

**ADAPTING HOUSING FIRST**
Adapting Housing First - Innovating Housing Staff**2022-1-IE01-KA220-VET-000089473**

Different keys, same door: moving forward with Housing First

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Y-Säätiö

Finland's largest national non-profit landlord

Mission: Ending homelessness, promoting well-being & sustainable living

Core Activities:

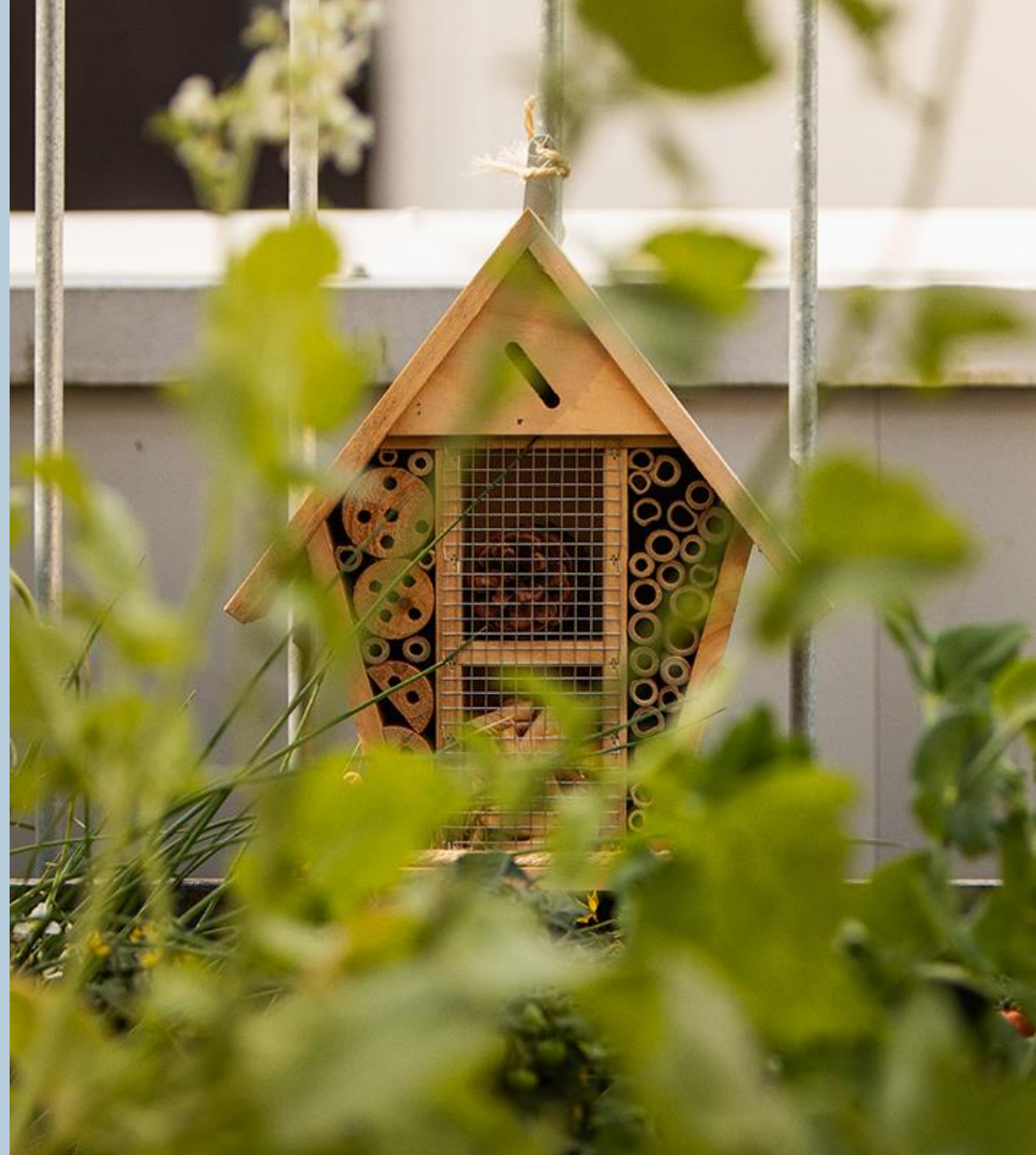
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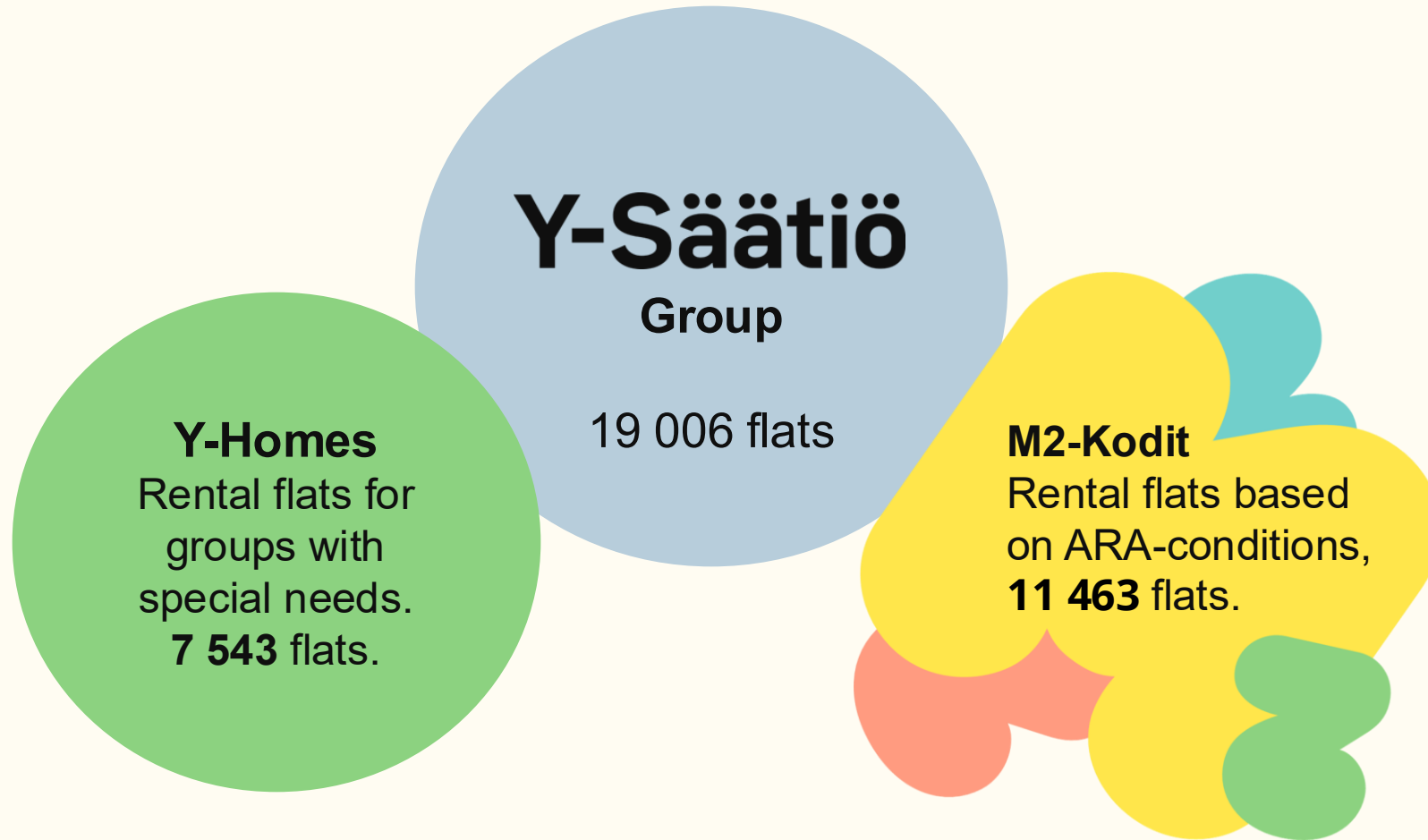
Research and Development work

