Smart Sustainable City Profiling and Innovative Investments in Belarus

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Role of the UNECE and other UN Regional Commissions after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda on sustainable development

Focus of activities on
• Integration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into nationally owned sustainable development strategies
• Promoting policy coherence and coordination
• Enhancement of the data and statistical capacities of member States for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
The project supports achieving SDG 11 and its targets

11.1. By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums

11.1.1. Proportion of urban population living in slums, informal settlements or inadequate housing

11.2. By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons

11.2.1. Proportion of population that has convenient access to public transport, by sex, age and persons with disabilities
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11.3. By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries

11.3.1. Ratio of land consumption rate to population growth rate
11.3.2. Proportion of cities with a direct participation structure of civil society in urban planning and management that operate regularly and democratically

11.4. Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage

11.4.1. Total expenditure (public and private) per capita spent on the preservation, protection and conservation of all cultural and natural heritage, by type of heritage (cultural, natural, mixed and World Heritage Centre designation), level of government (national, regional and local/municipal), type of expenditure (operating expenditure/investment) and type of private funding (donations in kind, private non-profit sector and sponsorship)
1. Nexus **Smart Sustainable Cities for all ages** – Overall approach

The “Nexus” approach to UNECE’s work aims to connect sectoral expertise and capitalize on synergies, to help countries unlock the interlinked benefits of sustainable development action.

- Support member States in addressing the cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary dimension of the 2030 agenda
- Offer an integrated and holistic approach to respond to sustainable urban development challenges in the UNECE region
- Strengthen bonds across UNECE sub-programmes
- Further integrates sectoral workplans, strengthens cross-sectoral cooperation
- Strengthen partnerships with other international organizations
Key recommendations of the Country profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of Belarus

- develop measures to attract non-state developers to participate in construction of social and affordable housing by forming public-private partnerships
- develop additional affordable housing options, including rental housing
- promote involvement of homeowners and private sector organisations in housing management
- develop measures for transition to market mechanisms for capital repairs and modernization of private multi-apartment housing stock
- complete the transition to economically sustainable utility tariffs while simultaneously ensuring support measures for low-income households
- establish a new special inter-agency coordinating body for the housing sector, and rework local structures to give them more autonomy in decision-making
- develop programmes to support construction companies in meeting the requirements of harmonized standards.
- continue the implementation of the main directions of the state urban planning policy of the Republic of Belarus for 2016-2020 and develop an urban planning policy for the next five years
Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing was adopted by 56 member States with the objectives to:

- ensure **decent affordable housing** and urban infrastructure to all;
- support cities and human settlements adopting and implementing smart sustainable city concepts;
- **integrated policies** and plans to support: inclusion, including socially mixed communities;
- resource efficiency; and resilience to climate change and disasters.
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