

Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence on Sustainable Housing and Sustainable Smart Cities

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Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing

Four Principles



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Minimization of environmental impact and promotion of environmental sustainability



CULTURAL ADEQUACY

Cultural identity, value and emotional wellbeing of people



ECONOMIC EFFECTIVENESS

Public and private investments and national policies and programmes

SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION

Civil involvement, social inclusiveness, public health and transparency



Network of Centres of Excellence

on Sustainable Housing and Sustainable Smart Cities



- **Albania, Tirana**
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable and Resilient Settlements
- **Austria, Vienna**
Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities
- **Canada, Toronto**
Toronto Center of Excellence on Youth Homelessness Prevention at York University
- **Estonia, Tallinn**
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Housing in Tallinn
- **Norway, Trondheim**
Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Development Goals City Transition
- **Switzerland, Geneva**
Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Urban Development
- **UK, Glasgow**
Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities

Evaluation of Centres of Excellence

Recommendations



- Study conducted to evaluate Centres of Excellence
- Recommendations for efficient functioning of the Centres
 - **Design a system of indicators or checklist** to regularly **measure impact of activities** implemented by the Centres on the implementation of the four dimensions of the Charter
 - To create a **web-based platform for the Centres** to exchange information on their activities and good practices
 - To **increase partnership with the private sector**, including through the UN Global Compact
 - To **assign a dedicated coordinator at the UNECE secretariat** to coordinate the network of Centres of Excellence and organize network meetings

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Follow-up on Recommendations



- **Revision of Guidelines for establishing Centres of Excellence**
- **Update and preparation of templates**
 - Memorandum of Understanding between ECE and the hosting institution
 - Checklist of the objectives of the Centres of Excellence
 - Annual workplan
 - Progress/annual report
 - To share best practice examples
- **Online platform for network of Centres under preparation**
- **Assigned coordinator at the UNECE secretariat for network of Centres of Excellence**
- **Regular network calls of the Centres**

Thank you

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