Challenges and priorities in Housing and Land Management in the UNECE region

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Why the questionnaire?

- Survey
- Results
- Challenges
- Priority Topics
- Priority Activities
- Instruments
- Stakeholders

- Strategy
- Objectives
- Targets
- Activities
Sent to 112 respondents

- 51% responded fully
- 40% responded partially
- 9% no response
Respondents, by subregion

- EU 15: 38%
- EU 12: 23%
- Russia, SEE, CCA: 6%
- USA & Canada: 30%
- Other: 2%
Respondents, by area of work

- CHLM: 56.5%
- WPLA: 30.4%
- Other stakeholders: 13%
— **Part 1** - Main actors and major policy instruments used
— **Part 2** - Challenges
— **Part 3** - Progress
— **Part 4** - Priorities for the Committee’s programme of work
— **Part 5** - Committee publications
— **Part 6** - General information
Trends and challenges in housing and urban development – outcomes of the Survey
- Privatization
- 1% of all housing stock needs urgent renovation
- 250 million m² or 9% should be demolished
- 40% of energy consumed
Inefficient use of energy

Priority topics:
- Energy efficiency
- Housing refurbishment
In 2010, 10% of EU-27 population live in households that spend 40% of their disposable income on housing.

16.9% lived in overcrowded dwellings; more than 40% in Poland, Romania, Hungary, Latvia, Croatia.

44% of young Europeans “can’t afford to leave parental home”

28% “not enough affordable housing available”

Major challenge
Housing affordability
Low political attention

Priority topics:
Housing affordability, social housing
Financial instruments
Europe: 17.4% 65 years and older

UNECE region: 50 million live in informal settlements

Major challenge

Shrinking vs. urbanization
- Lack of accessibility for disabled and elderly
- Inefficient use of urban land
- Low capacities of local government

Priority topics:
- Compact cities
- Smart & inclusive cities
Climate change
Industrial accidents

Natural disasters in 2012
In United States kill 180 people, affect 90,000
Economic damage: $75 billion

in Europe, cause displacement of 74,000 people
Over 237,000 were displaced during the last five years

Major challenges
Resilience of buildings and cities

Priority topics: Climate-neutral cities
Addressing housing challenges

**Category**

- Programmes at national level: 50%
- Policy / Legislation: 37%
- Other: 10%
- Pilot projects: 3%

**Typology**

- Affordable housing: 48%
- Energy efficiency: 24%
- Legalization: 14%
- Refurbishment: 7%
- Other: 7%
Thank you!
Спасибо!
Merci!

You can download the full report in English, French or Russian (ECE/HBP/2013/2) here: www.unece.org/index.php?id=32586
## Top 10 priority challenges

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<td>Lack of easy access for disabled and aged persons</td>
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<td>Low political attention to housing and urban sectors</td>
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<td>Decreased housing affordability</td>
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<td>Deteriorated housing stock</td>
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<td>Reduced access to credit</td>
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<td>Risks from natural and human-generated disasters</td>
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## Priority topics

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**Summary of priority activities**

**Holding thematic discussions during Committee sessions**
- Developing policy guidelines and action plans
- Conducting studies on specific topics
- Organizing international conferences and seminars
- Developing Country Profiles