

AFFORDABLE, DECENT HOUSING FOR ALL

URBAN DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND LAND MANAGEMENT



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



HOUSING ISSUES CENTRAL



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Goal 11: Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals>



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN THE GENEVA UN CHARTER ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING



Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing is the expression of political will of **56 member States** to:

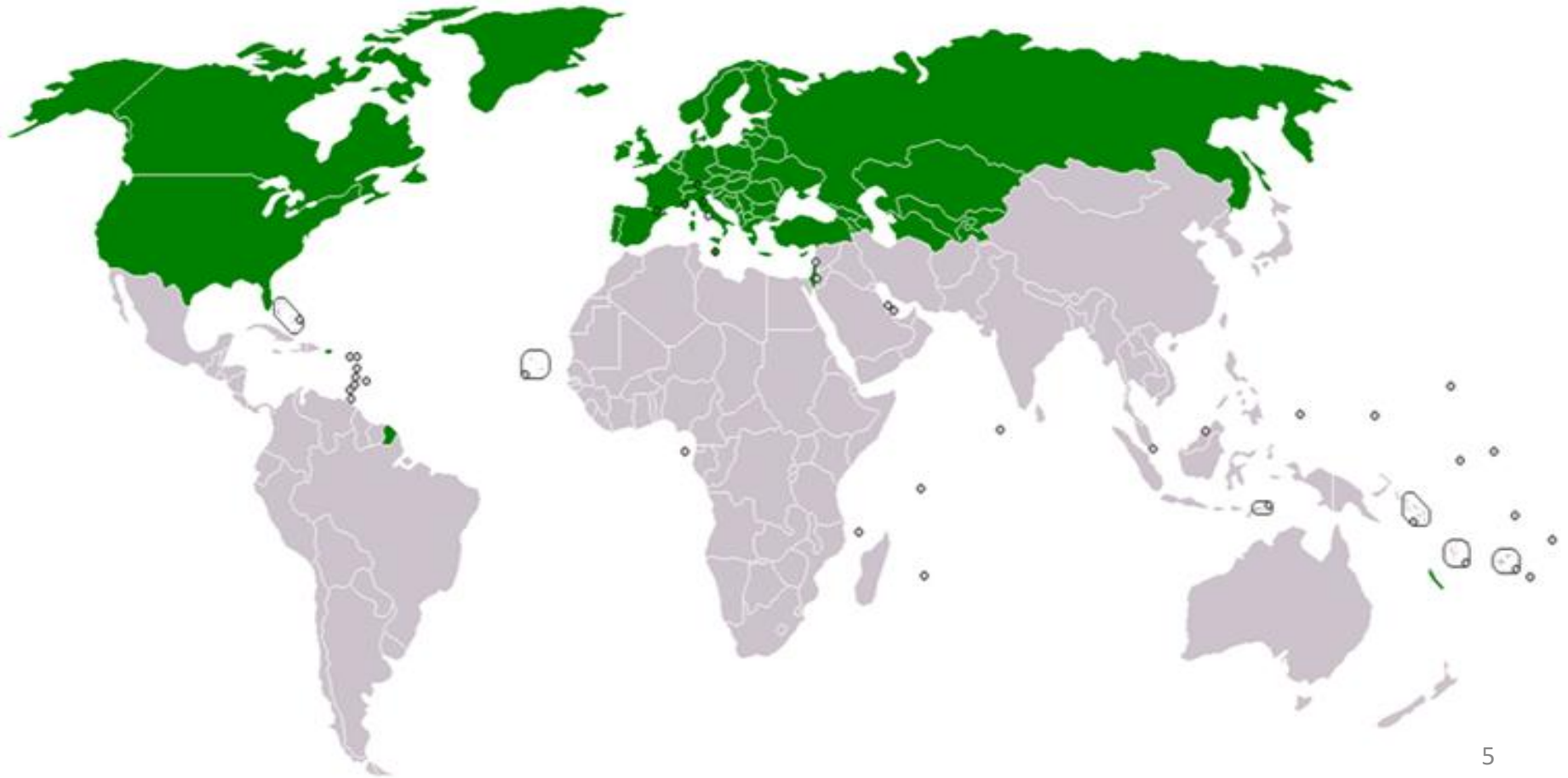
- ensure **decent affordable housing** and urban infrastructure to all;
- support cities and human settlements adopting and implementing smart sustainable city concepts;
- **integrated policies** and plans to support: inclusion, including socially mixed communities;
- resource efficiency; and resilience to climate change and disasters.



