Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing

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Non-legally binding document

Main purpose
Ensure the access to decent, affordable and healthy housing in the ECE region
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Scope
Improve sustainability of housing in the ECE region through effective policies and actions

supported by international cooperation
FOUR PRINCIPLES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Minimization of environmental impact and promotion of environmental sustainability
FOUR PRINCIPLES

ECONOMIC EFFECTIVENESS

Public and private investments and national policies and programmes
FOUR PRINCIPLES

SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION
Civil involvement, social inclusiveness, public health and transparency
FOUR PRINCIPLES

CULTURAL ADEQUACY
Cultural identity, value and emotional wellbeing of people
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- “soft law”

- No provisions that create obligations, but set out the goals and expectations of member States and the ECE

- Countries are invited to widely disseminate the information available on the Charter webpage
Geneva UN Charter Centers

- Network of Geneva UN Charter Centres for the promotion of 4 principles of the Charter
- Partner with the governments of the participating States, as well as with international, national and non-government organizations and academic institutions
- Based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the ECE and the partner organization in the respective country.
Activities of the Geneva UN Charter Centers

- Active dissemination of information on the Charter;
- Advisory services;
- Capacity-building;
- Networking;
- Studies on the implementation of the Charter and best practices of the implementation of non-legally binding conventions;
- Research on topics which will contribute to the better implementation of the Charter;
- Collection and exchange of information on the best practices
Activities of the Geneva UN Charter Centers

- Guidance for the implementation of the Charter
- Albania, Estonia and the UK