

## Workshop Report – Draft 20 May 2019

### National workshop “Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Albania: The Contribution of SDG Indicators to Evidence-based Policy-making for Sustainable Housing and Urban Development at National and Local Levels”, 2-3 May 2019

The workshop was organised to discuss the role of evidence in developing sustainable housing and urban development policies in Albania with focus on the approaches to data collection and management in the context of the SDG11. The workshop was organised by the UNECE, Ministry of Finance and Economy of Albania in cooperation with UNDP Albania, University of Geneva and UN-Habitat.

Please see detailed report below.

#### Day 1, 2 May 2019.

##### Opening and welcome remarks

- Ms. Anila Denaj, *Minister of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Albania*, opened the conference and stressed the importance of developing housing policies not only based on the “heart” but also on the data and indicators.
- Mr. Erion Veliaj, *Mayor of Tirana*, explained the city government focuses on the provision of affordable housing for the city inhabitants and this is a serious challenge given there is a big influx of the population into the city and the city is growing very quickly. The Mayor noted that one of the main current concerns is prevention of the development of ghettos and the city government is active in promoting social cohesion in the city.
- Mr. Brian J. Williams, *UN Resident Coordinator*, informed that Albania’s human rights record will be examined by the UN Human Rights Council’s Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group for the third time on Monday, 6 May 2019 in Geneva. The issue of housing affordability will be discussed as part of the review meeting. Stressed that there is a need to ensure social protection to vulnerable groups of the population as required by the 2030 Agenda.
- Ms. Gulnara Roll, *Head, UNECE Housing and Land Management Unit*, delivered presentation on the work of the UNECE Housing and Land Management Unit. Ms. Roll emphasized that historically, the UNECE has been working on sustainable development and on housing, example of which are the Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management, which are national studies of housing and urban development processes in various countries and the purpose of which is to provides a set of reliable data that can be used in defining future directions of housing policies. Currently the UNECE is focusing more on urban development issues. The UNECE has developed a range of guidelines and most notably has been working on the guidelines for evidence-based policies for sustainable urban development with a focus on housing, jointly with the UN-Habitat.
- Mr. Christophe Lalande, *Head, Housing Unit, UN-Habitat*, delivered opening remarks on behalf of the UN-Habitat remotely via Skype. He acknowledged the value added in having SGDs in all policy areas, UN-Habitat’s collaboration with the UNECE on housing and a need to work more in-depth on data production and management. He stressed that UN-Habitat is the guardian for SDG11, especially target 11.1 and that data is important in terms of policy development. The UN-Habitat has experience in working with both, developing countries, where it provides technical assistance. With regard to the guidelines and objective of the event, it was acknowledged that the guidelines supposed to provoke thought and the event is particularly important in terms of strengthening relationships with local partners for further development of the partnerships. Lastly, he pointed out that housing is a main vector of social and economic inclusion in cities and regions.

## **Session I. Achieving the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the SDG 11 – Challenges and Progress to Support the Implementation in the Republic of Albania**

