



Proposal for the Preparation of a Policy Brief on Urban Planning

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Housing and Land Management and Urban Planning

The Committee promotes sustainable cities with an integrated approach to planning

Promoting

- Compact
- Efficient
- Inclusive
- Low-carbon
- Disaster resilient cities

Rio+20 Conference outlined the following key issues for sustainable urban development

- Strategic and spatial planning
- Institutional and financial aspects
- Transport and energy in urban areas
- Environmental aspects
- Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction (CCA/DRR)



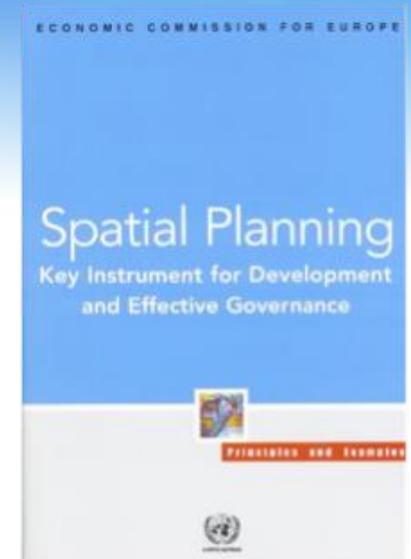


Activities of the Committee on Urban Planning

Spatial Planning Key Instrument for Development and Effective Governance, 2008

Providing guidance to improve spatial planning systems in the UNECE Region, especially in countries in transition considering:

- Principles of spatial planning (6 principles)
- Roles and responsibilities (allocation of competences)
- Components of spatial planning systems (tools, directives, enforcement, spatial strategies and environmental assessment)
- Recommendations for stronger and more effective systems (encouraging debate, legal frameworks, guidance and guidelines for spatial planning)





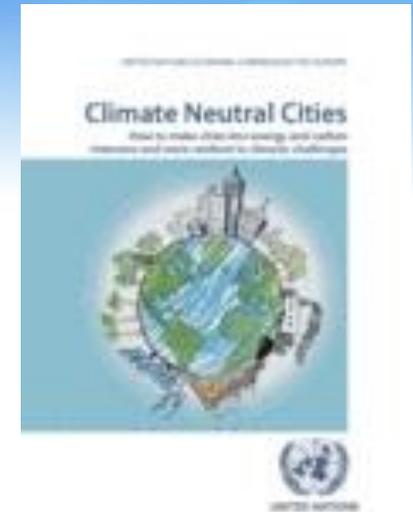
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Climate Neutral Cities

How to make cities less energy and carbon intensive and more resilient to climatic challenges, 2011

considering:

- Climate change adaptation is a dramatically emerging challenge for city planning
- Governance and institutions (strengthening urban resilience and the policies at different scales)
- Actions for priority sectors (urban infrastructure, buildings urban form etc,)
- Post carbon transition (city roadmap to climate neutrality)





UNECE Housing and Land Management Commitment

Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020

The Ministerial Meeting on Housing and Land Management adopted in 2014 the Strategy that guides the work of the Committee

Two targets focus on urban planning:

- To develop national strategic direction and policies for sustainable *spatial development* with the participation of all stakeholders
- To develop territorial plans and/or other instruments to enforce existing regulations, at least for the following: areas prone to natural and human generated disasters, attractive areas for private investments, ecologically sensitive areas and heritage sites; inner-city densification, urban regeneration (etc,)





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To support the implementation of the Strategy and its targets a policy brief on urban-spatial planning could be developed

Considering:

- Studies and guidelines produced by relevant Organizations (UN-Habitat, World Bank, UNISDR)
- Ongoing debate on SDGs, and Global agreements (SE4ALL, Post-2015 framework for DRR, UN framework Convention for Climate Change)





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The study updates previous activities of the Committee with emerging themes and issues

The possible structure could consider:

- Overview of publications and on-going works related to urban planning, emphasizing cross sectorial linkages (climate change, environmental quality, disaster risk, aging and transport)
- Regional analysis of national planning systems, including best practices
- Set of recommendations for the implementation of the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE Region 2014-2020





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The proposed organization could be implemented with three tools

the study could be organized in three stages:

- A wide consultation on the content will be organized with UNECE divisions, to disclose synergies (especially with Environmental Policy)
- Relevant International Organizations will be invited to contribute to the preparation of the study, with the possible creation of an informal group of experts
- A consultation meeting will be organized during a thematic session at the Europe and Central Asia Housing Forum in April 2015





Thank you for the attention!

