

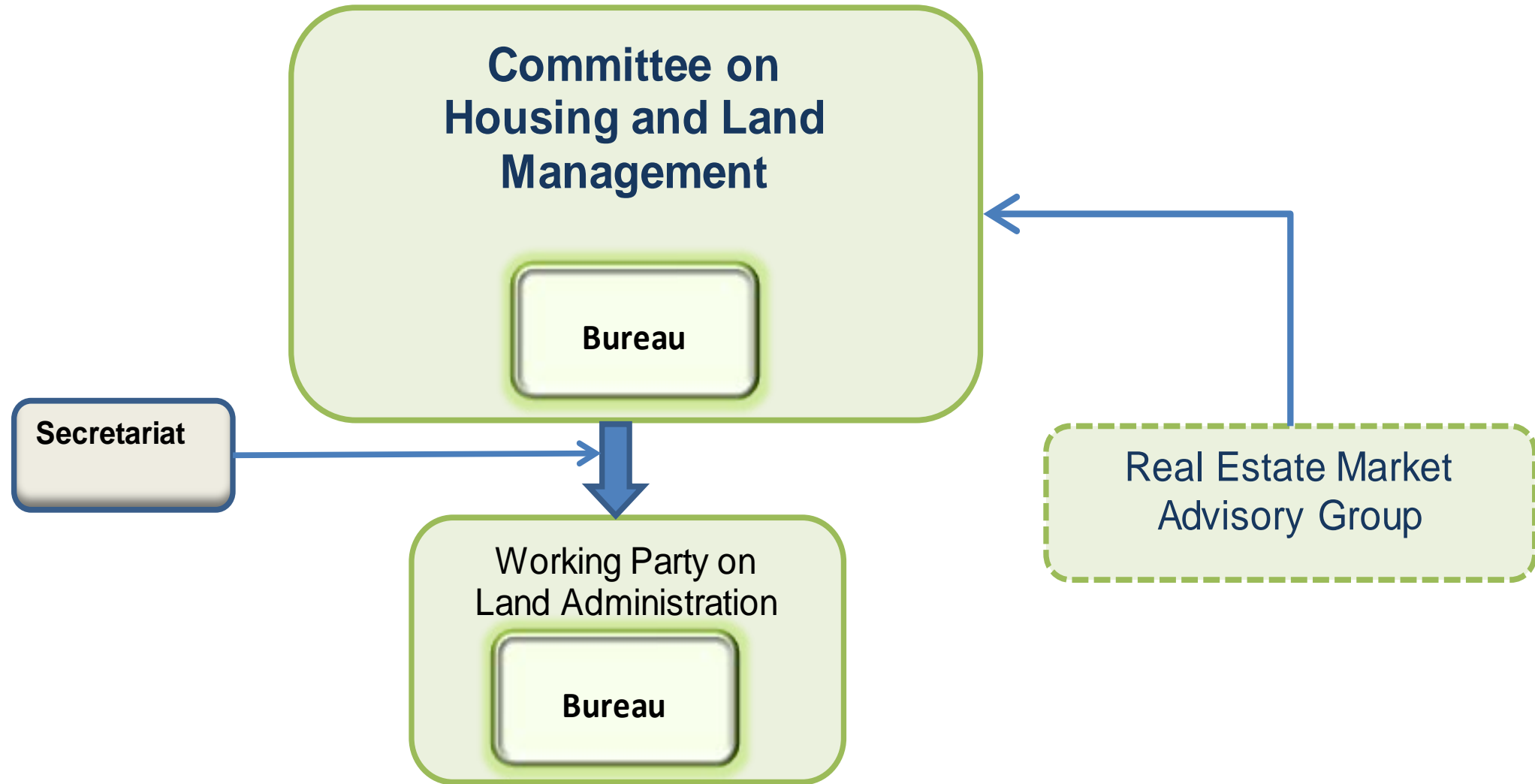
# Housing and Land Management

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# HLM governance structure



# 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
  - National Action Plans
  - Casebook of best practices
  - Building codes
  - Capacity building

## Sustainable Urban Development

- Smart cities**
- Smart city indicators
  - Pilot projects
  - Regional network of cities
  - Regional conferences
- Urban planning**
- HABITAT III regional report
  - Policy guidance document

## Land Administration and Management

- Capacity building workshops**
- Copenhagen, Baku, Vienna, Moscow
- Studies**
- Benchmarking of land administration systems
  - Informal settlements
  - Unification of land registries
- Cooperation** FAO, JRC, WB

## Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management

- CP studies**
- Uzbekistan
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Armenia
  - Russian Federation
- Monitoring implementation**
- Republic of Moldova
  - Serbia
  - Tajikistan
  - Ukraine

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



# 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

2010

2015

2016

The document negotiated by 56 UNECE member States



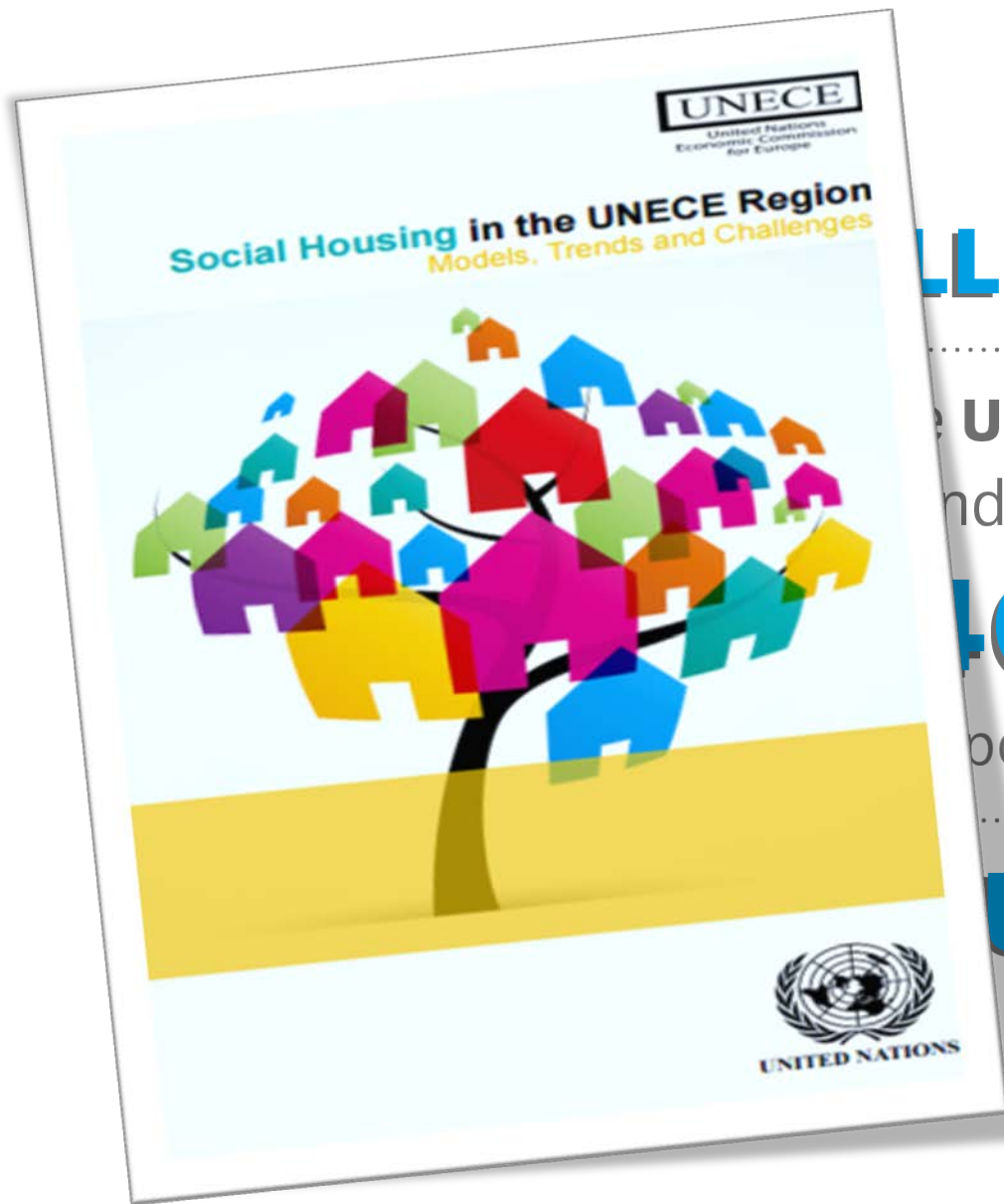


UNECE coordinates the preparation of a **regional report for ECE region** for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development - HABITAT III (Quito, Ecuador, 17-21 October 2015).

