Planning of work to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the New Urban Agenda and other relevant agreements in the UNECE Region

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Focus on innovative experiences, best practice and tools which would support the acceleration of the achievements of the SDGs and objectives and targets of other key international agreements.

How do we convert the good ideas, good intentions and sometimes “fluffy” words in these agreements to concrete action?
The New Urban Agenda, Geneva UN Charter for Sustainable Development, SDGs

Frameworks which specify (maybe obvious)

• A common language (do we speak about the same things)
• Common priorities (do we give problems the same weight)
• Common goals (do we want the same things)
• Set a common direction (how to get there)
Next level: To convert the UN Charter, SDGs, etc. to concrete actions by

- Governments, Local governments, cities (not only the big ones), private firms, citizens, organisations

Comprehensive agreements which involve many policy areas and many stakeholders

- The coordination of lots of processes and actions is complex and difficult
• Allow and rely on decentralised action (not only governmental action)

• Powerful tool – if stakeholders can see how they can contribute to the UN goals, we do not need governments to tell

• A lot can be done within existing rules and setups – and without extra subsidies from the government.

• We need more creativity than we (as legislators) have. And more actions than we can initiate.
We can accelerate achievements if:

- We inspire cities, local governments, organisations, firms, citizens to use our frameworks and to find the way they can contribute to the common goals