

Zurich's One-Third Non-Profit Housing Target — Cost-Rent Cooperatives and a 2050 Goal Still Short of Delivery

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Since a 2011 referendum Zurich aims for one third of rental flats to be non-profit by 2050; about 27% are today, amid a 0.1% vacancy rate. The city is stepping up land purchases and building-right grants.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

[City of Zurich \(Stadt Zürich\) with housing cooperatives](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

[SRF: Programm Wohnen 2026](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

[ZHAW working paper: role of housing cooperatives in Switzerland \(2021\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

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