

'The ECSC launches a new housing programme for workers' from the Communauté européenne (April 1961)

Caption: In April 1961, the monthly review Communauté européenne announces a new programme for workers' housing, the fourth undertaken by the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC).

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The ECSC launches a new housing programme for workers

Nearly 57 000 new housing units in 1962

The High Authority will submit to the forthcoming ECSC Special Council of Ministers a memorandum outlining the fourth housing programme for workers that has recently been determined.

The High Authority will allocate 15 million dollars to the financing of this programme, to be deducted from the special reserve, i.e. from interest on levies. These funds, added to the capital that was available on the domestic markets, will allow for an allocation of approximately **45 million dollars for the construction of 5 000 housing units in 1961 and 1962.**

The national and regional committees set up to advise the High Authority on loan allocation will be convened and consulted on the appointment of housing contractors and beneficiaries.

The objectives of this fourth programme are to replace the mining camps and makeshift housing, to facilitate resettlement for miners and to remedy the housing shortage that persists for welfare reasons, such as for workers who are far from their place of work or separated from their family.

On 1 January 1961, the programmes under way concerned 51 783 lodgings, of which 34 946 had been finished, 12 041 were under construction, and 4 796 were in the construction preparation stages. At that time, the funds committed by the High Authority, derived from own resources, ECSC loans and the financial market of the various countries, accounted for the equivalent of 91.8 million dollars.