Draft programme of work
Housing and land management component
of Housing, Land Management and Population
subprogramme for 2021

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Subprogramme objectives (ECE/HBP/2020/13)

The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen member State-owned programmes and policies promoting

1. decent, adequate, affordable, energy efficient, healthy housing for all,
2. smart sustainable cities,
3. sustainable urban development and
4. land management.

The deliverables fall into the categories:
- facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies;
- generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation projects, training events, seminars, workshops, and publications;
- other substantive deliverables, and
- communication deliverables.

I. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies

Forum of Mayors 2021

Ministerial Meeting on Housing and Urban Development 2021

82nd session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management

Committee Bureau meetings and of Bureau task groups' meetings

Meetings of the partners to and of Steering Committee to the FoM

12th session of the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA), May 2021 (Malta)

WPLA Bureau meetings and task groups' meetings

Meetings of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group

EU Urban Development Group – observer status

Glasgow Climate Change Conference | UNFCCC

Roundtable 2021
In Focus: SDG11

Preparations to the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum in 2022

Support to organization of ECE Commission session,
April 2021

II. Generation and transfer of knowledge on smart sustainable cities

UNDA 13 tranche. 2020-2021. Building Urban Economic Resilience during and after COVID-19. Albania, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine

RPTC. 2020-2021. Post COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region. Countries: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Podgorica, Montenegro; Skopje, Northern Macedonia ; Tirana, Albania

UNDA 12 tranche Inter-regional cooperation for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Cities/Countries: Almaty, Kazakhstan

UNDA 12 tranche + Russian funds for Belarus and Kazakhstan. Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda in selected countries in the UNECE Region (city profiles and innovative financing taking into account COVID-19 consequences). 2020-2023. Countries: Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro

Norwegian funds. 2020-2021. Improved sustainable urban development in 17 Norwegian cities

II. Generation and transfer of knowledge on smart sustainable cities - examples

Urban Economic and Financial Recovery and Resilience building in the time of COVID-19:

Studies and guidance documents:
- Global Compendium of Practices and Local Economic and Financial Recovery
- Guiding Principles and Practices for Urban Economic and Financial Recovery and Resilience Building
- Technical Guide for Urban Economic and Financial Recovery and Rebuilding

Global and regional capacity-building activities for local governments

Support to local governments
- Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Kharkiv, Ukraine
- Tirana, Albania

II. Generation and transfer of knowledge on smart sustainable cities - example

Evidence-based policies at the city level

- Evaluation of cities' performance using KPIs for Smart Sustainable Cities
- Preparation of City Profiles based on the evaluation
- Capacity building activities to support cities to become smart and sustainable

City Profiles for 2020-2021

- Almaty and Nur Sultan (Kazakhstan), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Podgorica (Montenegro)
- Project: "Improved sustainable urban development in 17 Norwegian Cities"

II. Generation and transfer of knowledge on housing and smart sustainable cities

Regional observatory on urban-related SDGs

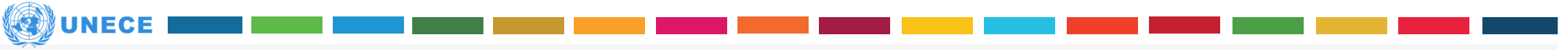**Web-based platform with e-learning materials on:**
- Data and knowledge for the review of progress towards achieving SDGs
- Evidence-based policies on housing, urban development and land management

ECE experts giving online lectures:
- Government officials
- Representative of academia
- Representatives of other organizations

Regional observatory on urban-related SDGs

Propose a tool which could serve as:
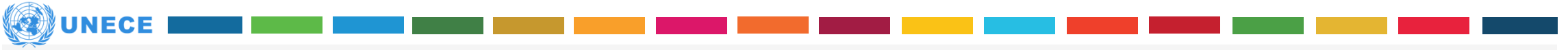
Learning platform

Project reporting mechanism

Content for dissemination

Regional observatory on urban-related SDGs

Build on EXISTING expertise on the topics related to areas of work

- ✓ Internally (experts, collaborators from local and national governments, NGOs, etc.)
- ✓ Externally (articles, video materials, online courses)

Leverage existing partnerships to develop the content

Introducing: UNECE Online Academia

Create <u>UNECE Online Academia</u> leveraging free Social Media platform – YouTube:

1. On the channel - create a playlist per area of work with a series of online lectures from UNECE experts (max. 20 minutes per lecture to keep the attention of the viewer)

