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# UN-HABITAT MISSION

is to promote socially and environmentally sustainable urban development with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all

# Medium Term Strategic Plan

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**Goal:** Sustainable Urbanization

## Five Focus Areas:

- Pro poor land and housing;
- Environmentally-sound and affordable basic infrastructure and services;
- Inclusive urban planning, management and governance;
- Finance systems for affordable and social housing and infrastructure;
- Advocacy, monitoring & partnerships.

# Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe

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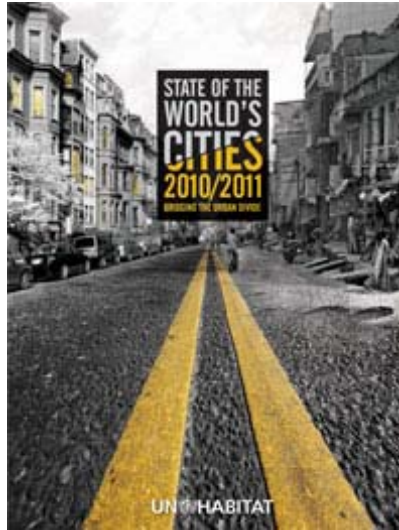
Main areas of support:

- Enhancement of regional, national and local capacity to implement Human settlements policies, strategies and programmes with special focus on reduction of urban poverty through advisory services and field projects
- Improvement of national policies on housing and urban development and increased regional knowledge of urban conditions and trends through publications, training courses, seminars, workshops

## Some initiatives at regional level

- Regional Capacity Strengthening Programme for sustainable integration of informal settlements in SEE: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FRYRofofMacedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo/UNSCR1244 , implementation phase 2010-2013
- Monitoring the Vienna Declaration on informal settlements in South East Europe, 6<sup>th</sup> VD Regional Review meeting in Budapest June 2010
- Global Land Tool Network  
*Financing affordable housing and infrastructures in cities: towards innovative land and property taxation, Warsaw October 2009*
- European Urban Summer School, Wroclaw September 2010
- Conference on *Decentralization and strengthening of local authorities* Poland, January 2011

# State of European Cities in Transition Report



Main goal: to contribute to new knowledge creation at the regional level on managing and addressing the challenges of sustainable urban development, to contribute to the debate about the future of cities and to facilitate the exchange of information about experiences and practices in the region.

Long-term development goal: to support countries of the region that has undergone rapid transformation over the past two decades, further achieving socially and environmentally sustainable cities through better information bases.

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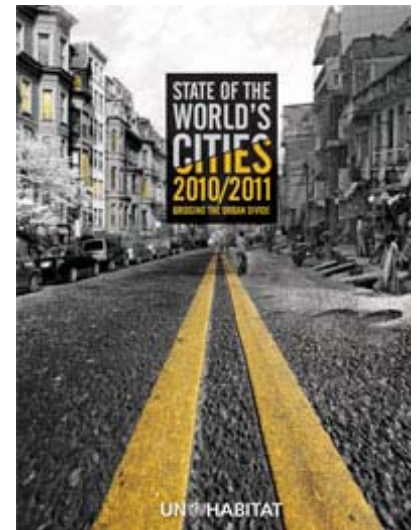
First Experts Group Meeting in Krakow, Poland January 2010

Geographical coverage:

- Czech republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia
- Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine
- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FRYRofMacedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia

Themes:

- Population and urbanization
- Economic roles of cities
- Social and housing issues
- Urban environment challenges
- Urban governance systems



# Field projects and programmes

## Serbia

- SIRP Settlement and Integration of Refugees Programme 2004-2008 / Government of Italy
- SILD Settlements and Integrated Local Development preparatory phase 2009-2010 / Government of Italy
- PBILD Promoting Peace Building in South Serbia a UN joint programme 2010-2012 / Spanish MDG Fund

## Kosovo\*

- Municipal Spatial Planning Support Programme Phase 2 2008-2011 / SIDA



# Serbia

Support to central and local institutions to develop adequate policy and institutional framework in the ongoing national reform process of the housing sector and in planning, in line with the EU integration process and through harmonization with EU standards and practices in the fields of [social housing](#), [planning for development](#) and [support to vulnerable groups and social inclusion](#).

Key partners:

- Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit, Office of the DPM for European Integration
- selected Local Self-Governments
- Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities

2004-2008

### HOUSING COMPONENT

#### Support to the Housing Sector Reform process

- 6 Municipal Housing Agencies established
- 6 Municipal Housing Strategies
- Open competitions for architectural project ideas for social housing
- 531 New Social Housing Units
- 140 Alternative Housing Solutions
- National Social Housing Policy instruments
- Social Housing Law adopted in August 2009

preparatory phase 2009-2010

National Conference on Access to Social and Affordable Housing:  
sharing experiences on policies in Serbia  
and other European countries, Belgrade February 2010

Three main themes:

- Housing policies reform processes
- Housing finance systems
- Strategies for addressing the needs of the low-income and socially vulnerable groups

Organized by the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning and SIPRUnit of the Office of the DPM for European Integration

Participants:

- Line ministries and national agencies
- SCTM
- Local Self Governments
- Municipal Housing Agencies
- Commercial banks
- UNECE, EU Delegation and other international organizations
- Academia
- Civil society organizations and non-profit associations

## Follow up:

- Inputs and experts recommendations provided for the formulation of the Draft National Strategy for Social Housing
- Expertise provided to the working group drafting the First National Report on monitoring social inclusion and poverty reduction – Housing Indicators – exp. end of 2010
- Training program on the Right to Adequate Housing in cooperation with Ministry of Minorities and Human Rights and OHCHR – May 2010

to conclude

## WORLD HABITAT DAY 2010

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Thank you to all our partners

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