



# Press Release

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## Deutsche Wohnen receives award for its contribution to the Housing First for Women project

**Berlin, 13 March 2019.** Deutsche Wohnen cooperates on the Housing First for Women project with the Catholic Women's Welfare Service [*Sozialdienst katholischer Frauen – SkF*], a Berlin association that offers help to children, young people, women and families who are in difficult circumstances in life. As one of the first residential property companies, Deutsche Wohnen has made flats available, for which women affected by homelessness have been able to sign a tenancy agreement. The company has now received an award for its engagement.

During the opening ceremony on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for “Eva's Haltestelle”, a centre for homeless women in Berlin-Wedding, the award “for cooperating in a model project by making affordable flats available” was presented to the project coordinators Julie Bäsler and Matthias Gommlich by the director of the SkF Dr Dagmar Löttgen in the presence of the archbishop Dr Heiner Koch and the municipal councillor with responsibility for urban development in Berlin-Mitte Ephraim Gothe. The two employees of Deutsche Wohnen are responsible for arranging tenancies for the flats. In order to do this, they are in close contact with the SkF. As Julie Bäsler explains, “We are delighted to receive this award and to know that the first women have signed a tenancy agreement and have finally found a new and above all safe home.”

The project Housing First for Women, which is run in collaboration with the Senate Department for Integration, Work and Social Affairs, helps homeless women to find a home of their own. The women are given their own tenancy agreement as quickly as possible. This means that they have a fresh opportunity to lead an orderly life within the safety of their own four walls. Housing First is not just offered by the Catholic Women's Welfare Service. The Berlin association “New Chance for Putting an End to Homelessness” is also involved and works with landlords to make flats available to homeless men. Deutsche Wohnen also cooperates with this charitable organisation for providing social help and support for young people. The company plans to make flats available to homeless men as well.

## **Deutsche Wohnen**

Deutsche Wohnen is one of the leading publicly listed property companies in Germany and Europe with a business focus on managing and developing its portfolio, which consists mainly of residential properties. As at 31 December 2018, the portfolio comprised 167,000 units in total, of which 164,300 were residential and 2,700 commercial. The company owns flats in four Berlin Modernist estates, which were awarded UNESCO world heritage status in July 2008: the White City Estate, the Horseshoe Estate in Berlin-Britz, the Carl Legien Residential Estate and the Ring Estate in Siemensstadt.