- During the first session, representatives of the national government and UNDP Albania presented information on the work which supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and achieving the SDGs, especially SDG 11, at national and local levels.
- Ms. Oriana Arapi, *General Director of Development and Welfare Policy Unit of the Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Albania*, presented the progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the Republic of Albania. She informed the audience on the achievements of the country in the Agenda 2030 successful implementation of Millennium Development Goals 2000 – 2015 especially the poverty decreases, improvement of the social inclusion, better education system and women empowerment. She presented the current parties involved in advancing the Agenda 2030 - 25 public and private universities and faculties, the National Council on Civil Society. Ms. Arapi listed the publications that were published or are currently being prepared, such as the Voluntary National Report (VNR) for presentation to the UN High Level Political Forum on sustainable development in July 2018, INSTAT publication for 2018 data on SDG statistical indicators, NSDI Progress Report 2018 ongoing, IPSIS (Integrated policy planning MIS) System ongoing. Lastly, Ms. Arapi mentioned the challenges that country is still facing regarding achieving SDGs. She expressed the will of the Albanian Government to continue to strengthen institutional development at all levels with the goal of successfully achieving the SDGs. Particularly, the improvement of the monitoring mechanisms and processes, and statistical capacities is at the focus of the government.
- Ms. Merita Xhafaj, *General Director, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Albania*, highlighted the role of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection in cooperation with other ministries with the aim to develop sustainable development policies pinned with SDGs 16, 1, 3, 5, etc. Ms. Xhafaj mentioned several projects funded by the EU and UNDP that are aimed to solve the housing challenges, such as UNDP project aimed to accommodate all not registered families. She mentioned the new housing law that was recently accepted in the country and 6 programs that are currently being developed in the frameworks of the law with an ultimate goal to address social and housing challenges in Albania. She informed that according to each programme, Roman and Egyptian minorities that are present in Albania, will receive social support. Ms. Xhafaj noted that lack of funding is one of the main law implementation problems.
- Ms. Vjollca Simoni, *Head of European Integration and Projects Coordination at National Statistical Agency of Albania, INSTAT, Republic of Albania*, informed about the need to develop a roadmap of the indicators, as well as a national platform to set targets in achieving the SDGs. Ms. Simoni mentioned that INSTAT is now working on the updating of geospatial information to introduce new indicators to assess the SDG 11 implementation.
- Ms. Entela Lako, *Representative of UNDP in Albania*, informed that the government of Albania made serious plans to achieve SDGs. She noted that the challenge for the sustainable housing remain complex in Albania, in particular, she mentioned problem of vulnerable and disabled people, Roman and Egyptian community that remain the most important challenge. She highlighted that UNDP in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance and Economy is currently working on the implementation of the new housing law. UNDP provided a specific help in social integration of the Roman and Egyptian community to the social life of the country. Ms. Lako underlined the importance of the regular update of the data at the local level in order to meet the needs of particular vulnerable groups of people.
- Mr. Michele Ribotta, *UN Women Officer in Charge*, informed the audience about urban development, gender equality and empowerment of women in the Republic of Albania. He mentioned the remaining challenge of urban spaces for not always being safe for women. He noted that the level of safety affects inclusivity of the city.

## **Session II. Approaches to the Implementation and Review of the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDG 11 in the UNECE region.**

- The session featured presentation focusing on policy frameworks, methodologies and tools for assessing the state of achievement of SDG 11 targets and for the development of evidence-based policies for sustainable urban development with a focus on housing in the ECE region.
- Ms. Agata Krause, *UNECE and UN-Habitat Expert on Sustainable Urban Development*, informed on the progress made by the UNECE and UN-Habitat on the preparation of the guidelines on policies for sustainable urban development with focus on housing. She underlined the importance of national capacities strengthening for development of evidence-based policies. The guidelines are aimed to assist national governments by elaborating a policy paper and guidelines, providing technical advice and promoting intersectional cooperation and building capacity on sustainable housing. Ms. Krause stressed that the mechanism for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires a solid framework of indicators and statistical data.

