



EUROPEAN HABITAT

Addressing housing affordability
issues in the UNECE region in the
context of economic, financial and
migration crisis

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Structure of the presentation

- Social Housing in the UNECE region: models trends and challenges
- Housing migrants: challenges and practices in the UNECE region
 - Discussion





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The Study commissioned in response to concerns among the UNECE countries about the lack of housing affordability post GFC.

Social Housing in the UNECE region: Trends and Challenges



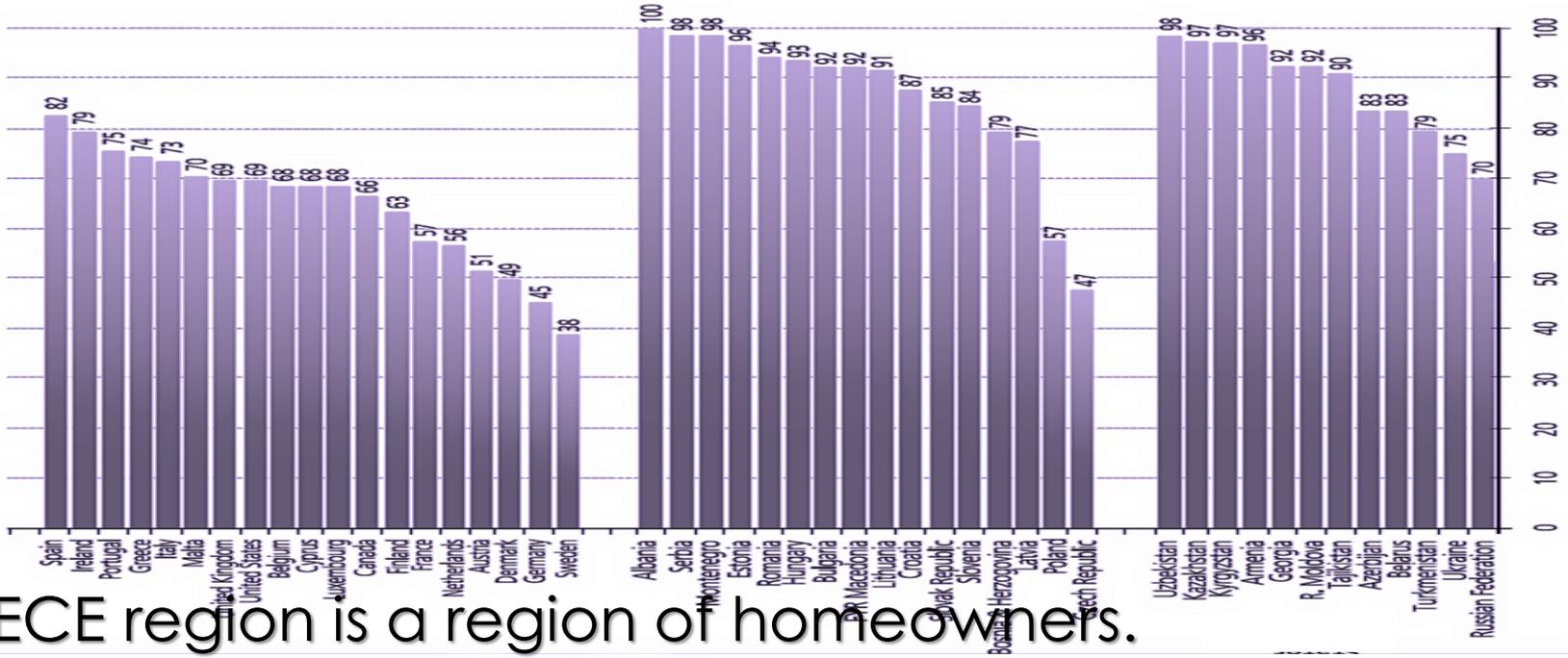
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- Governments
- National Housing Federations
- Social Housing Providers
- National and International Banks
- Private Investors
- NGOs

