

# Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence Network

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# Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing

## Four Principles



- Active dissemination of information on the Charter and its principles through publications, mass media, and national and local events
- Foster partnerships between international, national and non-government organizations and academic institutions
- Exchange of experience and best practices, and promotion of cooperation and knowledge-sharing
- Capacity-building at international, national and local levels
- Research on topics which will contribute to the better implementation of the Charter
- Collection and exchange of information on best practice on Charter implementation

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Minimization of environmental impact and promotion of environmental sustainability

### ECONOMIC EFFECTIVENESS

Public and private investments and national policies and programmes



### CULTURAL ADEQUACY

Cultural identity, value and emotional wellbeing of people

### SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION

Civil involvement, social inclusiveness, public health and transparency

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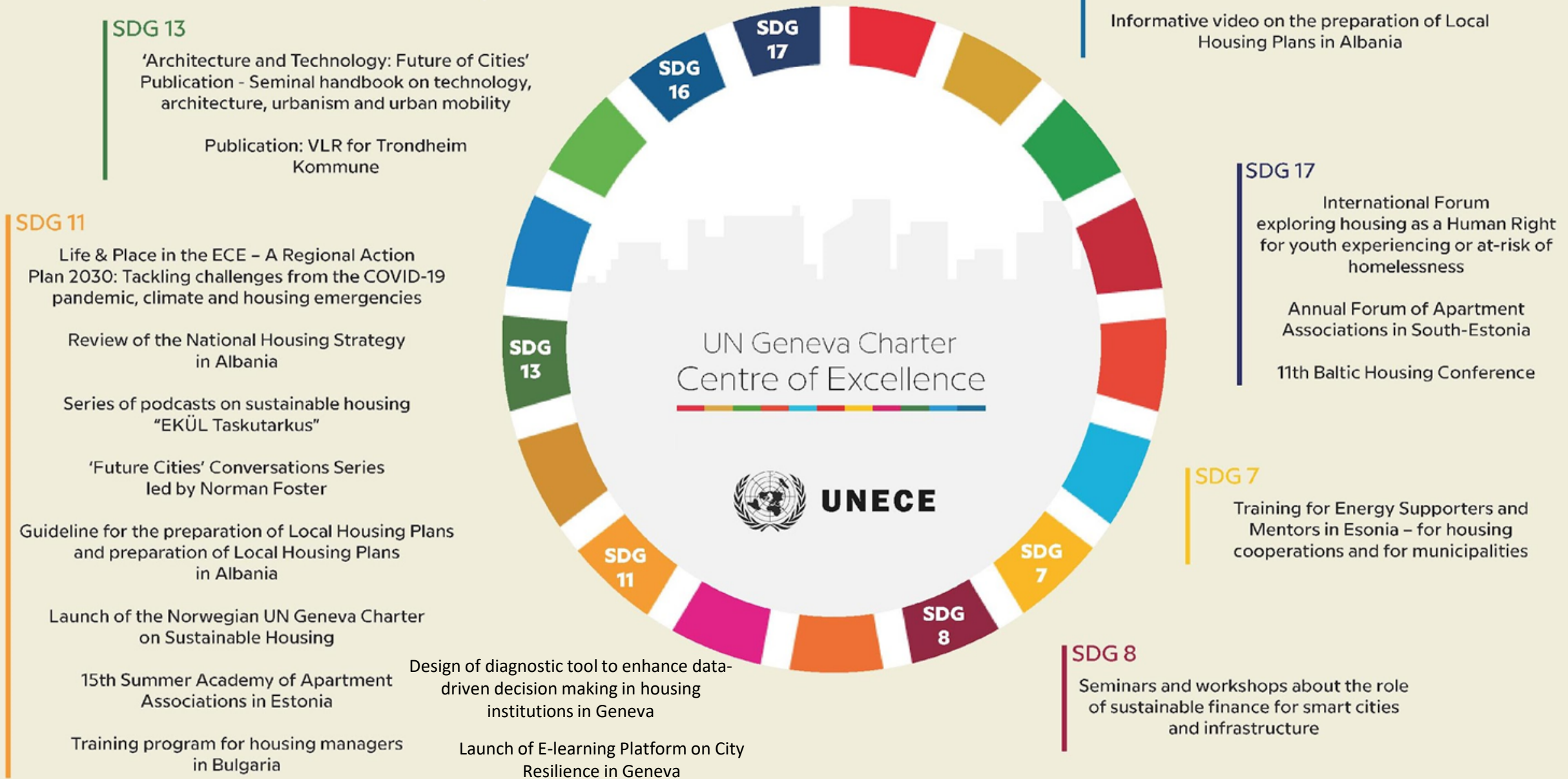
# Network of Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence



- **Albania, Tirana** Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development, Polis University  
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable and Resilient Settlements
- **Canada, Toronto** York University, Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, A Way Home Canada  
Toronto Center of Excellence on Youth Homelessness Prevention
- **Estonia, Tallinn** Estonian Union of Co-operative Housing Associations  
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Housing in Tallinn
- **Norway, Trondheim**  
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Development Goals City Transition
- **Switzerland, Geneva** UNIGE  
Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Urban Development
- **UK, Glasgow** Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow Urban Laboratory  
Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities
- **Spain, Madrid** Norman Foster Foundation  
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Housing
- **Italy, Castellanza** LIUC – Cattaneo University  
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Finance for Infrastructure and Smart Cities

# SDG MAPPING

## Examples of Activities



# Diversity and Synergies



- **Highlighting the pursuit of horizontal and vertical integration of the SDGs**
- **Foster cooperation between local stakeholders and governments**
- **Bottom-up approach of cooperation**
- **Share ideas, experiences, and opportunities within the diverse network of Centres**
- **Identifying elements of strengths and synergies across the network**
- **Action in the fields of climate, Covid-19 recovery and housing**
- **Mobilizing and engaging more stakeholders**
- **Cooperation and Collaboration**
- **Improve housing data configurations while acknowledging diverse data cultures**

# Implementation of the Regional Action Plan



- **Draw on the diversity and synergies of the Centre network, within the areas of action guiding *Place and Life in the UNECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030***
  - Tackling inequalities and development deficiencies
  - Strengthening the capacities of local actors
  - Pursuing a green, resilient and inclusive economic recovery
- **Realize a joint Network implementation project**
  - Workshop on implementation of Regional Action Plan in 2022
- **Exchange of knowledge through mutual participation in events of the other Centres**

# Thank you

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