### **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
- 76<sup>th</sup> 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
- 77<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee, 12 – 15 September 2016
- HABITAT III Conference 17 – 20 October 2016





**1.1 BILLION PEOPLE**

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in the **UNECE** region  
and more than

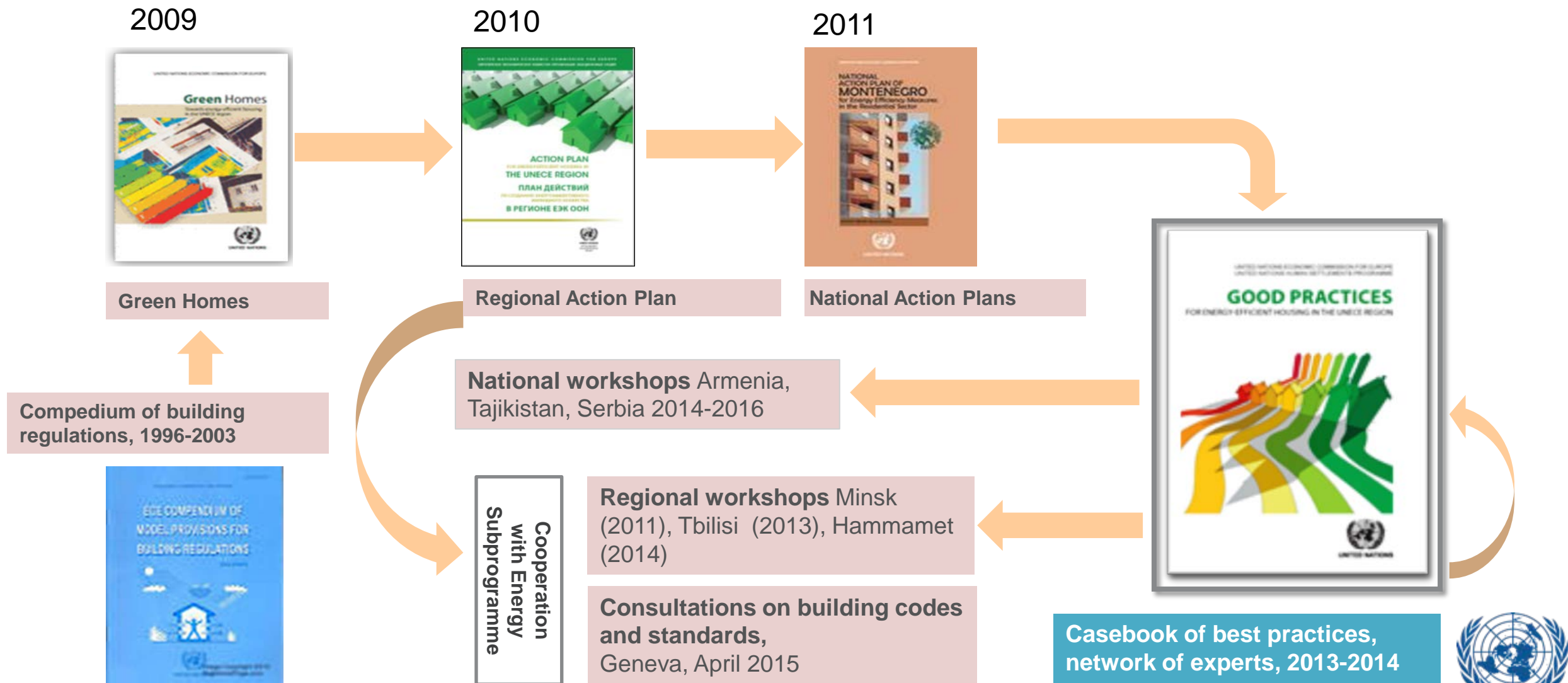
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of disposable income on

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# Energy efficiency in buildings

