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*Selected activities by the ECE Committee on
Urban Development, Housing and Land Management*



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Strategic objective

Strengthen national and city level programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management



Multi-level (local, national and global) Whole-of-Government approaches to planning and implementation



- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN Decade of Actions
- New Urban Agenda





Creating synergies: intergovernmental processes



2nd Forum of Mayors, Geneva, Switzerland (back-to-back with the ECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, RFSD)

- 44 city leaders shared experiences and best practices on :
 - Sustainable urban transport, shared mobility and safer roads
 - Vibrant public spaces, green cities and nature-based solutions
 - Resilient, healthy and climate-neutral buildings and affordable and adequate housing
 - Sustainable urban planning, the 15-minute city and smart urban development solutions
- Networking for joint action: More than 500 participants from UNECE region and beyond.

Cities showed interest in the “Trees in Cities Challenge”



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Trees in Cities
Challenge

Celebrating 75 years of UNECE: Planting a UNECE forest in San Marino



Possibility to jointly organize a side event with the UNECE/FAO-Forestry and Timber Section on low carbon construction



Research for evidence-based policies



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Access to affordable, decent, energy efficient housing

Affordable Housing

- Survey on housing affordability
- #Housing2030 study report

Fire Safety in Buildings

- Cooperation with International Coalition for Fire Safety

Sustainable Urban Development



Smart Sustainable Cities (SSC-City Profiles)

- Based on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) evaluation.
- Underway: Tbilisi, Georgia; Podgorica, Montenegro; San Marini, Grodno, Belarus

Country Profile on Housing and Urban Development (Country Profiles)

- Upcoming: Albania and Montenegro

COVID-19

- Economic Resilience Building Plans (Tirana, Albania ; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan ; and Kharkiv, Ukraine (basis for the ECE-coordinated UN4Kharkiv Initiative)
- Lessons learned from urban resilience during and post COVID-19

Land Administration

Studies on land administration

- Accelerated digitization and the future role of Land Administration Authorities in UNECE region and beyond



Guidelines for SDG Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) in the UNECE Region

Enables coherent, action-oriented interventions

Promotes shared value creation

Supports participatory decision-making

Leaving no one behind, focus on the most vulnerable

Enables evidence-based policies (KPIs for SSC)

Flexible and adaptable

Strong focus on innovative financing



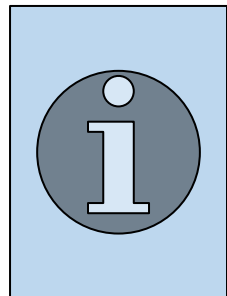


#Housing2030 Initiative



Effective policies for affordable housing

- Rethinking housing policy: Housing as a basic need- essential for quality of human life and sustainable communities
 - Proactive addressing of market failure through evidence-based policies
 - Participatory decision-making
- Improving housing supply
- Supporting experience sharing
- Disseminating ECE and internationally recognized best practices



Guided by the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing

<https://unece.org/housing/charter>

#Housing2030 Study and Podcast

<https://housing2030.org>

Housing Affordability Toolkit

<https://housing2030.org>



Regional Action Plan 2030: Place and life in the UNECE region



Policy Area A: Cities, Neighbourhoods, Homes and Rural Life

Goal A1. Coordinated national, sub-national and local action through multi-level governance and strategic plans frameworks;

Goal A2. City-wide and integrated action; and

Goal A3. Sustainable neighbourhoods and local living environments.

Policy Area B: Sustainable Housing and Homes

Goal B1. Governance;

Goal B2. Land Policy;

Goal B3. Finance & Funding; and

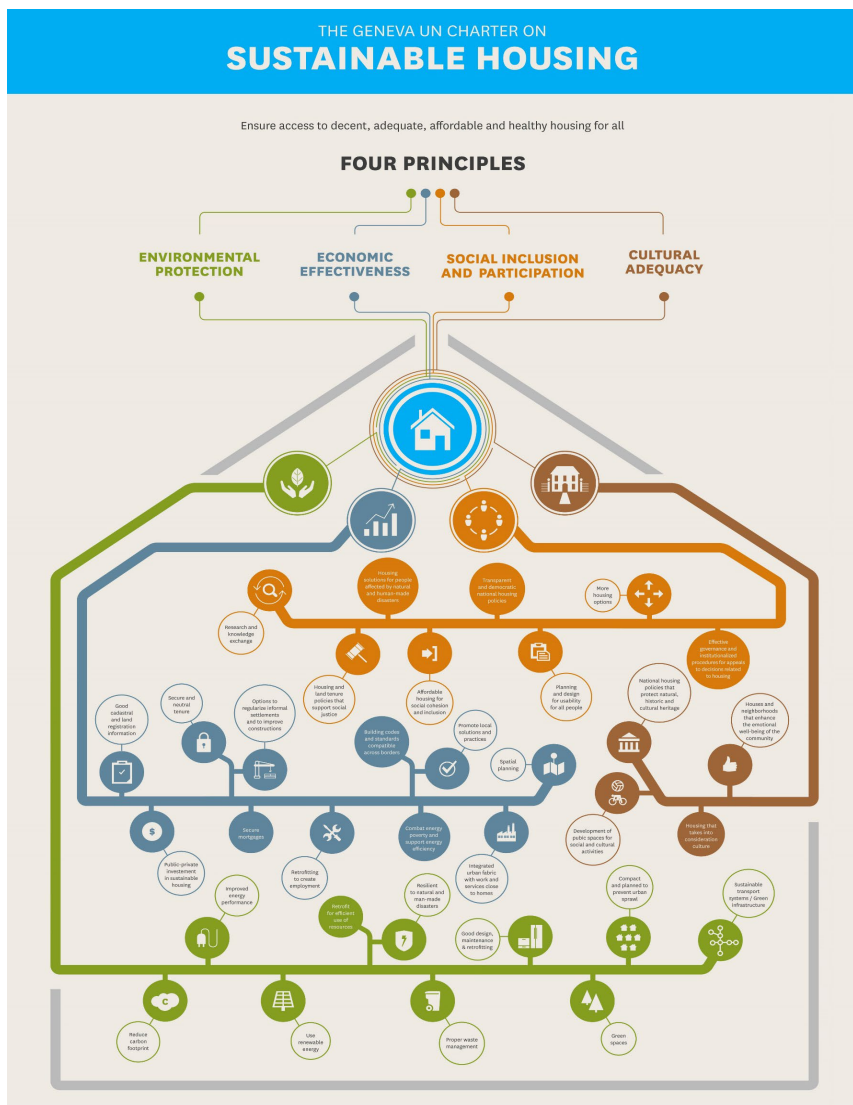
Goal B4. Climate neutral housing.

<https://twitter.com/UNECEHLM>



Find out more at:

<https://unece.org/housing/regional-action-plan-2030>



Support the implementation of the UN Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing

- **Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development, Polis University, Tirana, Albania**
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable and Resilient Settlements
- **Union of Co-operative Housing Associations, Tallinn, Estonia**
Centre of Excellence of Sustainable Housing
- **Trondheim, Norway**
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Development Goals City Transition
- **Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, UK**
Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities
- **Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, A Way Home, York University, Toronto, Canada**
Center of Excellence on Youth Homelessness Prevention
- **University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland**
Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities & Urban Development
- **Norman Foster Foundation, Madrid, Spain**
Urban planning and design ([Partner UN4Kharkiv Initiative](#))
- **LIUC University, Cattaneo, Italy**
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Finance for Infrastructure and Smart Cities

Thank you!

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