Report by the Chair of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management

UNECE EXCOM 108th meeting
16 December 2019
73% of ECE population are urban residents

40% of CO² emissions in ECE region are produced by buildings

100 million people in ECE region spend more than 40% of their disposable income on housing

10 million people are waiting for social housing in ECE region
2019 Activities

Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets

- Affordable Housing
  - Guidance for alignment 2030 Agenda, New Urban Agenda
  - Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence
  - Capacity Building workshops
  - Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets (REM)
- Fire safety Standards in Buildings
  - International Fire Safety Standards
- Energy efficient housing
  - Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings in the ECE region
  - Best practices/ Capacity Building

Sustainable Urban Development

- Smart Sustainable Cities
  - Day of Cities
  - Guidelines on tools and mechanism to finance SSC projects
  - Guidelines on strategies for circular cities
  - “United for Smart Sustainable Cities”
  - Smart Sustainable City Profile – Voznesensk

Land Administration and Management

- Working party on Land Administration
  - Business Ecosystems
  - Urbanization
  - Climate Change
  - Disruptive technology
  - Migration
- Land Administration Reviews
  - Country Profile for Belarus
  - Studies re land management
  - Formalization of Informal Constructions in the ECE Region
  - Future Scenarios in Land Admin.
  - Costs for Registrations/Transfer of Real Estate & Registration of Mortage
  - Land Consolidation
  - Future Scenarios in Land Admin.
Day of Cities

Achievements

By the Numbers

- 400+ participants
- 33 UNECE countries
- 500+ posts on social media
- 50 Mayors and Deputy Mayors
- 6.5 million people reached over media
- 10 focus SDGs
- 3 Side-Events
Currently 70% of Belarusian urban population lives in cities of more than 100,000 people.

2008: 73% of the population lived in urban centres.

2018: This figure has risen to more than 78%.
Major Activities for 2020 and Beyond
2030 Agenda & Geneva UN Charter

Regional observatory on urban-related SDGs
- Web-based platform
- Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development in selected countries with economies in transition
- UNECE SSC KPIs (Key Performance Indicators)

Activities of the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence

Glasgow
- Regional Conference on affordable & social housing

Tallinn
- Trainings with housing managers in countries with economies in transition
- Study trip of Ukrainian housing experts to Estonia to showcase housing management best practices

Vienna
- Capacity building for KPI evaluations
- Workshops at city level in Norway and Kazakhstan on engaging the private sector & support access to smart technologies

Norway
- KPI evaluation in 17 cities

Forum of Mayors
- Will be convened in 2020 and 2021 on the first day of the committee session
- Will follow a similar format to that of the Day of Cities
- Theme to be covered by the 2020 Forum will be Cities Climate Action
Major Activities for 2020 and Beyond

**Access to affordable, decent, energy efficient housing**
- **Affordable Housing**
  - Survey of capacity building needs and priorities of member states
  - Report on Housing Affordability

- **Energy Efficiency in buildings**
  - Online database of energy efficiency experts
  - Training curricular on improving energy efficiency via maintenance, management and refurbishment of existing housing stocks

- **Fire Safety in Buildings**
  - Continued cooperation with International Coalition for Fire Safety Standards
  - Develop a set of international standards on fire safety in buildings

**Sustainable Urban Development**
- **Smart Sustainable Cities**
  - Pilot projects in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan and Grodno, Belarus
  - KPI evaluation in 17 municipalities in Norway and 40 municipalities in the Netherlands
  - Training workshops on KPI evaluation

- **Integrated approach to planning of cities & human settlements**
  - Workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety in Belgrade, Serbia

**Land Administration and Management**
- Study on Scenarios for future land administration
- UN Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management
Intersectoral cooperation

Committees
- Committee on Sustainable Energy
- ECE Industrial Accidents Convention
- ECE Environment Performance Reviews

Departments involved
- Environment Transport
- Statistics
- Economic Cooperation and Integration
- Sustainable Energy
- Forestry and Timber

UNECE Nexuses

Joint Activities
- Sub-regional workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety (Belgrade, Serbia, March 2020)
- National training workshops
  - under UNDA 11th Tranche re evidence-based policies and
  - UNDA 12th tranche re “Support transition to smart sustainable cities and accelerating the achievement of SDG11 and other urban related SDGs” (in Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine)
- Project concept on Disaster Risk Reduction and Urban Resilience for smart sustainable cities
- Nexus Flagship Publication on Smart Sustainable Cities
- Ongoing information exchange and UNECE input to policy documents
External Collaboration

- UN-Habitat
- OHCHR
- Housing Europe Federation
- World Economic Forum
- Union of Cities and Local Governments
- European Commission
- EU Inspire Initiative
- EU Joint Research Centre
- European Land Information Service
- Eurocities
- ITU
- OiER
- UNDP
- OECD
- FAO
- World Bank
- UN-GGIM
- EuroGraphics
As part of its deliberations, the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management endorsed the:

a) Programme of work of the Housing and Land Management Component of Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2020 (as contained in document ECE/HBP/2019/8);
b) Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Land Administration for the period 2021-2025 (as contained in document ECE/HBP/2019/6); and
c) Programme of work of the Working Party on Land Administration for 2020-2021 (as contained in document ECE/HBP/2019/7);

The Executive Committee is invited to approve the above decisions.

Draft Decision

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Thank you!