

# Decarbonizing suburban and rural housing

## Citizens as agents of change

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University of Helsinki, Fabianinkatu 33, 3rd floor



09:00–9:45 opening plenary session Auditorium Tekla Hultin (F3003)

Opening words

Keynote:

**Present practices and 2030 objectives in renovating multilevel apartment buildings in Finland**

**Jarek Kurnitski**, professor of Energy Performance and Indoor Climate in Buildings, Tallinn University of Technology  
member of the Finnish Climate Change Panel

10:00–11:30 parallel sessions 1

### Climate-wise housing: governance, business and policies 1

room U2071, chair Eliisa Kylkilähti, U Helsinki

Anne Viljanen et al.: Taking initiative, driving social innovation? – Cities co-creating services to support low-carbon housing and retrofits

Julia Johansson: Resident participation in sustainability projects of Finnish housing companies

Katja Lähtinen et al.: Land-use policy instruments for sustainable housing: Insights from municipality planners in Finland

### Climate-wise living: values, attitudes and practices 1

room F3003, chair Henna Syrjälä, University of Vaasa

Charlotta Harju et al.: “Living with nature as the nearest neighbor” – Values related to nature in Finnish citizens’ housing aspirations

Eveliina Salmela et al.: Arguing for and against country living in an online newspaper comment section

Joni Vainikka et al.: Five Finlands: citizens’ views towards climate change

12:30–13:15 plenary session Auditorium Tekla Hultin (F3003)

Keynote:

**Toward EU 2040 climate targets – the role of citizens in the housing sector as part of the puzzle?**

**Anne Toppinen**, professor of Forest Economics and Business, University of Helsinki  
member of the Finnish Climate Change Panel

13:30–15:30 parallel sessions 2

### Climate-wise housing: governance, business and policies 2

room U2071, chair Katja Lähtinen, Luke

Vesa Kanninen et al.: Actor perceptions and network characteristics around climate-wise housing and construction in Finland

Atte Koskivaara: The Development of Business Networks in Wooden Multistorey Construction

Md. Rayhanur Rahman et al.: Circular economy business ecosystem: from barriers to solutions in wood construction in Finland

Erkki-Jussi Nylén: Twenty years of the wood construction policy in Finland – case of a performative governance?

### Climate-wise living: values, attitudes and practices 2

room F3003, chair Merja Koskela, University of Vaasa

Enni Ruokamo et al.: Sufficiency in Housing – Is there a Case for Shared Use of Spaces?

Eliisa Kylkilähti: Dreaming of solar panels – consumers’ economic discourses in climate-wise housing

Sara-Ellen Laitinen et al.: The influence of materials on household energy consumption – Three practice-theoretical perspectives

Joni Vainikka & Eveliina Salmela: Divergence, magnified presence, and the construction of obstruction: a story of climate denialism in Finland

15:45–16:15 closing plenary session Auditorium Tekla Hultin (F3003)

Closing discussion

Katja Lähtinen, research professor, Natural Resources Institute Finland, DECARBON-HOME consortium leader