

Report from the Chair of the Committee on Housing and Land Management

HOUSING AND LAND MANAGEMENT



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Challenges of access to decent affordable housing in the UNECE Region

- **Housing is the single highest expenditure** item for Europeans, at about a quarter of total EU households' budget in 2015, increasing from 22.5% in 2005.
- **In the UNECE Region, over 100 million people** in the UNECE Region spend more than 40% of their disposable income on housing (UNECE, Social Housing)
- **The share of poor households** paying too much for **housing has doubled** (or more) in Spain, Portugal and Ireland. Greece has registered the sharpest increase (Housing Europe 2017).





Housing and Real Estate Markets

2018 and 2019

Network of Geneva UN Charter Centers of Excellence –

Existing: Tirana, Albania; Vienna, Austria; Tallinn, Estonia; Glasgow, UK

In preparation: Moscow, Russia; Brussels, Belgium; Geneva, Switzerland

Joint Task Force on EE Standards in Buildings with the Sustainable Energy Division

- Mapping of energy efficiency standards in buildings
- Mapping of existing technologies to enhance energy efficiency in buildings, gap analysis and recommendations for their use in the region
- Compendium of best practices for existing standards and technologies on energy efficiency in building.
- Online database of experts on energy efficiency in buildings
- Events have been organized in Yerevan (Armenia); St. Petersburg (Russian Federation), Geneva and Kiev (Ukraine)

"Housing for Migrants" study and Survey

Survey and a publication on homelessness in the UNECE region

Selected workshops and training events

2018: Vienna (Austria); Grodno (Belarus); Tallinn (Estonia); Almaty (Kazakhstan); Dublin (Ireland)

2019: Minsk (Belarus); Lyon (France); Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan); Glasgow (UK)



Real Estate Market Advisory Group

2018

Studies

- Guidelines on the Management and Ownership of Condominium Housing
- Updated Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets
- Contribution to the studies of the Joint Task Force on EE Standards in Buildings and of the WPLA

Events and workshops were organized in Reading (UK); Athens (Greece); Sofia (Bulgaria); Prague (Czech Rep.)

Other: Launch and contribution to the Fire Safety Standards Coalition

2019

Studies:

- “Sharing Economy and its effects on housing market”
- Study on housing finance
- Finalization of the “Guidelines on tools and mechanisms for financing smart sustainable cities” (under the U4SSC initiative)

Events and workshops will be organized in Milano (Italy); Frankfurt (Germany); Prague (Czech Rep.)



Sustainable Urban Development and Smart Cities

2018 and 2019

1. **United for Smart Sustainable Cities initiative (U4SSC)**, jointly with ITU and other 14 UN entities and the **United Smart Cities (USC)** programme

- Guidelines on tools and mechanisms to finance SSC projects
- Guidelines on strategies for circular cities
- implementation of the **Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities**
- Smart Sustainable City Profile of Goris, Armenia
- Smart Sustainable City Profile of Voznesensk, Ukraine
- Guidelines for the development of cities action plans



2. **Pilot project Smart Sustainable District “Zhastar” in Astana, Kazakhstan**

3. **UNDA 10th tranche project:** Guidance document for the implementation with best practices from countries, a policy paper on data collection for review 2030 Agenda implementation and trainings on data for SDGs

4. **UNECE Handbook on Good Practices and Case Studies in the Field of Sustainable Transport and Urban Planning** together with the Transport, Health and Environment Pan European Programme (THE PEP)

5. Participation in the **National Urban Policy Initiative** coordinated by UN-Habitat and OECD

6. **Events and workshop** will be organized in 2019 in: Kiev (Ukraine); Tbilisi (Georgia); Tirana (Albania); Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan); Glasgow (UK)

Land Administration and Management

2018

- Publication of "**Status of the research on mergers of cadastres and land registries**".
- Preparation of Technical **Guidelines for formalization of informal constructions**
- A revised survey, "**Speed of Registration and Online Access**" as part of its Benchmarking Survey Series. The results were presented in the document, "**Status of the survey on the benchmarking of land administration systems**".
- **A seminar on "Land-Use Planning and Industrial Safety", Brussels, Belgium, 16-17 May 2018**, organized jointly with the ECE Industrial Accidents Convention, in cooperation with the host country and the European Investment Bank

2019

- Benchmarking in land administration studies on the cost for registration/transfer of real estate and registration of mortgages for the ECE region
- Development of Technical Guidelines on the Formalization of Informal Real Estate and Informal Markets in the ECE Region.
- Development of a study on Future Scenarios for Land Administration.
- Update on the Study on the Challenges of Fraud to Land Administration Institutions.

Events:

- Workshop on Key Registers for SDGs, May/June 2019, UK
- Common Vision Conference, November 2019, Finland
- **UNECE Working Party on Land Administration 11th session**, 27-28 February, Geneva



Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management

- **Country Profile of the Housing Sector of Kazakhstan**
- Country Profile on Housing, Urban Development and Land Administration of **Belarus** – ongoing
- Preparations ongoing for the **Country Profiles of Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan**
- **Update of the Guidelines** for the preparation of **Country Profiles** to align with the **2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development**.

Events:

Launch event for CP Belarus, 17-18 May 2018



Partnerships



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Draft Decisions

The Executive Committee is invited to **approve the extension of the mandate of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for the period 2019-2020 and its revised terms of reference as contained in document ECE/HBP/2018/L.2, and its programme of work 2019-2020 as contained in document ECE/HBP/L.3.**

The Executive Committee is invited to **endorse the proposal on the name change of the Committee on Housing and Land Management to “Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management”, as contained in document ECE/HBP/2018/L.1 and invites the 68th Commission to consider the name change of the Committee.**

The Executive Committee is invited to **approve the change of the name of a flagship programme of the Committee, currently named “Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management”, to “Country Profiles on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management”, as contained in document ECE/HBP/2018/L.1.**



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