
- Implementation of the Decision in progress;
  - Reference of the Decision in the french law of social housing
  - entrustment acts of OHLM (CUS) + control (ANCOLS)
  - clarification of SGEI vs commercial activities accounts
  - tool for calculation of compensation in ERDF projets
  - difficulties of calculation for LT investment projects