### **Session III. Innovative Approaches to Evidence-based Policy-making in the Context of SDG 11.**

- During the session, international policy and university experts discussed selected approaches to review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and tools for crafting evidence-based policies for sustainable urban development with a focus on housing.
- Ms. Anna Mitriaieva, *Data Scientist at the CBS Urban Data Centre located in the Netherlands*, informed the participants on the work of the CBS Urban Data Centre. She noted that the goal of the centre is to provide reliable statistical information and data to produce insight into social issues, thus supporting the public debate, policy development and decision-making while contributing to prosperity, well-being and democracy. She noted that using data to create a smart(er) government on all levels is impossible without collaboration with municipalities and measurement of the indicators not only at national but at the local level. She presented results of the work of the CBS, in particular, data driven decision to install charging stations for electrical cars in cities, to solve congestion, to place solarpanels on the most suitable locations. She also presented the current project of the CBS which is aimed to better understanding ‘movement of people’ using mobile phone data.
- Mr. Simone Tosoni, *Associate Professor, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan, Italy*, presented preliminary results of the research of the localization of the SDGs at the level of local municipalities, in particular, the example of Milan city. He highlighted the rich data environment of Milan that leads not only to the open access to data, but also to the effective SDG measurement and benchmarking. The work on this research includes collaboration with universities and research centers by promoting data culture by the government. Finally, Mr. Tossoni concluded that Milanese approach includes conceiving the challenge of SDGs measurement as cultural and technical, connecting it to an open data culture.
- Mr. Geoffrey Payne, *Consultant, Housing and Urban Development, London*, presented Innovative approaches to evidence-based policy-making in the context of SDG11. He highlighted that greater attention needs to be given to increasing the public benefit from private investment for allocation in the public interest. This will help make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Mr. Payne noted that as policies are demand sensitive and not supply driven, the key role for governments is to stimulate diverse supply options, all of which need to compete on an equal basis. Finally, Mr. Payne informed that there are many examples of policy instruments that can help to achieve SDG11 such as land value capture (LVC), Community Land Trusts (CLTs), Requests for Proposals (RFPs), City Development Strategies (CDSs), regulatory audits of planning and building standards, regulations and administrative procedures, and Land Pooling and Readjustment (LP/LR).
- Mr. Matteo Tarantino, *Lecturer and Senior Research Associate of the University of Geneva*, informed the audience on the low-cost Urban Data Capacity Building towards SDG 11. Mr. Tarantino highlighted three main challenges of urban data collection (time, cost and scale) could be addressed by passive methods, such as mobile phone cell data and social media mining, and active methods such as sensing the citizens. Finally, Mr. Tarantino concluded that effective urban data can be achieved by leverage of low-cost user-generated data, integration with existing platforms for active methods and dataset sharing leads to more capacity.

#### **Session IV. Challenges and Opportunities for Crafting Evidence-based Policies for Sustainable Urban Development with a Focus on Housing in the Republic of Albania.**

- During the session participants delivered presentations on current approaches to developing evidence for policies on sustainable urban development with a focus on housing in the light of ongoing legislative changes in the Republic of Albania.
- Ms. Doris Andoni, *Director of Housing, Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Albania*, informed on the impact of recent policy developments on evidence-based policy-making in Republic of Albania – the cases of the Housing Code and the Local Housing Plan. Ms. Andoni presented ideas on establishing a common understanding on the evidences and the general importance of evidence-based policies in relation to data collection and data management. She explained how and to what extent the research evidence is used by policymakers by giving separate examples.
- Ms. Anisa Qorri, *Head of National Planning Department, National Territorial Planning Agency*, presented the monitoring platform for measuring and implementing strategic objectives of territorial plans. Ms. Qorri presented the national and local planning instruments (National General Plan “Albania 2030”, Integrated cross - sectorial Plan for Tirana - Durres area, Integrated cross - sectorial Plan of Albanian Coast, “Metabolism of Albania”, Sectorial Plan for the Tourism of the Albanian Alps Region). She also presented project Strong Municipalities Program aiming at empowering administrators, legislators and citizens in all 61 Albanian municipalities to build an efficient and effective local governance. In particular, she mentioned SALSTAT as part of the "Strong Municipality Program" aiming to build and maintain a statistical register locally (from the municipalities) and at the national level (from INSTAT). She also presented the goals, instruments and outputs of these projects.
- Mr. Ervin Shameti, *Director of Directorate of Regional Statistics and Geoinformation*, current approaches to production and management of statistical evidence for housing policies in the Republic of Albania. Mr. Shameti informed the audience on the challenges and opportunities for official statistics based on harmonized administrative resources.
- Mr. D. Rutepi, *Representative of the Municipality of Tirana*, informed on the progress of the municipality of Tirana in challenging the housing issues. There are three main programmes (Credit Interest Subsidy Program, Social Housing Program for Rent, Rental Subsidy Program) that are aimed at the needs of citizens. Mr. Rutepi mentioned the efforts made by the municipality to address the problems that city faces regarding the achievement of the SDG 11. He also informed on the remaining challenges, such as lack of by-laws in accordance with Law 22/2018, problems with property and lack of public land to build social housing, lack of statistical information from the real estate market and relevant institutions and lack of vitality.
- Ms. Anisa Mance, *Director of Territorial Planning at the municipality of Tirana*, delivered presentation “Production and Use of Evidence for Policies on Sustainable Urban Development with a Focus on Housing at the Local Level”. Ms. Mance informed the participants on the 1992-2000’s background of the country that vastly influenced the conditions of the life of citizens. She mentioned the progress made during last years. The municipality of Tirana undertook to introduce the decent social and housing conditions and infrastructure. She concluded that there are several steps that need to be undertaken, in particular, redevelopment and quality improvement, planning and territorial reform, legislative reform.

