
In conversations between the IRGE Committee and our colleagues in The Netherlands and Germany, it was discovered that we were facing similar challenges in public housing preservation and how to position agencies for the future:

- The worry and the reality of federal disinvestment.
- The constant threat of devolving housing policy and funding to the state.
- The desire to diversify in order to supplement public funding.
- The frustration of managing an aging portfolio with limited access to capital funds to make improvements.
- The success and challenges of merging housing associations.

The IRGE Committee has created a study exchange in which our delegates can learn from the lessons and approaches taken by The Netherlands and Germany, and share what we have learned and how we are meeting challenges. Delegate experience and knowledge would be valuable with:

- The Rental Assistance Demonstration program.
- Mixed finance development programs, to include their structure, design, and financing models.
- Development and revitalization programs.
- Public Housing Authority approaches in developing and partnering with nonprofit and other entities.
- Leveraging non-traditional public housing funds.
- Creating agencies partnerships, acquisitions, consolidations, consortia and regional programs.

The exchange itinerary (subject to change) will be from August 26, 2015 through September 4, 2015, detailed on the following page.

Study Exchange Expense

All expenses for IRGE study exchanges are the responsibility of the delegate.

The International Research and Global Exchange Committee Mission

To promote and share global exchange of information and develop relationships that assist the NAHRO membership and all those engaged in the development and operation of housing and community development programs.