

Grodno: Towards a Sustainable, Smart and Resilient City

Date: 13 August 2021

Time: 09:00 – 12:00 CEST; 10:00 – 13:00 (Minsk)

Platform: Zoom

Languages: English, Russian

Type of Event: Online Workshop

Moderator: Ms Nadiia Yeremenko, UNECE Consultant

Agenda Items

Time: Topic and Presenters:

09:00 Opening Remarks and Kickoff

- 09:15
- **Mr. Alexei Ananich** – Deputy Minister of Architecture and Construction of the Republic of Belarus
 - **Mr. Mechislav Hoi** – Chairman of the Grodno Executive Committee
 - **Mr. Ariel Ivanier** – Development Coordination Economist, UN Resident Coordinator’s Office in Belarus
 - **Ms Gulnara Roll** – Secretary to the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management
 - **Ms Katja Schaefer** – UN Habitat Regional Advisor

09:15 Progress update on cooperation between UNECE and the city of Grodno

10:15 **Ms. Nadiia Yeremenko** – UNECE Consultant – Overview of the progress of the *UNDA project Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda in the UNECE Region in Grodno*

Mr. Tommaso Bassetti – UNECE Consultant - *Key outcomes of the Grodno Smart Sustainable City Assessment*

10:15 Partners’ Presentation

10:45 **Ms Vera Sysoyeva** – UNDP-GEF-MoE Project ‘Green Cities’ – Implementation of Green Infrastructural Pilots and Opportunities for Smart Sustainable Grodno

10:45 Questions and Discussion

11:15

11:15 Closing Remarks

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Concept Note

Background:

This validation workshop in Grodno is organized by UNECE with participation of UN-Habitat and the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Belarus. It presents intermediate outcomes of cooperation between UNECE and the city on the following two projects:

- Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda in the UNECE region;
- Building capacity of select CIS countries to implement the SDGs related to urban development by means of creating country profiles on urban development, housing and land management, and introducing innovative financing mechanisms

Objectives of the Workshop:

- (i) Present the outcomes of Grodno's assessment as a sustainable and smart city including the chapter on post-COVID-19 socio-economic recovery, and share the key recommendations to be reflected in the Grodno City Profile;
- (ii) Introduce some areas of activity of the UNDP Office in the Republic of Belarus to support the financing of smart neighborhoods in Grodno.

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