#### **Session V. Current and Future Indicators for Evidence-Based Policies for Sustainable Urban Development with a Focus on Housing in the Republic of Albania.**

- The session was organized as an interactive discussion aiming to identify ways to use global and regional indicators for the review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDG11, to support development and implementation of local housing plans in the Republic of Albania.

- A questionnaire with a list of main SDG 11 global targets was distributed. The participants were asked to tick the box with the target their institution is working with.
- Ms. Agata Krause, *UNECE and UN-Habitat Expert on Sustainable Urban Development*, delivered a short presentation on the selected housing- and urban development-related targets of the 2030 Agenda. She described seven selected targets in order to discuss them with the participants.
- Guided discussion was organized with three main questions.

1. What is your Ministry doing with respect to these global housing-related targets?

Representative of National Territorial Planning Agency informed that three of the seven targets from the list are addressed by the unit. Representative of Municipality of Berat noted that was not acquainted with the SDG 11 targets, though was familiar with the same aim targets from other official documents. Representative of the Ministry of Finance and Economy informed that the ministry work on the part of the targets, when the other part of the targets is part of the work of the municipalities. Therefore, representative proposed to address broader the housing issues, especially on the local level.

2. How do you see your agency's cooperation with the finance ministry (and other ministries) in relation to these targets?

Representative National Territorial Planning Agency noted the importance of the political will but noted that coordination should not be limited to the particular group or time. The cooperation remains a challenge not only for intersectoral cooperation, but also for the cooperation with the private sector.

Representative of the Ministry of Finance and Economy highlighted the problems in cooperation between the ministry and the local municipalities in access to data.

Representative of the INSTAT informed that agency developed a programme on the collection of the data for other agencies in order to facilitate the data collection and decrease the data desegregation. INSTAT also conducted a questionnaire between different agencies in order to reflect what kind of problems they face during the data collection.

3. How do you see the cooperation in the future?

Participants expressed their willingness to cooperate with other agencies and institutions, to facilitate the data collection and address the challenges that all the institutions are facing while collection and managing the data for measuring the SDGs.

## Summary and conclusions

- Ms. Agata Krause, *UNECE and UN-Habitat Expert on Sustainable Urban Development*, expressed her gratitude to the participants of the workshop. She highlighted that Republic of Albania is embracing data challenges and there are great opportunities for improving evidence-based policymaking.
- Ms. Doris Andoni, *Head of Housing, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Albania*, expressed her gratitude on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Albania and encouraged the participants to continue the cooperation with the UNECE and UN-Habitat in the forthcoming year. She noted that in Albania, housing is inextricably linked with social vulnerability which is a very multidimensional topic: e.g. housing justice, housing as a right, housing as a cornerstone of social inclusion. She noted the importance of achieving the SDGs by 2030 and urged the audience to address the challenges together on different institutional levels.
- Mr. Matteo Tarantino, *University of Geneva*, expressed his gratitude to the organizers and participants of the workshop and encouraged the audience to continue the further cooperation on the issues of housing and urban

development. He noted that Albania is already working on policy areas covered by SDG 11 and highlighted the need to further align national's development objectives with SDG goals and targets.

### **Day 2, 3 May 2019**

- The meeting was organized as an interactive session aiming to understand how global indicators for sustainable development could support developing Local Housing Plans (LHP) in the Republic of Albania.
- The objective of the discussion was to present sustainable development indicators as expressed in the Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities, broadly outline meaning of the indicators, as well as to discuss how the indicators could be used in the context of LHP.

#### **Welcome and introduction**

- Ms. Gulnara Roll, *Head, Housing Land Management Unit, UNECE*, delivered a short presentation and presented the key performance indicators for smart sustainable cities that were developed by UNECE and ITU as part of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities Programme (U4SSC). She highlighted the importance of evidence-based policies to connect the local, national and regional levels for joint work.
- Ms. Agata Krause, *UNECE and UN-Habitat expert on sustainable urban development*, delivered a short presentation on contribution of sustainable development indicators into evidence-based policy-making for sustainable housing and urban development at local level

#### **Discussion. Deriving Indicators for the Local Housing Plans in the Republic of Albania**

- During the discussion a presentation was delivered focusing on outcomes of the discussion about indicators for crafting, review and implementation of policies for sustainable urban development with a focus on housing in the Republic of Albania that took place during the Day 1.

