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„European Habitat”

Regional preparatory meeting for
Habitat III

**Sustainable Housing in Liveable
Cities**

Prague, 16 – 18 March, 2016



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Goals

Topic: “**Housing in Liveable Cities**” – in the process towards the “New Urban Agenda”, the „European Habitat“ will discuss how to ensure access to decent, adequate, affordable and healthy housing for all, with due attention to reducing the impact of the housing sector on the environment.

Official outcome: “**Prague Declaration**” – regional input into the „Habitat III“ summit.



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Participants

National delegations

- Heads of the delegations – Ministers and Deputy Ministers

Local authorities

- Mayors, city planners

Stakeholders

- NGOs, International associations
- Architects and urbanists
- Experts – demographer, sociologists
- Professors, students from universities

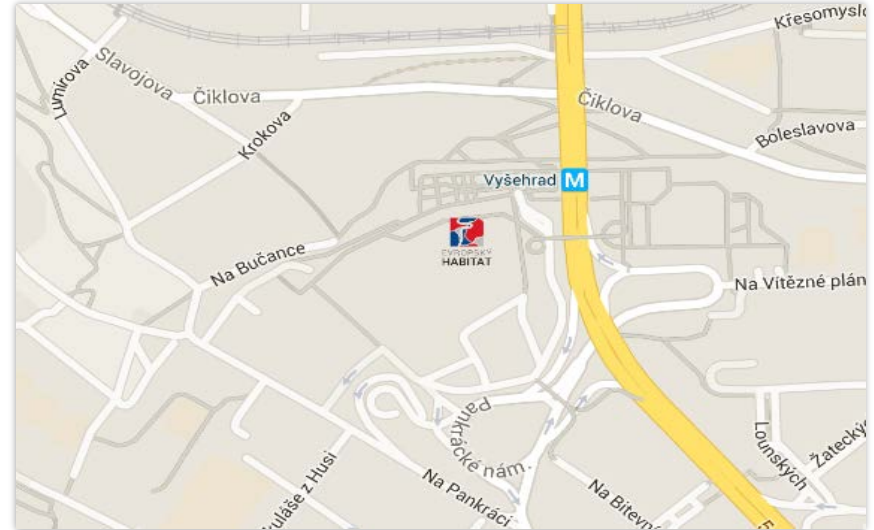
European institutions

- European Commission, Committee of the Regions, UN agencies, OECD,



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Venue





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Agenda

Day 1, Wednesday, March 16, morning session

10.00 – 12.00 Opening session

Welcome addresses

Ms Karla Šlechtová, Minister of Regional Development

Ms Adriana Krnáčová, Mayor of the City of Prague

Opening addresses

Mr Joan Clos, Secretary General of the Habitat III

Ms María Duarte, Co-chair of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee

Ms Maryse Gautier, Co-chair of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee

Key-note introductory presentation on liveable cities

Professor Jan Gehl, Denmark



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Day 1, Wednesday, March 16, afternoon sessions

14.00 – 15.30 Plenary and High-level Discussions I

Governance and planning

legislation and rules, spatial planning and design, data gathering, land policy, public spaces, urban and rural linkages

16.00 – 16.30 Prague Declaration Presentation

Presentation of the draft and introduction of the Advisory Board
(20-25 persons – representatives: UN, Member States, stakeholders)

16.30 – 17.30 Plenary and High-level Discussions II

Urban Economy

local economy and finance, smart cities, PPP, shared / collaborative economy, informal sector

16.30 – 17.30 Working group (Prague Declaration)



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Day 2, Thursday, March 16

09.00 – 12.30 Working group (Prague Declaration)

11.00 – 12.30 Plenary and High-level Discussions III Housing and Services

security of tenure, housing availability and affordability, specific housing needs, public services and infrastructure, informal settlements

14.00 – 15.30 Plenary and High-level Discussions IV Social cohesion

inclusive cities, socio-economic equity, safe cities, culture and heritage, migration and refugees

16.00 – 17.30 High-level Round Table on Cities for Future Generations

right to the city, visions of future cities, e-cities, cultural adequacy



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Day 3, Friday, March 17

09.00 – 11.30 Plenary and High-level Discussions IV

Urban environment

healthy and resilient cities, energy efficiency, climate neutrality,
ecosystems and resource management, disaster risk management

11.00 – 12.30 Final Plenary – Approval of the Prague Declaration – Closing

12.30 – 15.00 Glass of Wine



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Organization matters

Registration

open till 17 March

Side events

closed

Exhibitions

open till 1 March

Further info

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Side events & Exhibitions

Side events – call for proposals (closed)

- Organized by participants themselves, mostly without interpretation, for 1 – 1.5 hour.
- Meeting rooms available, microphones, screen and data-projector etc.
- About 70 requests for organizing side events.

Exhibitions – call for proposals (open till 1 March)

- Exhibition will provide to a wide range of stakeholders the opportunity to present their projects, best practices, housing and urban solutions, etc.
- Exhibitions will be located in the corridors of the Congress Centre.



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Side events & Exhibitions

Side events – examples

- PPP in the 21st century
- Transforming illegal buildings and settlements in legal and sustainable urban areas
- Equality, independence and community
- Participatory governance and inclusive cities
- The role of philanthropies in the architecture
- Tourism and urban development
- Low carbon cities
- Energy transition – technology and data in urban development

Exhibitions – examples

- Student projects – visions of future cities
- Ecuador – host country of the „Habitat III“ summit
- Children sketches – „City I want to live“
- Public spaces in cities



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Prague Declaration

Draft discussed in the UNECE intergovernmental process

- First draft prepared by the Bureau of the Committee on Housing and Land Management
- December 2015 – Plenary session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management
- January 2016 – comments and amendments
- March 2016 – draft to be submitted in the European Habitat

Draft follows the UN Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing

- Innovative and productive cities
- Green and compact and resilient cities
- Inclusive cities
- Good urban governance