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Implementation of the Geneva UN Charter in Switzerland

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Main challenges in the housing sector

- High housing costs for low-income households due to increased rents (problem of affordability)
- Integration of migrants/refugees in the housing market (problem of accessibility)
- Protection of the landscape and rural land (problem of urban sprawl)
- High energy consumption in the older housing stock



Measures to limit the negative impact of housing on the environment

- Change of the Spatial Planning Act accepted by the Swiss population in March 2013
 - Limitation of construction zones
 - Urban densification
 - Public spaces of high quality
- Increased funding of the national programme to promote energy-efficient renovations



Measures to promote access to housing

- Change of the tenancy law in order to improve market transparency decided by the Federal Council in May 2015
 - Obligation to inform the new tenant about the rent paid by the former tenant
- New funds decided by the Parliament in March 2015 in order to promote affordable housing
 - Continuation of the financial support of non-profit housing organizations until 2021
- Housing allowances are granted to low-income households in some cantons and cities



Measures to promote decent, adequate and barrier free housing



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Concevoir, évaluer
et comparer
des logements

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- New Housing Evaluation System to measure the functional quality (use-value) of housing constructions
- Evaluates the relation between quality and costs and ensures good use of federal financial aids
- Broad application: Planning and optimisation of housing, housing competitions, comparison of housing projects, training and research