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**Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2012-2013**

**Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets**

### **Draft programme of work 2014-2015 for the Real Estate Market Advisory Group**

#### **Note by the secretariat**

*Summary*

This note presents a proposed programme of work for the Advisory Group for the period 2014-2015, which the Committee is invited to endorse.

## I. National roundtable discussions

1. The Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets (ECE/HBP/147<sup>1</sup>) was developed by the Advisory Group and published in April 2010. The principles it sets out provide countries with guidance for developing a sound real estate sector.
2. The objective of the Policy Framework is to offer institutional advice and advocate for a more integrated and holistic approach to establishing and managing the institutional and legal framework for real estate markets, especially in economies in transition. Since 2010, the Advisory Group has organized a series of national roundtables on the implementation of the principles contained in the Policy Framework (see ECE/HBP/2013/4<sup>2</sup>).
3. In cooperation with the Committee and its Bureau, and upon the request of member States, the Advisory Group will continue to organize national roundtable discussions in countries in the ECE region. The discussions will aim to support Governments in developing and implementing policies in housing, urban development and land management, including aspects of real estate markets that relate to housing.
4. Possibilities for cooperation will be explored with Government agencies, non-governmental organizations, international financial institutions, United Nations agencies and other stakeholders. After each roundtable, a short report outlining the discussions and outcomes will be published on the Committee website.
5. When considered relevant, the roundtables may also discuss the implementation of policy recommendations of ECE country profiles on housing and land management.
6. The Advisory Group will hold at least four such discussions in the next biennium, subject to member State interest.

## II. Practical guidelines on real estate

7. The Advisory Group will prepare brief instructional guides for the use of member States and other stakeholders on topics related to the clusters under the programme of work of the Committee.
8. The briefs will deal with the following housing-related topics:
  - How to certify a building for energy efficiency
  - How to market social housing investments to the private sector
  - How to provide efficient customer service
  - How to protect consumers
  - How to implement green building practices
  - Other topics as requested by member States (and approved by the Bureau of the Committee).

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<sup>1</sup> Available at

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/Publications/policy.framework.e.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Available at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=32586>

9. These guidelines will be prepared in close cooperation with the Committee and its Bureau in order to support the Committee's capacity-building activities in member States. The Advisory Group will, subject to the interest of member States, support the Committee in organizing training sessions where these guidelines will be used as training materials.

### **III. Funding**

10. All activities of the Advisory Group are subject to the availability of funding.

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