UNECE COMMITTEE ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND LAND MANAGEMENT



56 member States in Europe, Central Asia and North America



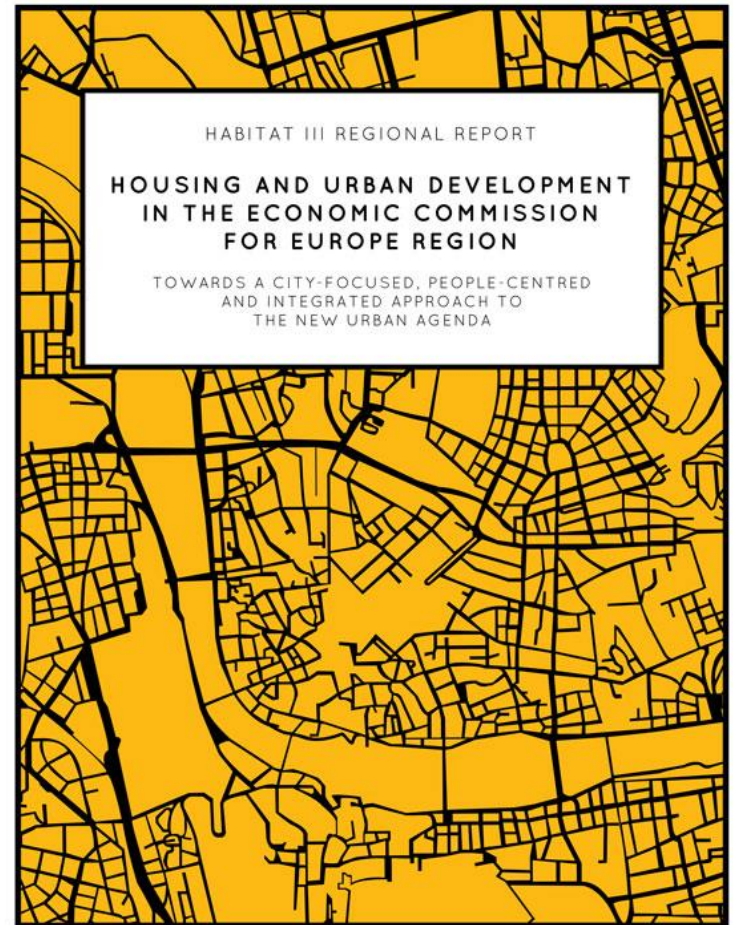
HABITAT III REGIONAL REPORT FOR UNECE REGION



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Challenges:

- Globalization
- Climate change
- Demographic change
- Economic crisis
- Growing gap between rich and poor
- Migration



CHALLENGES IN THE EU AFFORDABILITY GAP



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- **80+ million** Europeans ‘overburdened’ by housing costs
- **Burden of housing costs much heavier for the people under the poverty threshold (41% of income)**
- Increasingly **difficult for those who enter the housing market**
 - generational issue: 48% of young adults live with their parents because they cannot afford their own home