#### **Part I. Validating Indicators for Local Housing Plans in the Republic of Albania**

- Discussion was based on predefined questions, on the meanings of indicator set for the Local Housing Plans for analysts and decision-makers at local level.
- Guided discussion was organized with two questions:
  1. *What indicators are currently used for developing the Local Housing Plans in Albania?*
  2. *How could Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) be used for developing the Local Housing Plans in Albania?*
- Representative from the side of Roman and Egyptian community mentioned that the indicators should include health care protection in the Roman and Egyptian settlements all over the municipalities, as well as improvement of the life conditions in these settlements. She mentioned that many families do not have a basic physical access to the medical and social care services.

#### **Part II. Producing Data to Inform Indicators for Local Housing Plans in the Republic of Albania**

- Discussion was based on predefined questions, on the types and sources of data needed to inform indicators for the Local Housing Plans.

During the session two questions were discussed *What data is needed to inform the indicators? How to acquire the data?*

**Annex 2. Draft agenda of the national conference “Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Albania: The Contribution of SDG Indicators to Evidence-based Policy-making for Sustainable Housing and Urban Development at National and Local Levels”**

**Dates:** 2- 3 May 2019

**Venue:** Rogner Hotel, Tirana, Albania

<b>Day 1 2 May 2019</b>	
9.00–9:30	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>Moderator: Ms. Doris Andoni</b> , Director of Housing, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Republic of Albania and <b>Mr. Matteo Tarantino</b> , University of Geneva	
09:30-10:10	<p><b>Opening and welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Anila Denaj</b>, Minister of Finance and Economy, Republic of Albania</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Ogerta Manastirliu</b>, Minister of Health and Social Protection, Republic of Albania</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Erion Veliaj</b>, Mayor of Tirana, Republic of Albania</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Brian J. Williams</b>, UN Resident Coordinator</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Gulnara Roll</b>, Head, Housing Land Management Unit, UNECE</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Christophe Lalande</b>, Head, Housing Unit, UN-Habitat</p>
10:10-11:30	<p><b>Session I. Achieving the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the SDG 11 – Challenges and Progress to Support the Implementation in the Republic of Albania</b></p> <p><i>Representatives of the national government and UNDP Albania will present information on the work which supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and achieving the SDGs, especially SDG 11, at national and local levels.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Oriana Arapi</b>, General Director, Development and Welfare Policy Unit, Prime Minister’s Office, Republic of Albania</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Dajna Sorensen</b>, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Republic of Albania</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Merita Xhafaj</b>, General Director, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Republic of Albania</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Vjollca Simoni</b>, Head of European Integration and Projects Coordination at National Statistical Agency of Albania, INSTAT, Republic of Albania</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Limya Eltayeb</b>, UNDP Resident Representative</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Michele Ribotta</b>, UN Women Officer in Charge</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and answers</b></p>
11.30 – 11.45	<b>Coffee break</b>

