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SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT



Centre of Excellence on sustainable finance for infrastructure and smart cities (ExSUF)

- The Geneva UN Charter Centre of Excellence on sustainable finance for infrastructure and smart cities (ExSUF) has been set up in 2021 by UNECE and LIUC - Cattaneo University to promote initiatives in order to accelerate action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 11 on sustainable cities and human settlements.
- Our main goal is to promote a better understanding of infrastructure funds investing in this asset class and to focus on the relevance and need of effective combination among private and public capital, by means of Public–Private Partnership (PPP), as well as the role of infrastructure and real estate funds to provide with green finance for urban development.



Past activities

- Setting up a specific database on European Infrastructure Funds
- Published two Working Papers on the role of Private Equity and Venture Capital in supporting smart cities in the Italian market
- Published a bilingual (Italian and English) book "PPP & Private Capital for sustainable infrastructure and smart cities"
- Collaboration with UNECE on San Marino Sustainable City Profile
- Hosted two international webinars and annual event in Milan about the financing of sustainable infrastructure of the future
- Participation in Connex (event organized by Confindustria) focused on the drivers of the cities of the future

On-going activities

- Analysis on the role of Infrastructure Funds in PPP projects
- Handling and improving our thematic portal on Sustainable Finance for Infrastructure and Smart Cities
- Organization of dissemination events (phygital)

Future activities and collaboration

- Collaborating with UNECE about green finance for urban development
- Focused workshops on financing sustainable infrastructure and smart cities

