### **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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# UNECE

- 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

#### ISDG 13

'Architecture and Technology: Future of Cities'
Publication - Seminal handbook on technology,
architecture, urbanism and urban mobility

Publication: VLR for Trondheim Kommune

#### **ISDG 11**

Life & Place in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies

Review of the National Housing Strategy in Albania

Series of podcasts on sustainable housing "EKÜL Taskutarkus"

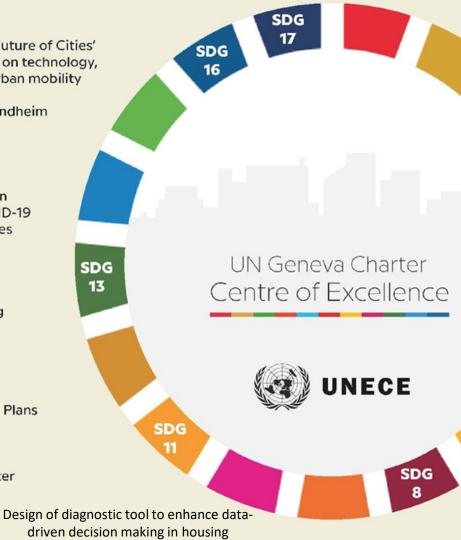
'Future Cities' Conversations Series led by Norman Foster

Guideline for the preparation of Local Housing Plans and preparation of Local Housing Plans in Albania

Launch of the Norwegian UN Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing

15th Summer Academy of Apartment Associations in Estonia

Training program for housing managers in Bulgaria



institutions in Geneva

Launch of E-learning Platform on City

Resilience in Geneva

#### **ISDG 16**

Sustainable Leadership Development Programme for cities in Norway and beyond

Informative video on the preparation of Local Housing Plans in Albania

#### **ISDG 17**

International Forum
exploring housing as a Human Right
for youth experiencing or at-risk of
homelessness

Annual Forum of Apartment Associations in South-Estonia

11th Baltic Housing Conference

#### SDG 7

Training for Energy Supporters and Mentors in Esonia – for housing cooperations and for municipalities

#### SDG8

SDG

Seminars and workshops about the role of sustainable finance for smart cities and infrastructure

### **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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