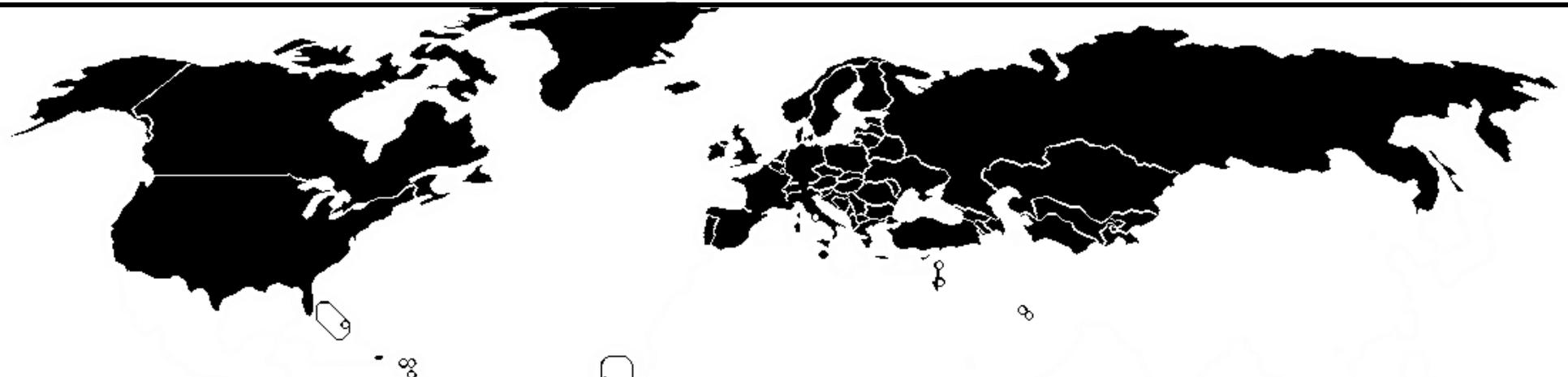




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UNECE region is a region of homeowners.

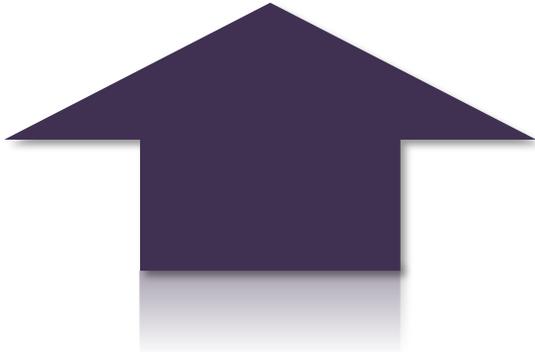




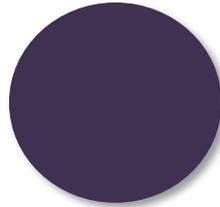
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Housing tenure trends prior to the GFC

Home ownership



Private Rent



Social Housing



100 million

People in the global north are housing cost overburdened.

40%

They spend over 40% of family earnings on housing.

rent/mortgage



energy/utility costs



Examples of national social housing waiting lists:

- England 1.800.000
- France 1.700.000
- United States of America 5.300.000
- Russian Federation waiting period 20 years
- Ukraine waiting period 90 years

Homelessness has increased markedly.

Observed **waiting lists** for **social housing** are breaking **historical** records.

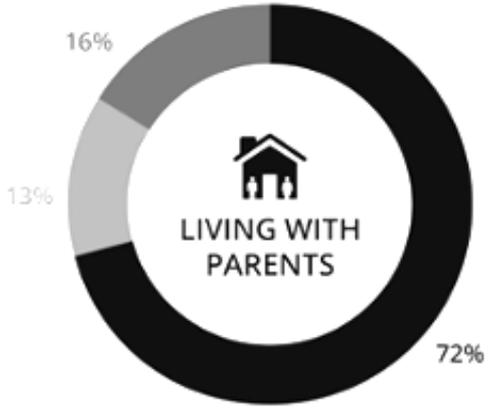
There is a **sizable shortfall in net new housing output** (all tenures) because of GFC and longer term lack of supply response in UNECE.



