ENSURING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND DECENT HOUSING FOR ALL

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CHALLENGES

- Globalization
- Climate change
- Demographic change
- Economic crisis
- Growing gap between rich and poor
- Migration
CONTEXT

- Global
- European (EU, UNECE)
- National
- Regional
- Local – urban
- Political - human
UNECE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND LAND MANAGEMENT (CHLM)
56 member States in Europe, Central Asia and North America
CHLM - FOUR FIELDS OF ACTION

Sustainable Housing
- Social housing
- Energy efficiency in buildings

Sustainable Urban Development
- Smart cities
- Urban planning

Land Administration and Management
- Capacity building
- Studies

Country Profiles
- Country profiles
- Monitoring of policy implementation
GLOBAL AGREEMENTS

- Agenda 2030 - SDGs (UN) 2015
- Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing 2015
- New Urban Agenda – HABITAT III 2016
- Urban Agenda for the EU - 2016
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality
6. Clean Water and Sanitation
7. Affordable and Clean Energy
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action
14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
17. Partnerships for the Goals
CITIES IN THE CENTRE OF INTEREST

Goal 11: Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

The New Urban Agenda is a roadmap for building cities that can serve as engines of prosperity and centres of cultural and social well-being while protecting the environment.

The Agenda also provides guidance for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and provides the underpinning for actions to address climate change.

NEW URBAN AGENDA

- The New Urban Agenda –
- Cities
  - engines of prosperity
  - centres of cultural and social well-being
  - inclusive and resilient
  - respectful to environment
  - able to cope with climate change
  - providing affordable housing for all
  - achieving SDGs
GENEVA UN CHARTER ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

Negotiated 2010 – 2014
Adopted by the CHLM 2014
Endorsed by the UNECE April 2015

Main purpose
Ensure the access to decent, affordable and healthy housing in the ECE region
THE GENEVA UN CHARTER ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

FOUR PRINCIPLES

1. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
2. ECONOMIC EFFECTIVENESS
3. SOCIAL INCLUSION AND ARTICULATION
4. CULTURAL ADEQUACY
2030 AGENDA, NUA, GENEVA UN CHARTER ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

• National implementation based on existing policy frameworks, e.g. national sustainable development strategies
• Review of policies and strategies in light of SDGs and based on national priorities
• Inter-ministerial coordination structures and ‘whole-of-government’ approaches
• Development of regular reporting
• Building capacities for data collection and reporting
IMPLEMENTATION

- Adaptation of SDGs to national and local realities
- Involvement of stakeholders at all levels and from different sectors
- Focus on medium-size and small cities
- Use of smart sustainable city indicators to review the implementation
- Demonstration projects
- Capacity building
- Geneva Charter Centres
81.5 million Europeans ‘overburdened’ by housing costs (highest in EL, NL, DK, DE).

Housing costs are a much heavier burden for the people under the poverty threshold (41%) than for people above the threshold (18.6%).

Increasingly difficult for those who enter the housing market (this is also a generational issue: 48% of young adults live with their parents).
URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

- Amsterdam pact 30 May 2016
- Trio presidency NL, SK, MT
- Pilot partnerships

- Political Declaration OR
- New beginning?

- Context – global, regional
URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

- new form of cooperation between Member States, Cities, the EC and other stakeholders

- UAEU formalized in the Pact of Amsterdam

- aim: To give cities and regions a better position in European regulation and policy making

- three goals:
  1) Better regulation
  2) Better funding
  3) Better knowledge sharing

- delivery mechanism: Thematic Partnerships
URBAN AGENDA - THEMES

1) Urban poverty
2) Housing
3) Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees
4) Air Quality
5) Sustainable Use of Land & Nature-Based Solutions
6) Circular Economy
7) Climate Adaptation
8) Energy Transition
9) Urban Mobility
10) Jobs and Skills in the Local Economy
11) Digital Transition
12) Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement
MISSION STATEMENT

We have a vision of Europe which provides affordable housing to all its citizens and cares for inclusive and sustainable communities, where everyone is enabled to reach their full potential.

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SLOVAK CASE

State housing policy to 2020
- Priorities – public rental, refurbishment, energy efficiency of existing homes

Urban development policy 2030
- Well organized, inclusive, safe, livable and smart cities
Thank you for your attention

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