



Preparation of a regional report

Challenges and priorities in housing and urban development in ECE region

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Objectives of the report

1. To assess the current situation and major challenges in housing and urban development in the ECE region; and
2. To define the priorities for future action in the areas of housing and urban development in the ECE region.

A special focus will be on those policies, policy instruments, programmes and projects that have improved housing and urban development in the region.



Top challenges in housing and urban development

- Inefficient use of energy in the residential sector
- Lack of affordable solutions for young people who enter the housing market
- Limited access to affordable, quality and healthy housing in the market
- Lack of easy access for disabled and aged persons due to physical/architectural barriers
- Low political attention to housing and urban development issues
- Decreased housing affordability as result of the economic crisis and unemployment
- Deteriorated housing stock due to a lack of maintenance and investment



Structure of the report

1. Regional analysis on housing in the ECE region
2. Regional analysis on urban development
3. National reports by member States
4. Policy recommendations towards Habitat III
5. References and Annexes



Structure of national reports

- I. Socio-economic conditions
- II. Housing and urban development policies in nutshell (reforms, financial frameworks)
- III. Housing and urban development – trends and challenges (development of cities, policy and practices)
- IV. Policy response to major challenges



Update on the publication

- [Informal note 1](#) - Update on the preparation of the publication "Challenges and priorities in housing and urban development in ECE region"
- This publication will be the Committee's contribution to HABITAT III which will take place in 2016.
 - Information on the preparation of the publication was discussed at the First session of the Preparatory Committee for HABITAT III in September 2014.



Timeline

- **September 2012-** Committee requests the secretariat to prepare the publication
- **October 2013** – Committee adopts on the report outline and that it would be its contribution to HABITAT III
- **February 2014** - Structure of the national reports was elaborated and the questionnaire was distributed to pilot countries
- **June 2014 Committee Bureau meeting** – results of pilot study were reported, the final questionnaire was developed



Questionnaires

Response rate: 64%

36 countries responded:

Albania	Hungary
Austria	Ireland
Armenia	Italy
Azerbaijan	Latvia
Belarus	Lithuania
Belgium	Montenegro
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Canada (Quebec)	Norway
Croatia	Poland
Cyprus	Republic of Moldova
Czech Republic	Slovakia
Denmark	Slovenia
England	Sweden
Estonia	Switzerland
Finland	Tajikistan
Georgia	Ukraine
Greece	Uzbekistan

Countries which promised to respond:

Bosnia and Herzegovina
France
Germany
Iceland
Israel
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Luxembourg
Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of)
Malta
Monaco
Portugal
Russian Federation
Spain
Turkey
Turkmenistan
United States

Countries which refused to respond:

Andorra & Liechtenstein

Countries which were not sent the questionnaire: San Marino



Timeline cont...

- **July – September 2014** - Secretariat distributed questionnaire to 56 member States and collects responses. Start of the regional analysis.
- **October 2014 to May 2015** – Regional analysis, collection of lacking national information
- **June - August 2015** – Editing, formatting and finalization of study
- **October 2015** – Approval of the report at seventy-sixth session



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