

FIELD TRIP

5 February, 13:00 – 18:00

Exposition of energy efficient technologies at TA Hydronics in Eysins (Nyon). The bus will be waiting at 13:15 at a parking lot behind the Pregny Gate.

The field trip will be sponsored by TA Hydronics.



WORKSHOP

The Future of Social Housing: Environmental and Social Challenges and the Way Forward



UNITED NATIONS

4-5 February 2014

10 am – Room V

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

OBJECTIVES

This workshop will provide the opportunity to discuss the **different concepts of social housing** in the region and identify the major **social and environmental challenges** the countries of the UNECE need to address.

The workshop will include several **panel discussions** from experts and UNECE government representatives.

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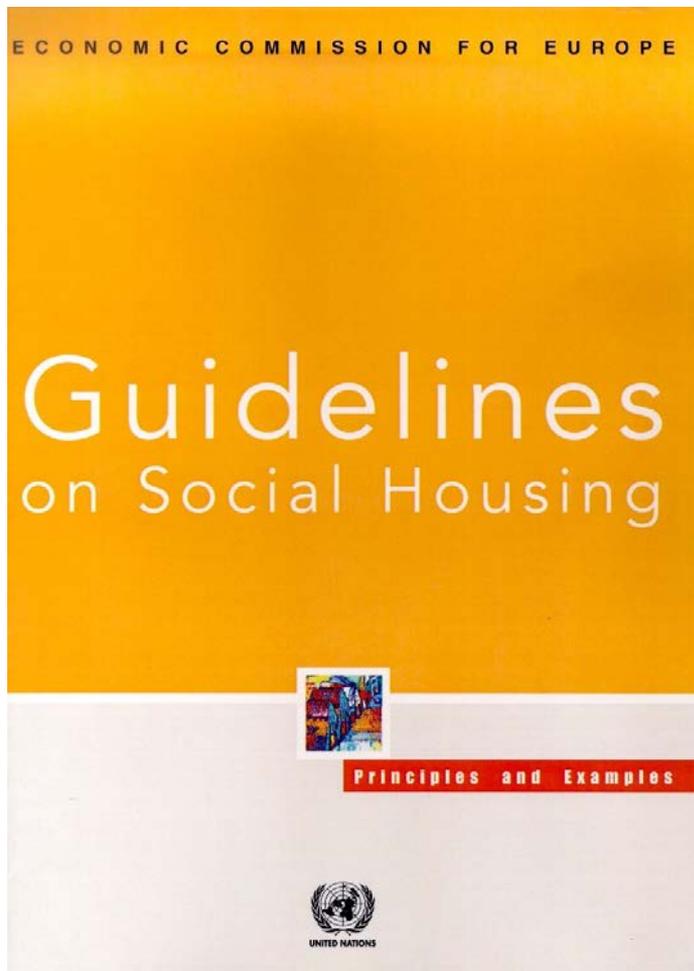
VIENNA SYMPOSIUM

The Committee through all its history was active on social housing issues. Yet in 2004, the Committee organized the **International Symposium on Social Housing in Vienna**. Some of the **key recommendations** of the Vienna Symposium were:

- ✓ Do not limit the role of social housing to the provision of affordable housing to those in need of it. Social housing should be treated as an important tool to prevent social segregation and promote socially cohesive societies;
- ✓ Develop a clear strategy for social housing which signals to all housing market participants the planned approach, the state's role in supporting it, and what is required from each participant to make this strategy work;
- ✓ Develop social housing within the framework of a city's overall urban planning to avoid diffuse or mono-functional urban areas.



GUIDELINES



Based on the discussion in Vienna, in 2006, the Committee adopted the **Guidelines for Social Housing.**

The guidelines are relevant today however they need updating taking into account the current situation of the economic crisis.



PANEL DISCUSSION

The discussion will focus on the following questions:

A. General issues

- Is there any official definition of social housing in your legislation?
- Which is the share of social housing? And which has been the trend for the last 10 years?



PANEL DISCUSSION

B. Social housing model

- Who provides social housing?
- Who manage social housing?
- How is social housing financed?
- How is the rent established?
- Who are the target groups and how are they identified?
- What kind of public support is provided?
- Which is the role of public and non-for profit sectors?
- Other issues: norms, standards, projects.



PANEL DISCUSSION

C. Effects of the economic crisis on the social housing sector

- What were the changes in the social housing policy at national level that took place after the beginning of the global financial crisis?
- Which are the major challenges that social housing sector is facing in your country, especially due to the global economic crisis?
- Which are the actual developments and the perspectives of the sector?
- What is the involvement of the private sector and international banks, and collaboration between private, public and third sectors in finance and provision of social and affordable housing?

