Committee on Housing and Land Management: an overview of activities

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HLM at a glance

• Most attended Committee in UNECE
  – In 2013: 47 member States, including 8 ministers, 31 heads of agencies and 8 deputy ministers; in 2014: 42 member States

• Coordinates the preparation of a regional report for the ECE region for the UN-HABITAT III Conference
### Mandate and areas of work

#### Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets
- **Social housing:**
  - Study on social housing
  - Capacity building
- **Energy efficient housing:**
  - Regional Action Plan
  - Casebook of best practices
  - Building codes
  - Capacity building

#### Sustainable Urban Development
- **Smart cities**
  - Smart city indicators
  - Regional network of cities
  - Regional conferences
- **Urban planning**
  - HABITAT III regional report

#### Land Administration and Management
- **Capacity building workshops**
  - Copenhagen, Baku, Vienna, Moscow
- **Studies**
  - Benchmarking of land administration systems
  - Informal settlements
  - Unification of land registries

#### Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management
- **CP studies**
  - Uzbekistan
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Armenia
- **Monitoring implementation**
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Serbia
  - Tajikistan
  - Armenia

### FRAMEWORK:
UNECE Strategy on Sustainable Housing and Land Management 2014 – 2020
Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing (endorsed on 16 April 2015)

HABITAT III Regional Roadmap milestones:

- First Expert Group Meeting on Regional Report, 29 May 2015, Milano, Italy
- Second Expert Group Meeting on Regional Report, September 2015, Geneva
- 76th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management, 14-15 December 2015
- European Regional Meeting for Habitat III, Prague, 18-20 May
- HABITAT III Third PrepCom, 25-27 July 2016, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 77th session of the Committee, 12 – 15 September 2016
- HABITAT III Conference 17 – 20 October 2016
Country Profiles

On Housing and Land Management

- On request of countries
- Using mostly XB resources
- Prepared by international experts in cooperation with a government and national UNDP offices
- Include analysis and policy recommendations
- 16 country profiles:
  - Bulgaria, Poland, Slovakia, Lithuania, Romania, Republic of Moldova, Albania, Armenia, the Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Georgia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Ukraine
- In work: Uzbekistan, and Armenia
Developing Process
CP On Housing and Land Management: Republic of Moldova

• Timeline:
  – 22 August 2011 – letter request for CP preparation
  – September 2012 – approval of request to prepare CP at the Committee session
  – 4-7 December 2012 – preliminary mission by the UNECE secretariat
  – 4-11 August 2013 – research mission by the UNECE secretariat and international experts

• Funding:
  – Preliminary mission: Minister of Regional Development and Construction of the Republic of Moldova
  – Research mission: UNECE, Government of Slovakia, Government of the United Kingdom, Government of the Netherlands
Main Policy Recommendations

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• Focus on effective implementation of the legislation and interagency cooperation

• Promote energy efficiency through effective housing financing, housing management and standards on energy efficiency in buildings

• Improve utility infrastructure efficiency by modernizing equipment, introducing modern infrastructure technology and improving infrastructure management

• Increase the availability of current housing stock and the provision of new housing

• Address in a comprehensive way disaster risk (data collection, management, analysis, formulation and implementation of policies)
National Action Plans for Sustainable Housing and Urban Development

- Based on country profiles’ policy recommendations
- Implementation overseen by a high-level interministerial steering committees
- Implementation by national experts in cooperation with the UNECE, UNDP, other international org-s and experts
- Donor coordination mechanism
- Supported by capacity building activities
Underlining methodological documents

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- International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning – a global framework for improving policies, plans and designs for
  - more compact,
  - socially inclusive,
  - better integrated and
  - connected cities and territories that foster sustainable urban development and are
  - resilient to climate change
Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing

Scope
Improve sustainability of housing in the ECE region through effective policies and actions supported by international cooperation
14 November 2014
EXCOM endorsement

15 October 2014
UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management Charter agreement

September 2015
UN General Assembly to adopt the Tool to support the Sustainable Development Goal on Cities and Human Settlements

October 2016
UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, Quito, Ecuador

The document negotiated by 56 UNECE member States
Underlining methodological documents

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- **Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020**

- **Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Market:** principles and guidance for the development of a country's real estate sector
Energy efficiency in buildings

2009
- Compendium of building regulations, 1996-2003

2010
- Green Homes
- Regional Action Plan
- National workshops
  - Armenia, Tajikistan, Serbia 2014-2016
- Regional workshops
- Cooperation with Energy Subprogramme
- Consultations on building codes and standards, Geneva, April 2015

2011
- National Action Plans
- Casebook of best practices, network of experts, 2013-2014
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- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
Thank you for your attention!

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