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**Review of the implementation of the programmes of work 2018-2019 and 2020: affordable, adequate, energy efficient and healthy housing**

**Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group**

### **Draft Programme of Work of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for 2021-2022**

#### **Note by the Bureau of the Committee**

##### *Summary*

The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management adopted the programme of work of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for the period 2018-2020 at its seventy-ninth session (ECE/HBP/2018/L.3).

The Real Estate Market Advisory Group developed a draft programme of work for 2021-2022. The draft was further discussed with the Bureaux of the Committee and its Working Party on Land Administration that agreed on its content.

This document contains the draft programme of work 2021-2022 based on the discussions with the Bureaux of the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration.

The Committee is invited to endorse this programme of work and recommend to the Executive Committee to approve it for the period 2021-2022.



## **I. Objectives**

1. The Real Estate Market (REM) Advisory Group supports the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration in the implementation of their programmes of work. In this regard, the REM Advisory Group assists the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration to develop stronger and more sustainable housing real estate markets and sustainable smart cities; and reports to both bodies.

## **II. Activities**

2. The activities of the REM Advisory Group address, according to its draft terms of reference (ECE/HBP/2020/8), the following thematic priorities:

- (a) Affordable, adequate and healthy housing, and real estate markets (including sharing economy in the housing sector);
- (b) Housing finance (including transparent financial products for housing);
- (c) Energy efficiency in buildings;
- (d) Fire safety in buildings;
- (e) Management of multi-apartment buildings;
- (f) Property valuation and registration;
- (g) Smart and sustainable urban development;
- (h) Land markets and land administration (related topics like land planning and housing sustainability); and
- (i) Spatial planning.

## **III. Proposed activities for the programme of work 2021–2022**

3. The REM Advisory Group will in cooperation with the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and the Working Party on Land Administration,

(a) Organize international workshops and side events that will promote the implementation of the Committee's and the Working Party's programmes of work and the dissemination of information about the Committee's and Working Party's activities, including on the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing;

(b) Prepare studies under the above-mentioned thematic priorities;

(c) Support the dissemination of information about the Committee's and Working Party's activities, including on the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing, through presentations at international meetings, and the preparation of articles in books, journals and mass media, including social media.

4. The REM Advisory Group will also:

(a) Participate in the Committee's activities on energy efficient and affordable housing, especially in support of the Economic Commission for Europe "#Housing 2030: Improving Housing Affordability in the UNECE region" study and the ECE Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings;

(b) Provide input into the Committee's activities on smart sustainable cities, including the development of smart sustainable city indicators and standards, the preparation of smart sustainable city profiles and cities action plans<sup>1</sup>. The REM Advisory Group members will participate in related events and capacity building workshops and will also support the ECE secretariat with fundraising for future activities under this topic. They will also participate in activities of the Initiative "United for Smart Sustainable Cities".

5. The Committee is invited to endorse the REM Advisory Group programme of work and recommend to the Executive Committee to approve it for the period of 2021-2022.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.unece.org/housing/smartcities.html>