2. Add the link to the playlist to the webpage of respective area of work

3. Promote each Online "lecture" through social media channels

<u>Enhancement idea</u> (requires extra $$$): build a "Brochure website" where courses could be added

→ inspiration: Ukrainian Digital Education platform for the government officials: https://osvita.diia.gov.ua/

II. Generation and transfer of knowledge on housing and smart sustainable cities

Activities of the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence

Glasgow
Regional Conference on affordable & social housing
Tallinn
Trainings with housing managers in countries with economies in transition
Vienna
Capacity building for KPI evaluations
Norway
KPI evaluation in 17 cities, VLRs
Geneva
Evidence–based policies
York University
Addressing youth homelessness
Tirana
Housing policies, informal settlements

II. Generation and transfer of knowledge on housing and smart sustainable cities

United for Smart Sustainable Cities

- Evaluation of cites' performance
- Capacity building activities to promote evidence-based policies
- Capacity building activities to apply innovative financing
- **Cities**:   Grodno (Belarus)   Almaty (Kazakhstan)   Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan),
                   Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) Tbilisi (Georgia)   Podgorica (Montenegro)

U4SSC thematic groups:

- Economic recovery in cities and urban resilience building in the time of COVID-19
- Tools and mechanisms to finance smart sustainable cities projects
- Compendiums of best practices within both thematic groups

Smart Sustainable Cities for all Ages Nexus

- Publications, workshops

Selected nexus activities

Integrated approach to planning of cities and human settlements

- Sub-regional workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety, jointly with the secretariat of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Belgrade, October 2021)

- Regional workshop on strengthening of water and sanitation in cities, jointly with WHO Regional Office for Europe Protocol on Water and Health (autumn 2021). Objective: support national and local governments in promoting the resilience of their water supply and sanitation systems.

- Other regional and national events may be organized

III. Substantive deliverables under decent affordable housing

A joint study with Housing Europe and UN-Habitat "#Housing2030 - Improving Housing Affordability in the UNECE region"

The objectives of the study are to:

i. Explore housing affordability challenges and existing policy instruments for improving housing affordability in the UNECE region;

ii. Facilitate the exchange and dissemination of "good practices" in improving housing affordability among countries and cities of the UNECE region;

iii. Identify needs of policymakers to further develop and implement policies addressing housing affordability.

III. Substantive deliverables under cluster (1) decent, adequate, affordable, energy efficient, healthy housing for all: #Housing2030

#Housing2030 Survey and survey report (2020)

#Housing 2030 Report with 4 thematic chapters

Organization of #Housing 2030 workshops:

Land for housing workshop,
May 2020

Malta and Mediterranean subregion workshop, Sept 2020

**Glasgow environment and climate aspects of housing workshop,
10 Nov 2020**

Housing governance workshop, Slovenia, February 2021

Housing Finance workshop, Ireland,
14 April 2021

International Social Housing Festival, June 2021, Helsinki;

Launch of the report at Ministerial Meeting 2021

Presentation of the outcomes at Slovenian EU Presidency events

III. Substantive deliverables under cluster (1) decent, adequate, affordable, energy efficient, healthy housing

Planned / ongoing activity 2020-2022 under the Joint Task Force on energy efficiency in buildings

Gap analysis between the performance objectives set forth in the Framework Guidelines and current energy efficiency standards and their implementation in the countries of South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia, and in the Russian Federation.

National studies for the three selected ECE member States with a more detailed gap analysis.

Maintenance of the network of experts on energy efficiency in buildings in the ECE region.

Workshop for stakeholders to validate the gap analysis. Seminars in the selected ECE member States on high-performance energy efficiency standards. Workshop for stakeholders to discuss and launch the studies.

Impact discovery on how member States could better use best practices and guidelines in national or/and sub-national measures to address the issues of energy efficiency in buildings.

Funding provided only to UNECE Sustainable Energy Division from the extrabudgetary project (funded by the Russian Federation) "Enhancing national capacities to develop and implement energy efficiency standards for buildings in the UNECE region" for the period of July 2020 – March 2022

Administration and management

Website transfer and G drive transfer to Sharepoint

IT: organizing meetings in WebEx, etc; wikis; databases

Moving offices in February 2021

Moving the local library to UNOG library.

Financial management: Umoja, contracts (allotments, invoices, grant management, support with funds planning), consultancies and travels