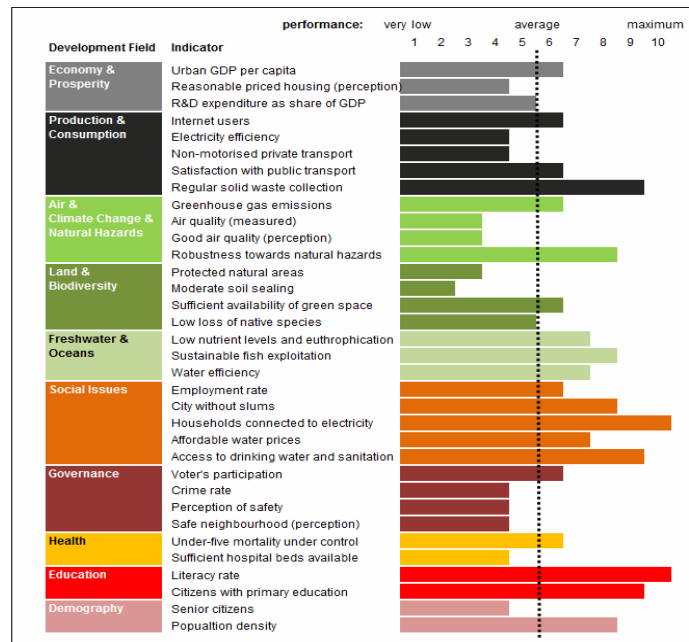




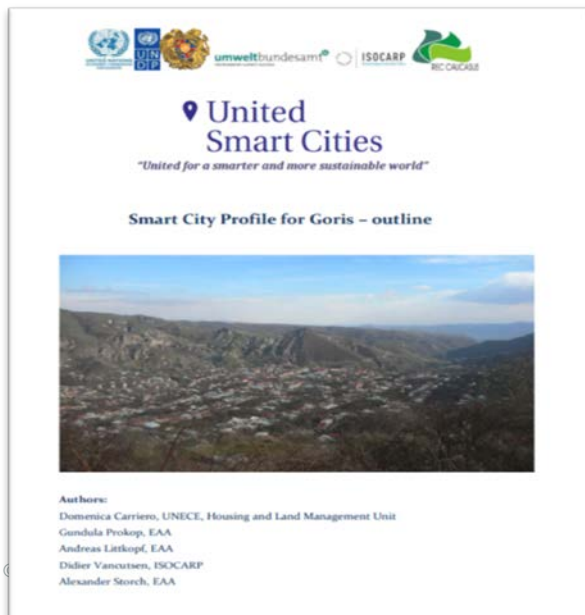
# Smart cities – inclusive, safe, resilient, sustainable and “connected”

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Development of a set of indicators for evaluating smart and sustainable cities
2. Preparation of smart city profiles with recommendations



3. Creation of a multi-stakeholder platform and content hub for smart city initiatives



# Land administration

## Studies

- Challenges of Fraud to Land Administration Institutions (2011)
- Benchmarking of land administration systems (2014)
- Informal settlements (2015)

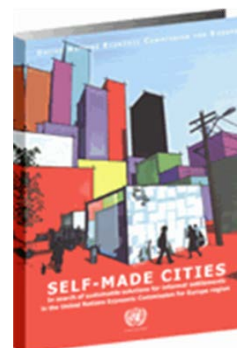
## Cooperation

The World Bank, FAO, the European Commission, ELRA, FIG, Eurogeographics



## Workshops: e-governance, institutions

2015: Vienna; Baku; Washington, DC; Moscow



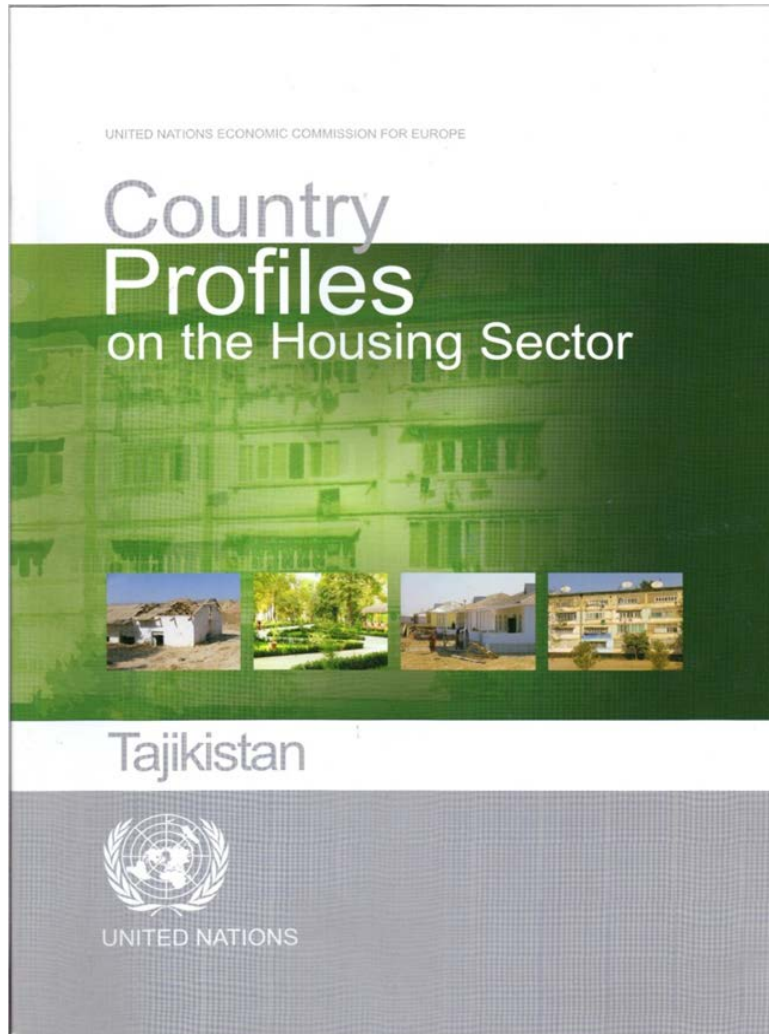
UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS

