CHARTER ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

STARTING THE IMPLEMENTATION
September 2010 CHLM 66th Session decides to put up an expert group to develop a Convention (later Charter) on sustainable Housing for the UNECE region, and elects Wolfgang Förster as the Chair.

2010-2013: Expert group meets four times in Geneva.

November 2014: Expert group presents Draft Charter to CHLM at its 75th Session, CHLM Discusses and adopts the Charter unanimously (56 countries and several NGOs).

April 2015: UNECE Excom endorses the Charter.
AIMS OF THE CHARTER

• make housing systems contribute to economic, social, and ecological sustainability
• ensure regular exchange of know-how
• Support capacity building at local levels
• Include experts and civil society in developing of housing systems
• Make politicians and administrations aware of state responsibility for housing issues
WHAT DOES SUSTAINABILITY IN HOUSING MEAN?

• **ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY:** Financing systems must be stable over longer periods

• **SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY:** Housing must contribute to social cohesion and avoid socio-spatial segregation

• **ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY:** Housing must support saving of energy and of natural resources, and must contribute to climate protection
HOW DOES THE CHARTER WORK?

- Charter is a recommendation, not legally binding,
- member countries are invited to report regularly,
- workshops with experts and local stakeholders.
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