International work

Partnerships



Home for all – Y-Säätiö's rental flats



Targeted for impoverished & low income individuals
with urgent housing needs

Finnish Housing First

Designed for anyone facing homelessness or the risk of homelessness

1

Different Permanent Housing Options

Scattered housing and supported housing units. Options for specific needs and circumstances.

2

Tailored Support Services

Personalized support services are integral. Aims to address diverse challenges that people may face.

3

Affordable Housing

400 000 state-subsidized rental-apartments. Tenant selection is based on the need for housing.

4

Prevention of Homelessness

Proactive measures: detecting the risk of homelessness & recognizing the significance of early intervention and support.

5

Low-Threshold Work Activities

Acknowledge the diverse skills and capacities of individuals & provide opportunities for engagement that align with their abilities and aspirations.

6

Normality

Normal rental agreements. Main-stream universal social and health services.

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Systemic Change

Finland
moved from
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Prevention

**Emergency
response**

Housing & Support

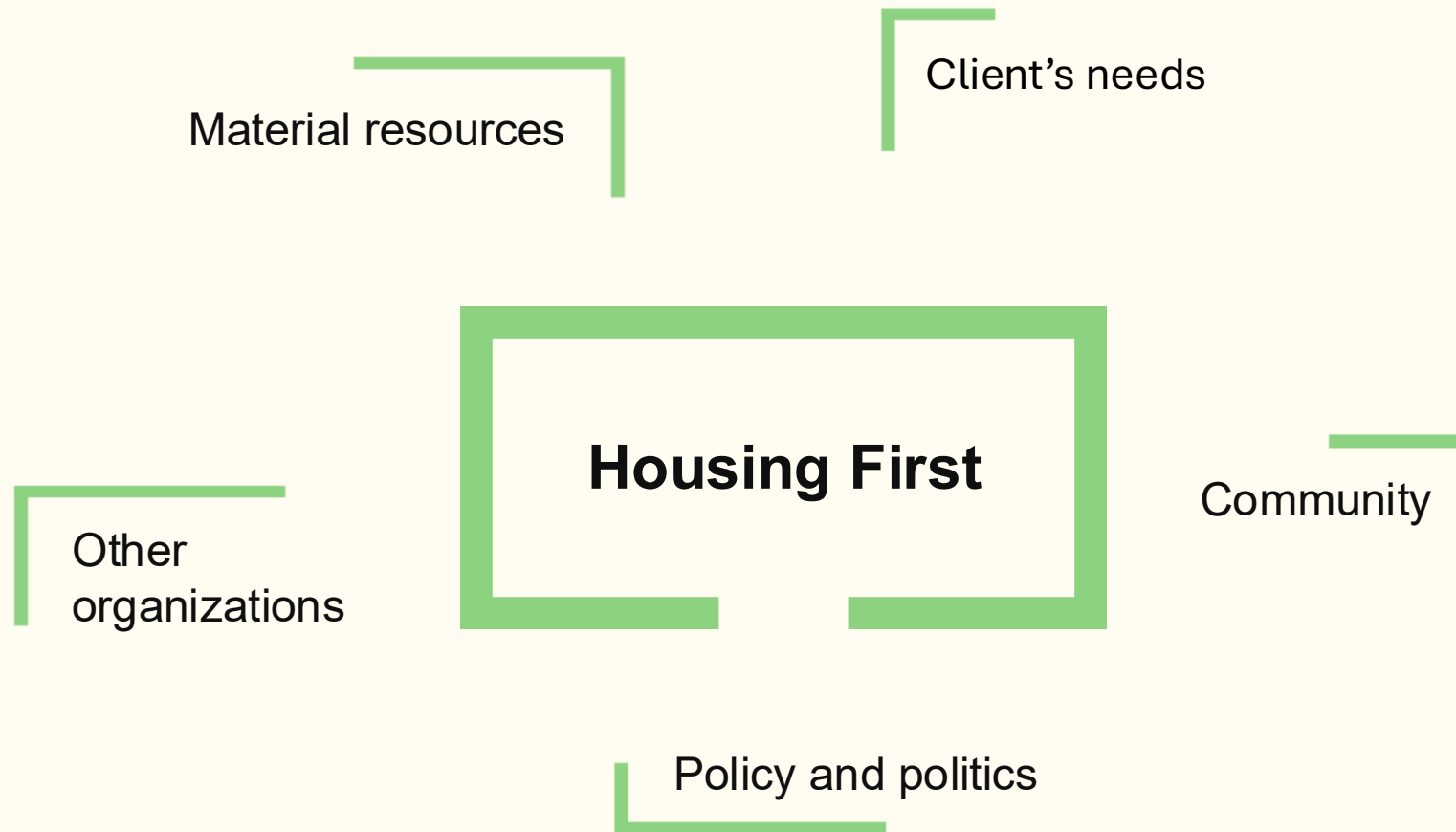
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Prevention

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Context matters



Key learnings - general

- What is Housing First?
- Adoption vs adaptation
- Aims
- Target group(s)
- Partnership & networks



Key learnings - Housing

- Different housing options
- Lack of affordable housing
- Scaling up is a challenge without housing
- Good quality temporary accommodation can be a first step towards HF and re-gaining trust
- The need for housing partners
- Importance of co-operating with landlords for both getting and keeping the apartments



Key learnings - Support

- Support services should reflect the diverse realities of homelessness
- Trauma informed care
- Importance of community
- Activities
- Peer work
- Autonomy vs. strong elements of care
- Scaling up is a challenge without resources for support (incl. service system)
- Harm reduction



***Housing First** is not a fixed blueprint
but **a flexible framework**—its
success depends on how well we
adapt it to local needs, systems,
and cultures.*



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