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HOUSING AND LAND MANAGEMENT**



**Towards Sustainable Housing and  
Urban Development through alignment with  
the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda  
in the UNECE Region**

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# VIENNA CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING:

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*„Promoting access to affordable and decent housing through the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on sustainable Development, the New Urban Agenda and the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing“, 12 - 13 April 2018, Vienna, Austria*

- International Framework – Urbanisation as a main challenge: Economic, environmental and societal issues, such as migration and an ageing society, put huge pressure on the housing sector.
- Expert Group which developed the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing over several years

# Key points:

1. Housing has often been seen merely as a commodity, but in the conference it was stressed that it is more than that
2. The Charter is based on a very broad understanding of sustainability: economic, social **AND** ecological sustainability; this requires a new way of thinking in politics and in administration
3. To implement the Charta, civil society has to be included



# First Conference Day:

- The conference was attended by more than 300 delegates representing UNECE member States as well as local authorities, academia and international organizations.
- the first day was an UN event to continue the discussion in the Committee
- Vienna Message was adapted:



## VIENNA MESSAGE

**QUALITY LIVING FOR ALL: ON ACCESS TO ADEQUATE,  
AFFORDABLE AND DECENT HOUSING**

Adopted by the Vienna Conference on Sustainable Housing on 12 April 2018

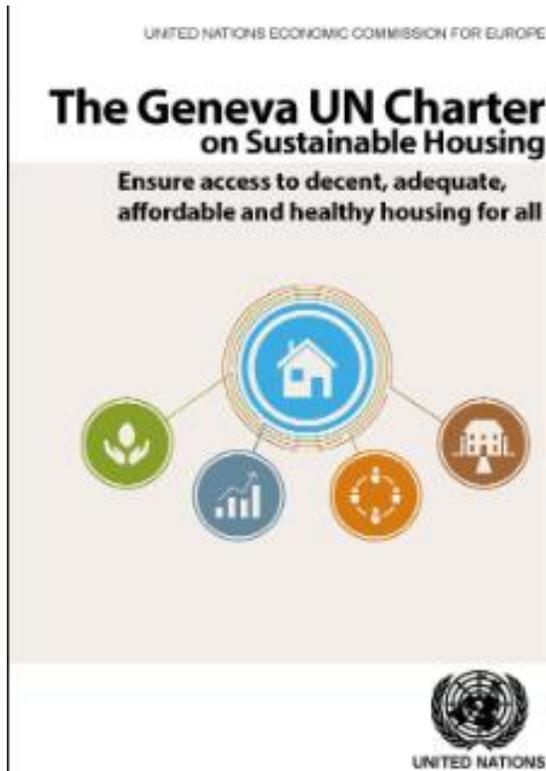
# Second Conference Day:



# Main conclusions:

1. Sustainability of housing should be understood in a threefold way:
  - 1) economically — meaning the creation of longterm financing instruments
  - 2) socially — meaning a good social mix in residential areas
  - 3) ecologically — by stressing the contribution of housing to environmental and climate protection.
- 2. Housing programmes developed by member States should address large parts of the population while keeping in mind the specific needs of vulnerable groups.
- 3. Implementation of the Charter requires the participation of all stakeholders.
- 4. Participants also stressed the importance of the state as the leader in this process.

# Establishing the links:



## Sustainable Development Goals



# Implementation of the SDGs in Vienna



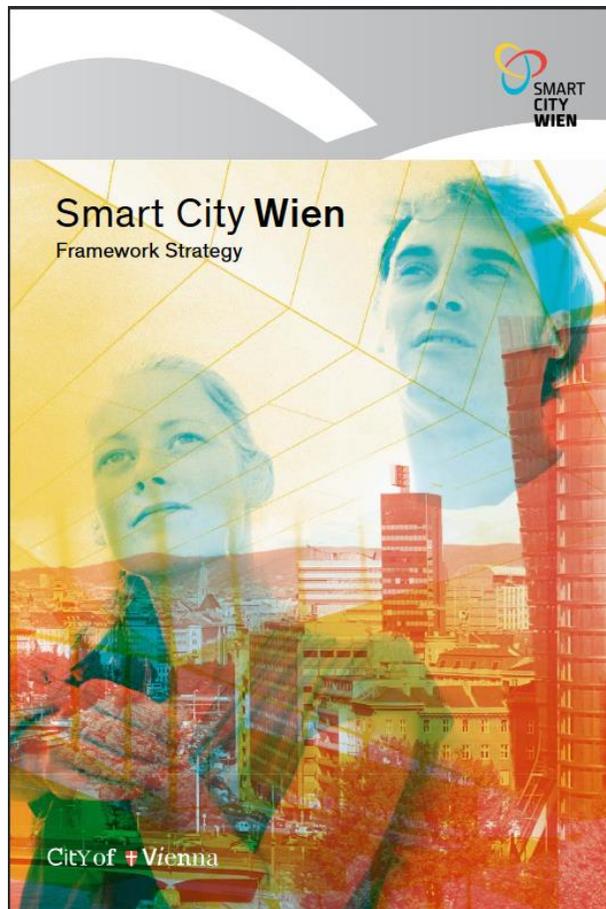
The 17 UN goals were signed in Vienna in April 2016 by former Mayor Michael Häupl and former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

- Many objectives from the 2030 Agenda are already covered by the strategies and activities of the City of Vienna.
- By the middle of 2019, the Smart City Wien framework strategy will be updated in an interactive process, with the SDGs integrated across all target areas of the strategy.



# Multi Level Approach:

## Framework Strategy



## Cities and Communities