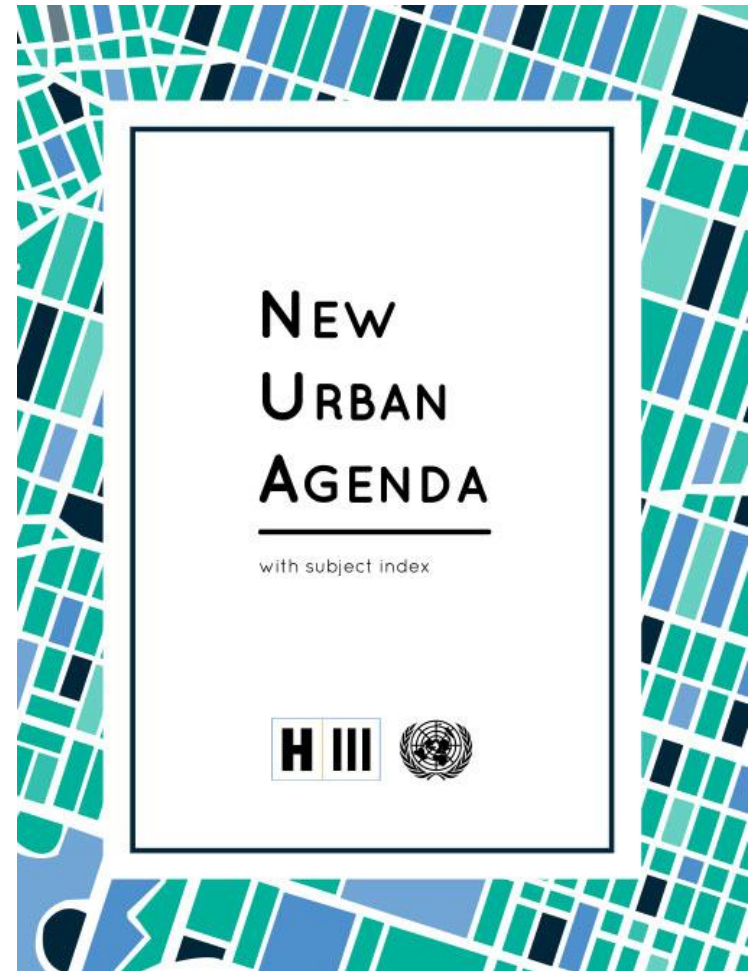
NEW URBAN AGENDA



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Focus on cities:

- As engines of prosperity
- Centres of cultural and social well-being
- Inclusive and resilient
- Able to cope with climate change
- Respectful to environment
- **Providing affordable housing for all**
- Achieving SDGs



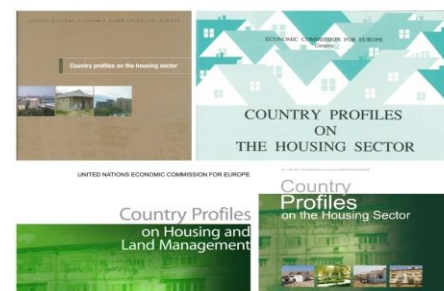
IMPLEMENTATION OF 2030 AGENDA, NEW URBAN AGENDA AND GENEVA UN CHARTER ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING



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- National implementation based on **existing policy frameworks**, e.g. national sustainable development strategies
- **Review** of policies and strategies in light of SDGs and based on **national priorities**
- **Inter-ministerial** coordination structures and ‘**whole-of-government**’ approaches
- **Development of regular reporting**
- **Building capacities for data collection and reporting**

COMMITTEE AREAS OF WORK



Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets

Affordable housing:

- Workshops
- Policy brief
- PPPs in social housing

Energy efficient housing:

- Task Force on Energy-efficiency in buildings
- Capacity building
- Building codes and standards

Sustainable Urban Development

Smart cities

- KPIs for smart sustainable cities - evaluation
- City profiles
- Best practices
- Regional conferences

Urban planning

- Policy guidance
- Country studies and capacity building

Land Administration and Management

Capacity building workshops

- Lyon
- Tirana
- Bishkek

Studies

- Benchmarking of land administration systems
- Informal settlements,
- Land consolidation

Cooperation FAO, JRC, WB

Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management

CP studies

- Republic of Moldova
- Republic of Armenia
- Republic of Kazakhstan
- Republic of Belarus

Monitoring of policy implementation

- Republic of Moldova
- Republic of Serbia
- Republic of Tajikistan
- Ukraine
- Republic of Kazakhstan

Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing (implementation)
Geneva UN Charter Centres: Glasgow, Tallinn, Tirana, Vienna

GENEVA UN CHARTER CENTRES



A network of Geneva UN Charter Centres established under the coordination of the UNECE to allow for the exchange of experience and best practices to implement the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing.

Centres established in

Tallinn, Estonia, in cooperation with the Estonian Union of Co-operative Housing Associations (EKYL). - -

- Support in developing Guidance on Condominium Management, other guidance documents on housing management
- Development of a curriculum for UNECE international training on housing management
- **Participation in UNECE capacity building activities on management of multiapartment buildings and energy efficiency standards in buildings – Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine**

Also centres established in

- Glasgow on urban planning and design, social housing
- Vienna on smart sustainable cities, innovative financing for cities
- Tirana on housing policy in Albania.

Preparation of agreements for establishment of centres in Geneva and Nursultan



See more at <http://www.unece.org/housing/charter.html>

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- **Adaptation** of SDGs to national and local realities
- Involvement of **stakeholders** at all levels and from different sectors
- Focus on medium-size and small cities
- Use of smart sustainable city indicators to review the implementation
- Demonstration projects
- Capacity building
- Geneva Charter Centres

EVENTS AHEAD ON DECENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING



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Register to participate in European events coming up

7 June 2019 – Housing Europe, UNECE, European High-level Roundtable on Housing: Bridging the Gap in Affordable Housing, **Lyon**, France

21-22 June 2019 - International Conference “Affordable Housing in the 21st Century”, **Prague**, Czech Republic

2 October 2019 – High-level session “Affordable Housing and Urban Infrastructure for All Groups of Population”, **Geneva**, Switzerland

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THANK YOU!

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