## Formalizing the Informal

Challenges and Opportunities of Informal Settlements in South-East Europe



# Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management



- On request of countries
- Using mostly XB resources
- Prepared by international experts in cooperation with the Government and national UNDP offices
- Include analysis and policy recommendations

The Country Profiles were published for Bulgaria (1996), Poland (1998), Slovakia (1999), Lithuania (2000), Romania (2001), the Republic of Moldova (2002), Albania (2002), Armenia and the Russian Federation (2004), Serbia and Montenegro (2006), Georgia (2007), Belarus (2008), Kyrgyzstan (2010), Azerbaijan (2010), Tajikistan (2011), Ukraine (2013).

In work: Uzbekistan and Republic of Armenia

Pipeline: the Russian Federation, Croatia



# 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 and international experts
- Donor coordination mechanism
- Supported by capacity building activities



# Key priorities 2015 - 2016

- **Implementation of the Geneva UN Charter at national and local levels**  
(Guidance to member States, monitoring)
- **HABITAT III Regional Report and Roadmap (before HABITAT III)**
- **Support to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (after)**  
(Principles, a wider involvement of cities in the work of the Committee)
- **Implementation of the post 2015 agenda on cities and human settlements**
- **FAO voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land**
- **Smart cities indicators and smart city profiles**
- **Monitoring of policy implementation: country profiles, action plans**
- **Partnerships with other organisations and UNECE subprogrammes**



# Real Estate Market Advisory Group

- Assists the Committee and the WPLA to develop stronger housing real estate markets. The Advisory Group reports to the Committee and the WPLA.
- Support in the implementation of their programmes of work with special attention to area of work one of the programme of work, “Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets”.

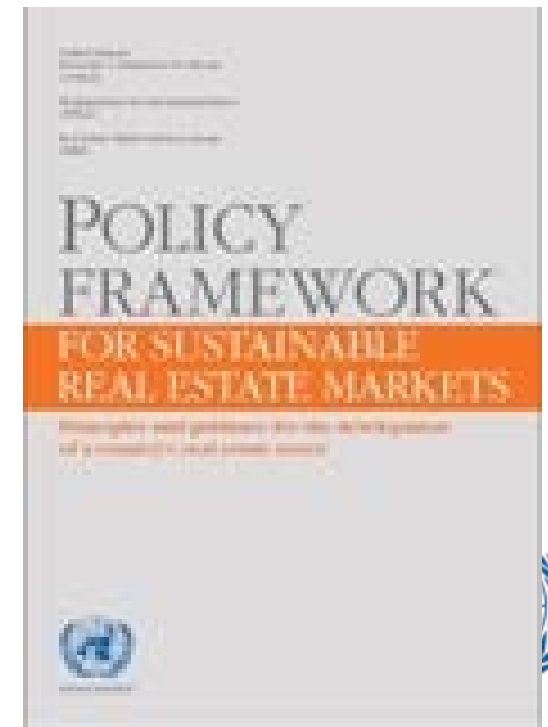
## Possible activities of the Advisory Group:

- (a) Energy efficient housing;
- (b) Affordable and social housing;
- (c) Housing finance
- (d) Property valuation and registration;
- (e) Land markets and land administration.



# Previous Real Estate Market Advisory Group activities

- The study “Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets: Principles and guidance for the development of a country's real estate sector”, which offers institutional advice on issues such as the establishment of financial markets backed by real estate as collateral, harmonized valuation standards for real property and transparency in investment risk assessment.
- REM also organised a series of roundtables in Ukraine, Russia and Italy





**Thank you for your attention!**  
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