

**The Third International Zero Evictions Marathon: Testimonies, talks, science, and art against forced evictions
Padova, 29 - 30 October 2026**



Call for Proposals



On 29 and 30 October 2026, the Human Rights Centre of the University of Padova, Italy, in cooperation with the International Alliance of Inhabitants (IAI), will hold the 'International Zero Evictions Marathon' (ZEM) as part of the World Zero Evictions Days (October 2026).

After the success of the second edition (October 31st, 2025), the third Marathon will further amplify the voices of resistance to social injustices across the globe.

Movements, universities, associations and grassroots organisations are preparing for a new stage in the global mobilisation for the right to housing. Special guest: Mr. Koldo Casla, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to adequate housing.

The 2026 ZEM will feature

- Two days of live sessions and recorded testimonies and videos.
- Evocative and impactful documentary and/or artistic photographs for a virtual exhibition on the consequences of forced evictions on children.

The 2026 ZEM will focus on

- Attacks on human rights defenders, housing and land.
- Massive displacement linked to neoliberal extractivist policies and biased anti-climate crisis measures.
- Evictions caused by urban planning choices and major works and projects.
- Evictions caused by violations of the social function of property.
- Evictions caused by the impact of AI on the housing sector and the governance of territories.
- "Domicide" and "urbicide" as a strategy of war against human rights and the rights of peoples.
- The rise of homelessness and its criminalisation around the world.
- Silent evictions due to financial hardship affecting tenants and homeowners of their only primary residence.

Our goals for the 2026 ZEM are

- To offer a shared international platform for social organisations and networks to denounce violations of the right to housing and related human rights and to collect and support proposals for solutions.
- To strengthen solidarity at all levels in the defence of people and communities facing eviction with the defenders of the right to housing.
- To support the collaboration and a proactive approach among social, academic and institutional actors, and engage regional (EU, OAS, etc.) and global organisations and actors (UN-Habitat, the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to housing, other UN Special Rapporteurs, etc.).
- To promote research and training activities and disseminate research results on the right to housing.

When & Where

October 29th and 30th, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. UTC.

Onsite: Via Beato Pellegrino, 28, Padua, Italy (Human Rights Centre of the University of Padua).

Online: on the Zoom platform of the University and on YouTube.

To submit your proposal, please fill in the online form available by [clicking here](#)

N.B. To read in your language, highlight the text, right click and select "Translate selected text", then pick your language.

Deadline for submissions: September 25th 2026

The selected proposals will be communicated on **October 1st 2026**.

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