

## ESTABLISHED CENTRES

### Tallinn, Estonia

- The Geneva UN Charter Centre in Estonia was established in 2016 in Estonia in cooperation with the Estonian Union of Co-operative Housing Associations (EKYL).
- EKYL specializes in the development and organisation of training programs on housing management for local housing management associations in Estonia and in countries with economies-in-transition.

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### Glasgow, United Kingdom

- The centre is focusing its activities on the implementation of both the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the New Urban Agenda.
- The centre develops and conducts activities in research and capacity building on sustainable urban development by connecting with ministries, cities, NGO and academia.
- The key topics for research and capacity building include: investigation of comparative urbanism through integrated planning; town, neighbourhood and city design; and landscape art, design and ecology.

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The UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management includes 56 member States in Europe, North America and Central Asia.

The Committee works to promote energy efficient and adequate housing, including for those with special needs and vulnerable population groups.

It also promotes compact, inclusive, resilient, smart and sustainable cities as well as transparent and efficient land use and property registration.

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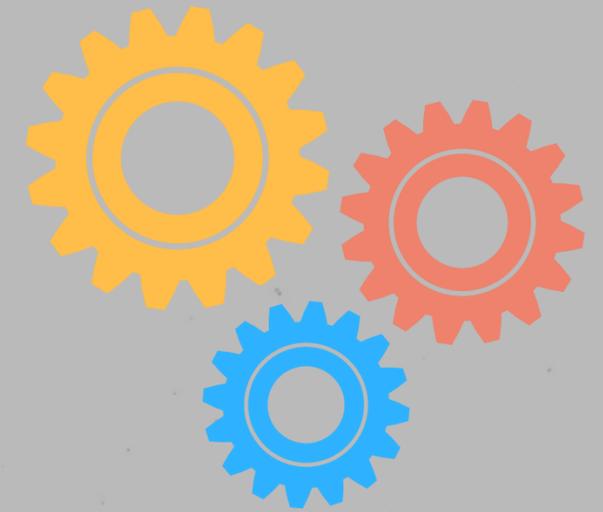
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GENEVA UN CHARTER  
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## 1 WHAT IS THE GENEVA UN CHARTER ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING?

## 2 WHAT ARE THE CHARTER CENTRES?

## 3 WHAT DO THE CENTRES DO?

## 4 HOW DO THE CENTRES OPERATE?

- The Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing is a non-legally binding document that supports member States as they seek to ensure access to decent, adequate and affordable and healthy housing for all, with due attention to reducing the impact of the housing sector on the environment.
- The Charter was developed and endorsed by representatives of 56 member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).
- The Charter is based on four principles: environmental protection; economic effectiveness; social inclusion and participation and cultural adequacy.

- The Centres are established as a network, 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.
- The Centres promote cooperation and knowledge sharing within the network.

- The Centres provide the following:
- Advisory services;
  - Research services;
  - Training and workshops;
  - Provision of information on the Charter through publications, mass media, and events;
  - Capacity building at international, national and local levels;
  - Networking with cities, regions, homeowner associations and other relevant stakeholders;
  - International network with other governments and international experts;
  - Research on the implementation of the Charter;
  - Best practices for Charter implementation;
  - Support with implementation of the Charter's principles.

- To establish the Centres UNECE partners with governments of the participating States, international, national and non-government organizations and academic institutions.
- Cooperation with the Centres is based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the UNECE and the partner organisation in the respective country.
- The Centres report to the Committee at its annual sessions.
- The Secretariat of the Committee on Housing and Land Management acts as a facilitator and coordinator of the network of the Charter implementation activities.