

**For a
city with
affordable
rent for
all.**

**DEUTSCHE
WOHNEN & CO
ENTEIGNEN**

WHO WE ARE

The campaign „Deutsche Wohnen & Co enteignen“ is underpinned by the support of tenant initiatives, social movements and political parties, as well as a multitude of engaged individuals. Everyone is welcome to participate in the push to socialize major real estate companies - Berlin's corporate landlords who profit massively.

WE NEED BERLINERS LIKE YOU!

Our general assembly takes place every two weeks. Additionally, there are currently seven working groups on various topics (e.g. signature collection logistics, public relations, events) that would be happy to have your active support.

Want to contribute? Get in touch with us at:
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BERLIN NEEDS ITS HOUSING BACK

Real estate companies like Deutsche Wohnen, Vonovia, Akelius and Co. are primarily responsible for the insanity of the Berlin rental market. Their business model is to turn our rising rents into profit. We won't take this any longer: We want to socialize over 240,000 apartments from large, profit-oriented real estate companies - with the petition for a **referendum** „Deutsche Wohnen & Co enteignen“.

We started at the end of February 2021, and we need **180,000 valid signatures** within four months in order for the referendum to be voted on in September 2021.

OUR DEMANDS

We demand that the Berlin Senate develop and pass a law with the following provisions:

- In line with Article 15 of the Constitution, private real estate firms that own over 3,000 apartments shall be expropriated and their housing stock transferred to public ownership.
- The affected companies shall be compensated well below market value.
- For the administration of the housing stock, a public-law institution (Anstalt öffentlichen Rechts, AöR) shall be created. It will be written into the charter of this institution that its holdings may not be privatized.
- Within the AöR, the holdings that have been transferred to public ownership shall be administered through the majoritarian democratic participation of the community and renters.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN?



WHY SOCIALIZE?

1. SO THAT RENTS STAY AFFORDABLE.

Companies like Deutsche Wohnen, Vonovia and Co. are profiting off of our rising rents. Through socialization, the rent we pay for our apartments could be lowered, because it would only need to cover the actually arising costs.

2. BECAUSE THE SOCIALIZATION OF HOUSING LASTS A LIFETIME.

Now that the *Mietendeckel* law has been overturned by the Federal Constitutional Court, the madness of the housing market has reached a new level. Widespread rent increases, shadow rents coming into effect, and horrendous demands for repayment from real estate companies threaten the existence of many tenants. It has become clear yet again: only socialization and democratic control of housing can contribute to a long-term solution to the housing crisis that is oriented towards the common good.

3. BECAUSE NEW (SOCIAL) CONSTRUCTION HAS TO HAPPEN.

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ENTEIGNUNG - A GOOD DEAL

The compensation can be repaid entirely out of the rent collected on the apartments to be socialized. The Berlin state budget mustn't be burdened as a result. This is completely normal: Properties are rarely paid for all at once. They are usually financed long-term. The State of Berlin can take out a loan, which will be redeemed over the years out of rental income.

SOCIALIZATION IS BUDGET-NEUTRAL

Article 15 of the Constitution doesn't lay out a fixed procedure for setting the price of compensation. It rather calls for a balancing of interests. As the Senate has already admitted, compensation mustn't follow the market price. Yet whether or not there is a fair balancing of interests depends on popular pressure. The real estate lobby will do all it can to inflate the compensation.

Our „Fair Rent Model“ calculates the compensation according to the rental income that would be obtained, following socialization, with fair rental prices. Accordingly, the sum of compensation may not exceed the total surplus funds that can be generated by socialized apartments in a given time frame. By calculating the sum of compensation in this way, we arrive at the sum of 8 billion Euros.

A CITY FOR ALL

Berlin is a city full of diversity and we want it to keep being like this. We do not want to tolerate any kind of discrimination or racism. The housing market is one of the areas in which discrimination and racism is more common and the difficult housing situation in Berlin becomes even more difficult for people with migrant-history. Socialization of housing would not only grant payable rents for everyone, it would also stop discrimination in this area!

UNFORTUNATELY NOT ALL SIGNATURES COUNT THE SAME...

More than 22% of the population of Berlin have no German citizenship. Of course we will not ask you for your passports while collecting signatures. That is exclusively the task of the electoral authority. We think it's a deficit of democracy that you are not allowed to vote and your signatures are not recognised as valid, just because you do not have a German citizenship. But nonetheless there is a way for you to do your part for the expropriation of Berlin's biggest corporate landlords: talk to your neighbors, friends and colleagues and collect their signatures!

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A CITY FOR THE MANY NOT THE FEW.

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