11.45 – 12.15	<p><b>Session II. Approaches to the Implementation and Review of the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDG 11 in the UNECE region</b></p> <p><i>The session features presentations focusing on policy frameworks, methodologies and tools for assessing the state of achievement of SDG 11 targets and for the development of evidence-based policies for sustainable urban development with a focus on housing in the ECE region.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Agata Krause</b>, UNECE and UN-Habitat Expert on Sustainable Urban Development</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Gulnara Roll</b>, Head, Housing Land Management Unit, UNECE</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and answers</b></p>
12:15-13:00	<p><b>Session III. Innovative Approaches to Evidence-based Policy-making in the Context of SDG 11</b></p> <p><i>During this session, international policy and university experts will discuss selected approaches to review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and tools for crafting evidence-based policies for sustainable urban development with a focus on housing.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Anna Mitriaieva</b>, Data Scientist at the CBS Urban Data Centre, the Netherlands</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Matteo Tarantino</b>, Lecturer and Senior Research Associate, University of Geneva</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Simone Tosoni</b>, Associate Professor, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Geoffrey Payne</b>, Consultant, Housing and Urban Development, London</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and answers</b></p>
13:00-14:00	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>
14:00-15:15	<p><b>Session IV. Challenges and Opportunities for Crafting Evidence-based Policies for Sustainable Urban Development with a Focus on Housing in the Republic of Albania</b></p> <p><i>Presentations on current approaches to developing evidence for policies on sustainable urban development with a focus on housing in the light of ongoing legislative changes in the Republic of Albania</i></p> <p><b>‘The Impact of Recent Policy Developments on Evidence-based Policy-making in Republic of Albania. The cases of the Housing Code and the Local Housing Plan’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Doris Andoni</b>, Director of Housing, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Republic of Albania</li> </ul> <p><b>‘Monitoring Platform for measuring and implementing strategic objectives of territorial plans’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Anisa Qorri</b>, Head of National Planning Department, National Territorial Planning Agency</li> </ul> <p><b>‘Current Approaches to Production and Management of Statistical Evidence for Housing Policies in the Republic of Albania’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr Ervin Shameti</b> - Director of Directorate of Regional Statistics and Geoinformation</li> </ul> <p><b>‘Production and Use of Evidence for Policies on Sustainable Urban Development with a Focus on Housing at the Local Level’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Anisa Ruseti</b>, General Director of Social Services, municipality of Tirana and <b>Ms. Anisa Mance</b>, Director of Territorial Planning at the municipality of Tirana,</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and answers</b></p>

15.15-15.30	<b>Coffee break</b>
15.30-16:45	<p><b>Session V. Current and Future Indicators for Evidence-Based Policies for Sustainable Urban Development with a Focus on Housing in the Republic of Albania</b></p> <p><i>Interactive discussion aiming to identify ways to use global and regional indicators for the review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDG11, to support development and implementation of local housing plans in the Republic of Albania.</i></p> <p><b>Guided discussion based on the following questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What main housing (and urban development-related) indicators are currently used in various policy areas in the Republic of Albania?</li> <li>- How did the introduction of the Local Housing Plans influence on demand for new housing (and urban development-related) indicators? What data gaps emerged?</li> <li>- How can global and regional indicators for Sustainable Development support crafting Local Housing Plans in the Republic of Albania?</li> </ul> <p><b>Scheduled contributions from the representatives of the Ministry of Finance and Economy, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, INSTAT, and municipalities.</b></p>
16:45 – 17:00	<p><b>Summary and conclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Matteo Tarantino</b>, University of Geneva,</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Doris Andoni</b>, Head of Housing, Ministry of Finance of Albania</li> </ul>
<p><b>Day 2</b> 3 May 2019</p>	
09.00-09:30	<b>Registration of participants</b>
09.30-09.45	<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Gulnara Roll</b>, Head, Housing Land Management Unit, UNECE</p> <p><b>Ms. Agata Krause</b>, UNECE and UN-Habitat expert on sustainable urban development</p>
09.45-10.00	<p><b>Discussion. Deriving Indicators for the Local Housing Plans in the Republic of Albania</b></p> <p><i>Presentation focusing on outcomes of the discussion about indicators for crafting, review and implementation of policies for sustainable urban development with a focus on housing in the Republic of Albania that took place during day 1.</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Doris Andoni</b>, Head of Housing, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Albania</p> <p><b>Questions and answers.</b></p>
10.15-11.15	<p><b>Discussion Part I. Validating Indicators for Local Housing Plans in the Republic of Albania</b></p> <p><i>Discussion based on predefined questions, on the meanings of indicator set for the Local Housing Plans for analysts and decision-makers at local level.</i></p>
11.15-11.30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.30-12.45	<b>Discussion Part II. Producing Data to Inform Indicators for Local Housing Plans</b>

	<p><b>in the Republic of Albania</b></p> <p><i>Discussion on based on predefined questions, on the types and sources of data needed to inform indicators for the Local Housing Plans.</i></p>
12.45-13.00	<p><b>Closing of the event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Gulnara Roll</b>, Head, Housing Land Management Unit, UNECE</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Doris Andoni</b>, Head of Housing, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Albania</li> </ul>
13.00-14.00	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>