



# ENSURING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND DECENT HOUSING FOR ALL

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# CHALLENGES

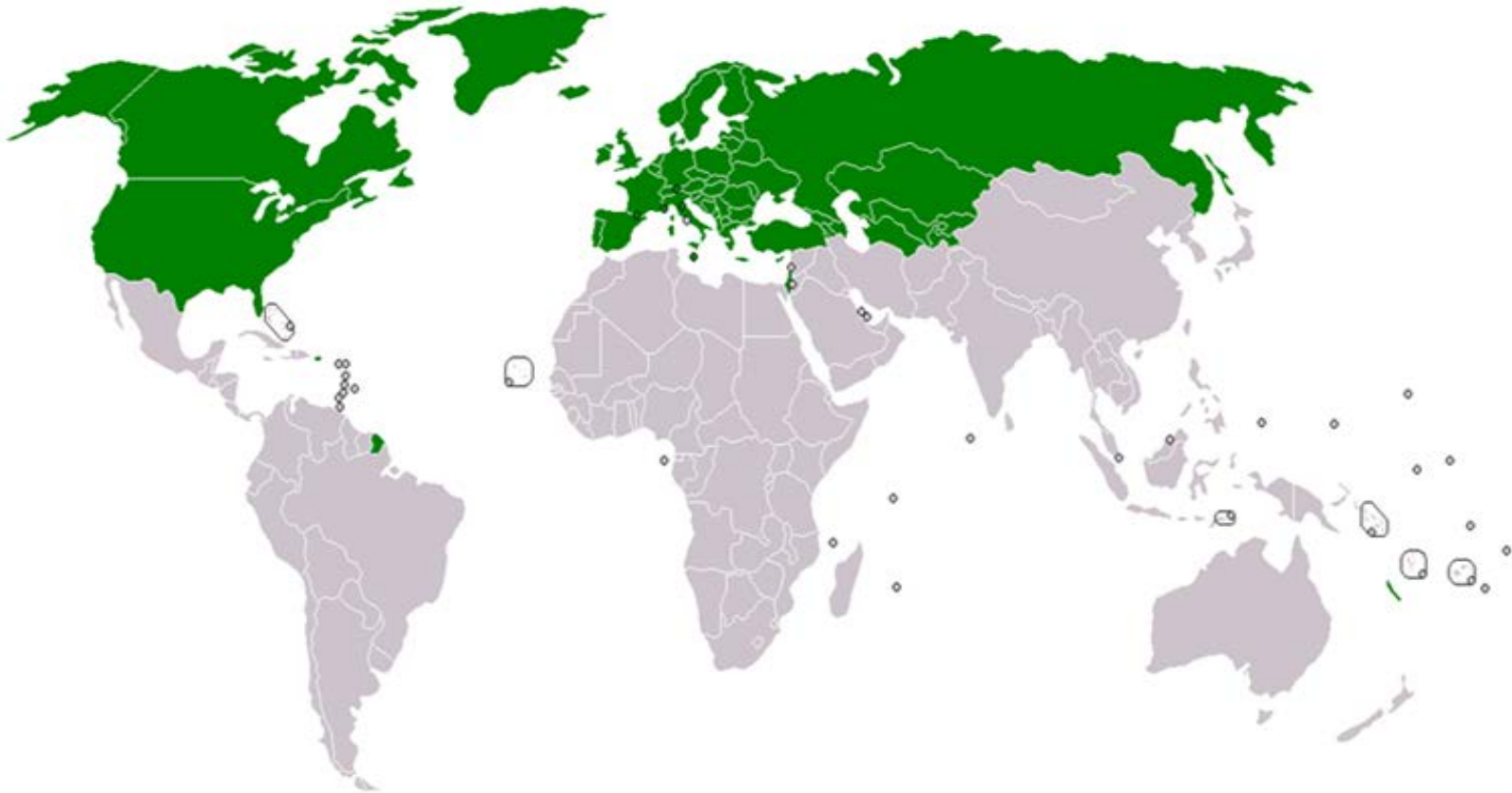
- Globalization
- Climate change
- Demographic change
- Economic crisis
- Growing gap between rich and poor
- Migration

# 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



# CITIES IN THE CENTRE OF INTEREST



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

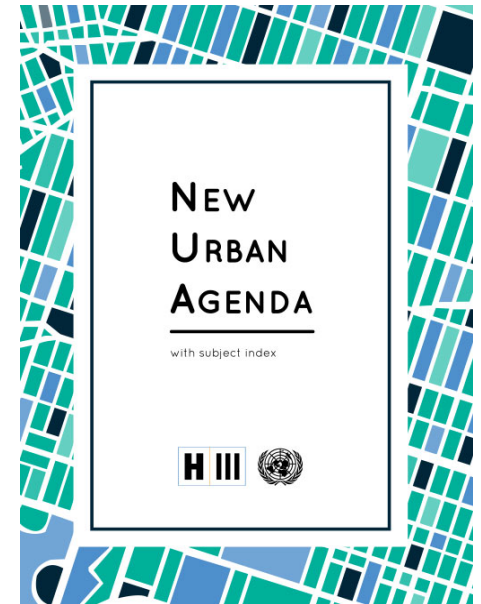
<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals>





# 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





## FOUR PRINCIPLES



# 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



# CHALLENGES IN THE EU AFFORDABILITY GAP

- **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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