The housing need has diversified

No income

Low income



Aging

Key workers

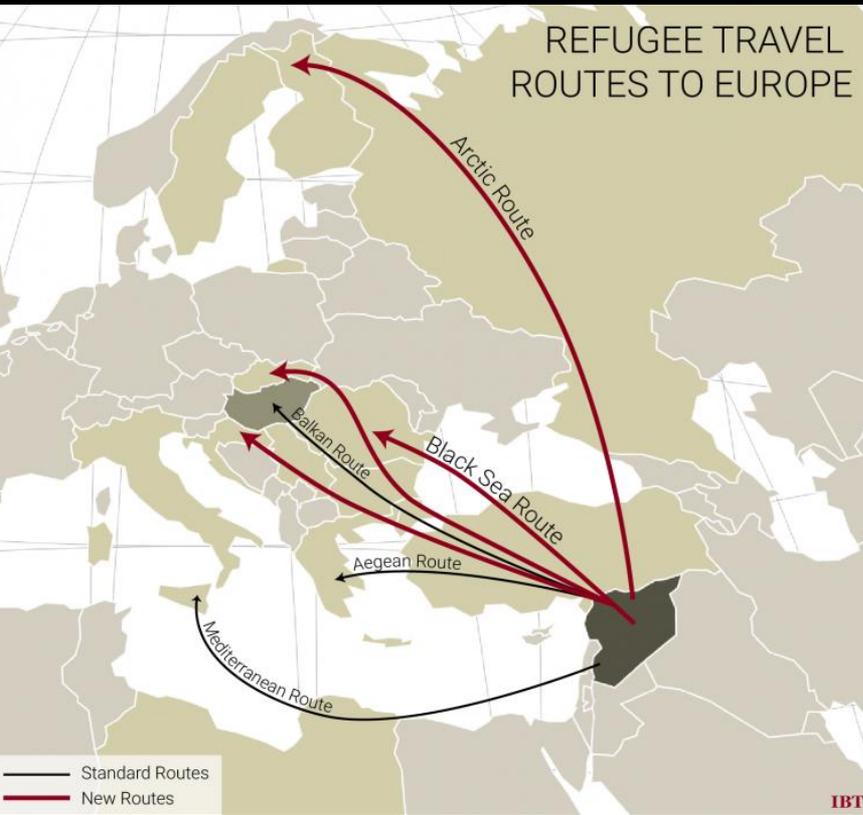
Middle income

Young

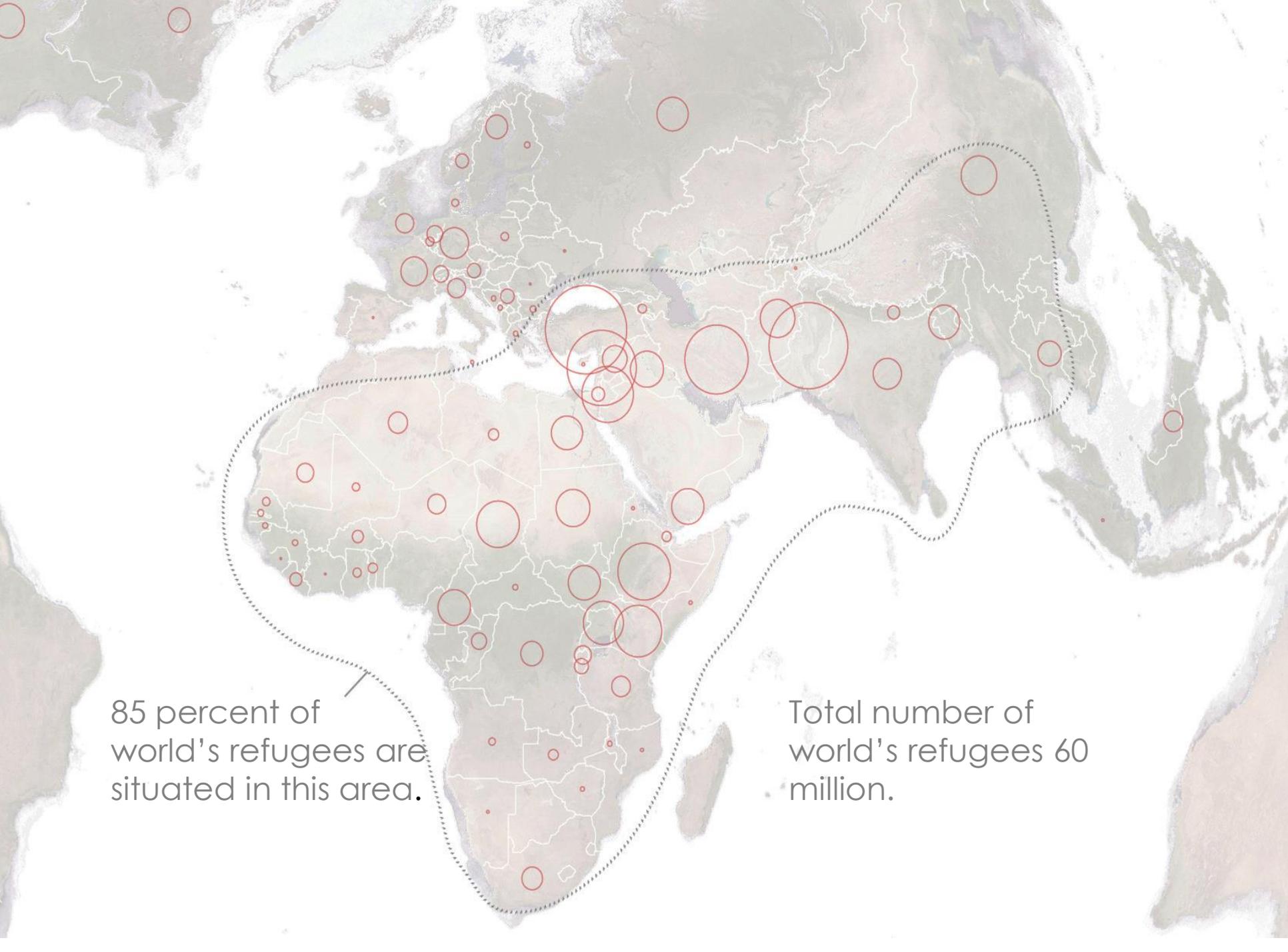
Middle class families



At the time when social housing construction
– even without the newcomers –
is at a dismally inadequate level almost everywhere.
The refugees' integration into the housing market will be
one of the most crucial challenges of coming years.



Over 1 million asylum-seekers and migrants reached the European Union



85 percent of world's refugees are situated in this area.

