

Double-Themed Episode of Expaterience: Solving the Housing Crisis & How to Survive Dutch Winters

*Practical Advice for Expats and Internationals
Navigating Challenging Times*

Expaterience, the distinctive English-language talk show created by and for expats and internationals in the Netherlands, will air a special double-themed edition. This fifth episode focuses on delivering concrete guidance and actionable insights to help viewers navigate today's major housing challenges and prepare for the difficult winter months ahead.

Hour 1: Solving the Housing Crisis

Lead Host **Sanjay Sharma** sits down with experts and first-hand witnesses to examine the country's ongoing housing crisis. The conversation will explore long-term prospects for market-driven solutions as well as the immediate, short-term consequences of the shortage — especially for expats, including both highly skilled professionals and labor-sector workers.

Guest line-up Hour 1:

Bart Reeser, Chairman NVM, Haaglanden branch, and Registered Real Estate Agent & Registered Valuer at Stokman Van Duren. NVM is the largest association of real estate agents and appraisers in the Netherlands and is partnering with the Dutch government to help accelerate the building of new homes.

Marco Sark, Co-Founder/Co-Owner of FASTGOED, a real estate agency that positions itself as offering a practical, hands-on approach to helping expats and internationals find their way in the complex Dutch rental and home-buying market.

Larisa Melinceanu, Deputy Director (Policy & Communication), Barka Foundation. Named after the Polish word for 'life buoy', Barka is committed to supporting vulnerable EU citizens who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. These are often people from Central and Eastern Europe who have come to the Netherlands in search of work.

Simone Dulcis, Housing Crisis Experiencer and Social Media Creator of @italiantodutch. A young Italian professional who moved to the Netherlands to rebuild his life from scratch, sharing his journey of fighting loneliness, connecting with locals, and showing what it truly means to change your life in a new country.

