

Economic Commission for Europe

Committee on Housing and Land Management

Report of the UNECE Meeting of Real Estate Market Advisory Group

Geneva, 12 May 2015

I. Introduction

1. UNECE Meeting of Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM) was held in Geneva on 12 May 2015.
2. The list of participants is available in Annex 1. The REM meeting presentations are available at the UNECE website.¹

II. Presentation of the activities of the Committee on Housing and Land Management with a focus on the extension the mandate of the REM

3. The Chair of the Committee on Housing and Land Management informed the participants on the activities of the Committee under its programme of work 2014-2015. The Chair reported that REM terms of references were adopted by the Committee and the UNECE Executive Committee in 2014 for the period until the end of 2016.² She invited REM members to discuss ideas for the REM programme of work 2015-2016.
6. The Committee secretariat presented main results of the Committee's study on social housing and information on the preparations to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development – HABITAT III, which will take in Quito, Ecuador, in October 2016. Participants were informed that the European regional consultation for the HABITAT III will be organised by the Government of Czech Republic in March 2016.

III. Development of proposals for the REM programme of work for 2015-2016

9. REM members were invited to review the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing³ and propose activities for the programme of work 2015-2016 based on their expertise. The Chair requested REM members to ensure that the programme of work supports the implementation of the Committee's programme of work, including the activities on the implementation of the Charter.
10. REM members formulated proposals for its programme of work.
10. The meeting participants agreed that the proposals for the programme of work will be communicated with the rest of the group by the end of June 2015. After possible comments from REM members, the updated draft programme of work will be presented as

¹ <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=39382#/>

² http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE_HBP_2014_5.en.pdf

³ http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/Publications/UNECE_Charter_EN.pdf

an official document for the 76th session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management.

IV. Election of REM Chair and Vice-Chairs

11. The following REM members were elected at the meeting: Giampiero Bambagioni as REM Chair; Magnus Hammar and Kari Aina Eik as Vice-Chairs of REM.

12. It was agreed that the secretariat will send a list of all REM nominations with contact information to all REM members.

13. It was discussed that REM members should decide on the mode by which to organise the work of the Advisory Group and how to communicate within the group; these proposals could be sent to the secretariat.

V. Conclusions of the meeting and next meeting of REM

14. A date for the next meeting of REM has not been agreed, it was agreed to to determine the date by email.

Annex 1. List of participants of the UNECE Meeting of Real Estate Market Advisory Group

Representatives of the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management:

Elena Szolgayová, Director General, DG Housing Policy and Urban Development, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development;

Daniela Grabmüllerová, Director of the European Affairs Department, Ministry of Regional Development.

Members of REM:

Adrian Moksness, Bid Manager Global Enterprise, Ambita AS

Anna Georgieva, Consultant

Brian Emmott, member of REM

Damir Pahić, Director, Croatian Employers Association, Institute for photogrammetry, Inc.

David Tichy, Professor, Faculty of Architecture, Czech Technical University

Enrico Campagnoli, President of FIABCI Intern Organizations Committee, World President of International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI)

Giampiero Bambagioni, Chair of REM, Head Scientific and International Activities Tecnoborsa

Irena Perfanova, CEO, Real Estate Consultant and Appraiser, Real Estate Consultations, Appraisals, Transactions, Financial Analysis for new projects, Estate Tribune / AIIC Ltd.

Kari Eik, Secretary General, Organization for International Economic Relations (OiER)

Magnus Hammar, Secretary General, International Union of Tenants

Paloma Taltavull De La Paz, Professor in Applied Economics, Instituto de Economía Internacional, Universidad de Alicante

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