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Housing systems in the UNECE region are rich and diverse.
100 million
People in the UNECE region are housing cost overburdened.

Estimate date 2013, based on available data 2011 and 2012.
They spend over 40% of family earnings on housing.

In 2016, Eurostat recount and refining of statistical measurement found that over **80 million in European Union** alone are housing cost overburdened. Data 2015.
rent/mortgage

energy/utility costs
The housing need has diversified

- Refugees and asylum seekers
- No income
- Low income
- Middle class families
- Key workers
- Middle income
- Young
- Aging

- LIVING WITH PARENTS: 72%
- 13%
- 16%
UNECE region is a region of homeowners.
### Housing tenure trends prior to the GFC

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![World Map](map.png)
Homelessness has increased markedly. Observed waiting lists for social housing are breaking historical records.
The majority of the UNECE member states are presently in the process of reassessing their housing policies.
New approaches are designed for addressing social and economic challenges, including new models of public and private partnership which can fund, deliver and scale innovative solutions from the ground up.
Social and affordable housing policy and provision

Affordable housing and city finance

Energy efficiency in housing sector
Future of housing in cities
Territoires en déclin
Zones où le prix du m² est inférieur
à 1 250 euros

Source: Costil, Gittus, Pichot & Agathe Dahyot (2017)
Avg price per sqft: $132
House price indices: countries and their capital cities

House price indices, beginning of period = 100

Source: Claeys, Efthathiou & Schoenmaker (2017)
The 20 most expensive cities in the world to rent and buy property

- London, UK: £6,856 (48x)
- Paris, France: £5,501 (28x)
- New York, US: £6,553 (23x)
- Bermuda: £5,597 (21x)
- Geneva, Switzerland: £4,737 (32x)
- Monaco: £10,099 (53x)
- Hong Kong Island: £6,198 (33x)
- Singapore: £4,276 (41x)
- Tokyo, Japan: £6,341 (18x)
- Auckland, New Zealand: £3,052 (18x)
- Moscow, Russia: £6,277 (26x)
- Kiev, Ukraine: £3,443 (11x)
- Tokyo, Japan: £6,341 (18x)
- Auckland, New Zealand: £3,052 (18x)
- Sydney, Australia: £3,472 (22x)
- Riga, Latvia: £3,208 (25x)
- Tel Aviv, Israel: £3,280 (20x)
- Rome, Italy: £3,208 (25x)
- Moscow, Russia: £6,277 (26x)
- Helsinki, Finland: £3,320 (20x)
- Amsterdam, Netherlands: £3,246 (15x)
- Toronto, Canada: £3,047 (27x)
- Grand Cayman: £3,018 (14x)
- Tortola: £3,071 (35x)

Price per month to rent a 120 sq m flat ($)
Price/Rent ratio (x) indicates number of years of rent required to buy the same apartment

All data from Global Property Guide
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The crucial policy significance is that when the local housing markets put high pressure on or exclude the local workforce an increasing spatial mismatch of housing and employment may undercut the functional efficiency of urban planning and economy.
1946 UNECE established by "Temporary Sub-Commission on the Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas" after the WWII


1960s

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

2015

2016

2007 Global Financial Crisis

2015 SDGs

2016 Habitat III

1996 Agenda 21

1992 Habitat I

1993 - 2000 MDG

1996 Habitat II

1992 Habitat I

1993 Washington Consensus

1976 Habitat I

1992 Agenda 21

1996 Habitat II

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Emphasis on the commoditization of housing.

Systematic reduction of social housing stock and mass privatization of socialist public housing.

Towards new paradigm in housing policies and finance.
Thank you!  

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