

Report by the Chair of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management



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73% of ECE population are urban residents

40% of CO² emissions in ECE region are produced by buildings

100 million people in ECE region spend more than 40 % of their disposable income on housing

10 million people are waiting for social housing in ECE region

2019 Activities

Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets

Affordable Housing

- Guidance for alignment 2030 Agenda, New Urban Agenda
- Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence
- Capacity Building workshops
- Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets (REM)

Fire safety Standards in Buildings

- International Fire Safety Standards

Energy efficient housing

- Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings in the ECE region
- Best practices/ Capacity Building

Sustainable Urban Development

Smart Sustainable Cities

- Day of Cities
- Guidelines on tools and mechanism to finance SSC projects
- Guidelines on strategies for circular cities
- “United for Smart Sustainable Cities”
- Smart Sustainable City Profile – Voznesensk



Land Administration and Management

Working party on Land Administration

- Business Ecosystems
- Urbanization
- Climate Change
- Disruptive technology
- Migration

Land Administration Reviews

- Country Profile for Belarus

Studies re land management

- Formalization of Informal Constructions in the ECE Region
- Future Scenarios in Land Admin.
- Costs for Registrations/Transfer of Real Estate & Registration of Mortgage
- Land Consolidation
- Future Scenarios in Land Admin.



DAY OF CITIES

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Achievements Day of Cities

BY THE NUMBERS





Achievements

Country Profile Belarus



Currently **70%** of Belarusian urban population lives in cities of more than **100.000** people

2008: **73%** of the population lived in urban centres.

2018: This figure has risen to more than **78%**



Major Activities for 2020 and Beyond

2030 Agenda & Geneva UN Charter



Regional observatory on urban-related SDGs

- Web-based platform
- Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development in selected countries with economies in transition
- UNECE SSC KPIs (Key Performance Indicators)

Forum of Mayors

- Will be convened in 2020 and 2021 on the first day of the committee session
- Will follow a similar format to that of the Day of Cities
- Theme to be covered by the 2020 Forum will be Cities Climate Action

Activities of the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence

Glasgow

- Regional Conference on affordable & social housing

Tallinn

- Trainings with housing managers in countries with economies in transition
- Study trip of Ukrainian housing experts to Estonia to showcase housing management best practices

Vienna

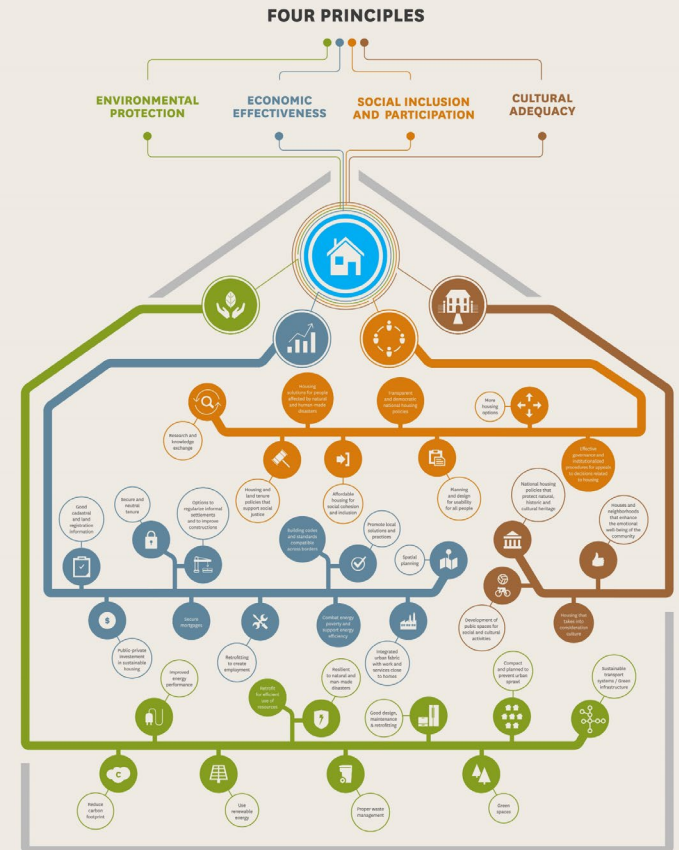
- Capacity building for KPI evaluations
- Workshops at city level in Norway and Kazakhstan on engaging the private sector & support access to smart technologies

Norway

- KPI evaluation in 17 cities

THE GENEVA UN CHARTER ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

Ensure access to decent, adequate, affordable and healthy housing for all





Major Activities for 2020 and Beyond



Access to affordable, decent, energy efficient housing

Affordable Housing

- Survey of capacity building needs and priorities of member states
- Report on Housing Affordability

Energy Efficiency in buildings

- Online database of energy efficiency experts
- Training curricular on improving energy efficiency via maintenance, management and refurbishment of existing housing stocks

Fire Safety in Buildings

- Continued cooperation with International Coalition for Fire Safety Standards
- Develop a set of international standards on fire safety in buildings

Sustainable Urban Development

Smart Sustainable Cities

- Pilot projects in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan and Grodno, Belarus
- KPI evaluation in 17 municipalities in Norway and 40 municipalities in the Netherlands
- Training workshops on KPI evaluation

Integrated approach to planning of cities & human settlements

- Workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety in Belgrade, Serbia

Land Administration and Management

- Study on Scenarios for future land administration
- UN Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management

Intersectoral cooperation



UNECE Nexuses



Committees

- Committee on Sustainable Energy
- ECE Industrial Accidents Convention
- ECE Environment Performance Reviews

Departments involved

- Environment Transport Statistics
- Economic Cooperation and Integration
- Sustainable Energy
- Forestry and Timber

Joint Activities

- Sub-regional workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety (Belgrade, Serbia, March 2020)
- National training workshops
 - under UNDA 11th Tranche re evidence-based policies and
 - UNDA 12th tranche re “Support transition to smart sustainable cities and accelerating the achievement of SDG11 and other urban related SDGs” (in Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine)
- Project concept on Disaster Risk Reduction and Urban Resilience for smart sustainable cities
- Nexus Flagship Publication on Smart Sustainable Cities
- Ongoing information exchange and UNECE input to policy documents

As part of its deliberations, the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management endorsed the:

- a) Programme of work of the Housing and Land Management Component of Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2020 (as contained in document ECE/HBP/2019/8);
- b) Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Land Administration for the period 2021-2025 (as contained in document ECE/HBP/2019/6); and
- c) Programme of work of the Working Party on Land Administration for 2020-2021 (as contained in document ECE/HBP/2019/7);

The Executive Committee is invited to approve the above decisions.

Draft Decision

The Executive Committee hereby approves the:

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Thank you!

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