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Message from the Guest Editors

In the previous four editions, it has always been argued that the quality and well-being of housing depend on quantitative and qualitative aspects applied to the domestic space, the neighborhood, public space, the city, and the territory in which it operates. This reflection is very important because housing and urban needs remain critical in the countries sharing the fifth most spoken language in the world. We will therefore take advantage of this important cultural base to disseminate, discuss, and exchange experiences and residential and urban reference cases, with an emphasis on the ever-important promotion of social housing. It is also important to remember what we learned in the development of social housing over about a century of its promotion, through both good and bad examples, and, more recently, in Portugal, over around 30 years of municipal housing dynamics and cooperative and private. And, if we add to this the currently urgent issue of developing dynamic solutions for the promotion, design, and construction of high-quality housing with controlled budgets, then focus can be placed on theme of the new 5CIHEL2024: “**Making Housing**”.

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