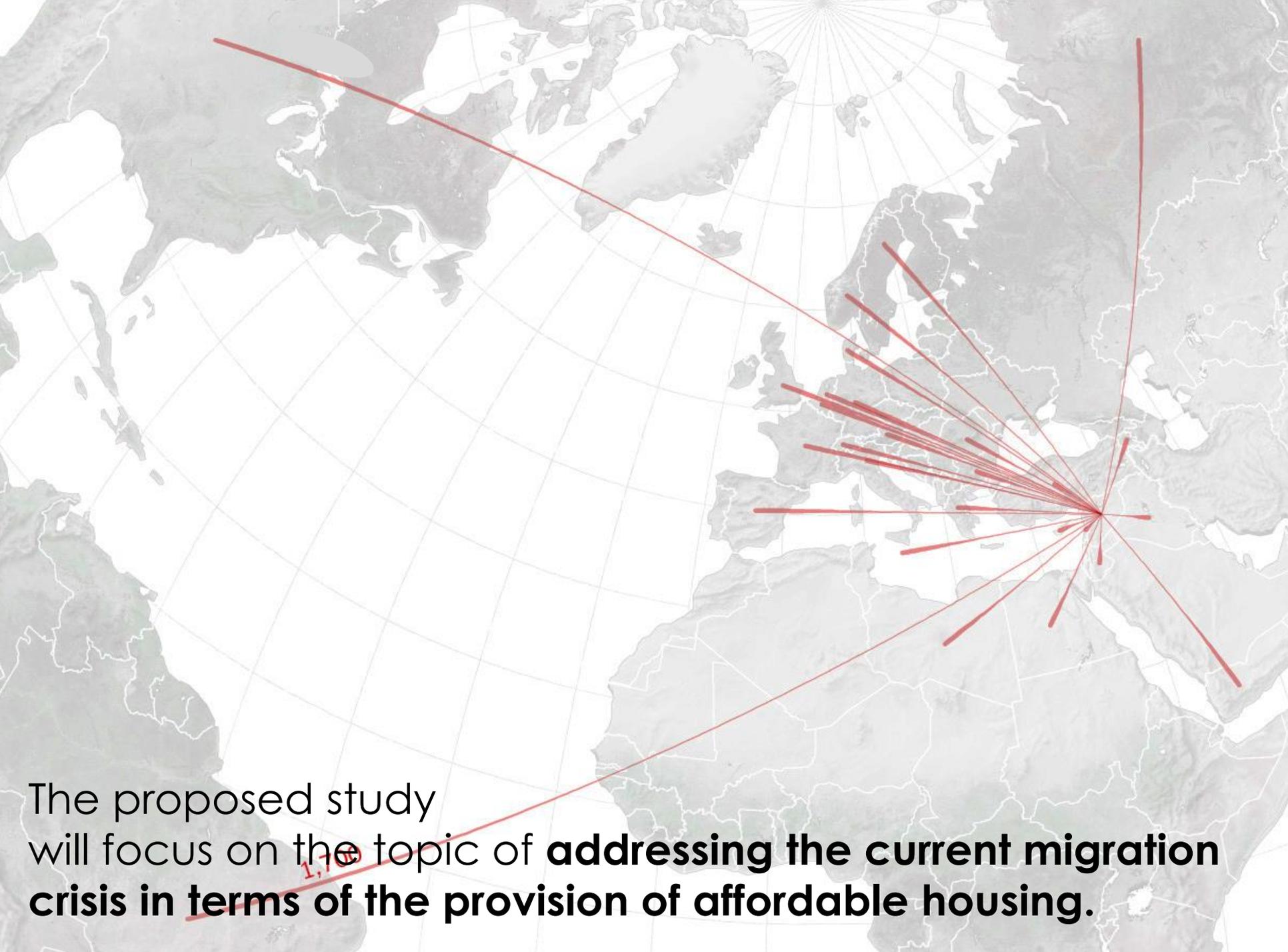
Total number of world's refugees 60 million.



At least ~~35~~^{1,000} out of 56 UNECE member states are either passage corridor or final destination of refugees in the current crisis.







The proposed study will focus on the topic of **addressing the current migration crisis in terms of the provision of affordable housing.**

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Activities

Gather innovative practices in the UNECE region – Workshop

Interviews with the key stakeholders

Survey

Literature review and analysis of the housing and integration policies in the UNECE region

Outputs

Study with policy counsel to national and local authorities

A compendium of practices and solutions

A network of experts and policy makers working on the issue of housing migrants in the UNECE region

Increased capacity of the decision makers in the region



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An aerial photograph of a densely populated city, likely Tel Aviv, taken during a dramatic sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and illuminating the city's buildings. The sky is filled with large, dark clouds that catch the light of the setting sun, creating a vibrant orange and yellow glow. The city below is a mix of modern high-rise buildings and older, more compact structures. The overall mood is one of gratitude and reflection.

Thank you.