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Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management

• An important tool to analyze countries’ urban development, housing and land management policies, strategies, institutional and financial frameworks

• The study is conducted on the request of UNECE member States, coordinated by the secretariat and drafted by independent international experts. UNECE’s involvement does not end with the launch of the study.
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Recently prepared Country Profiles:

• Tajikistan (2011)
• Ukraine (2013)
• Republic of Moldova (2015)
• Uzbekistan (2017)
• Armenia (2017)
• Kazakhstan (2018)
• Belarus (2019)
Follow-up to implement recommendations

Survey of member States on programmes related to housing policies, March-November 2020.

2020-2021 Sustainable Smart Cities profiles

• Almaty and Nur Sultan (Kazakhstan)
• Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)
• Podgorica (Montenegro)
Examples of key recommendations:

• Develop a decentralized cross-sectoral national housing strategy
• Develop a system for data collection and analysis to support housing policies
• Develop policies for addressing informal settlements and social housing
Country profiles
Albania – Cooperation on housing and urban development

Current status:
• The development of a second Country Profile for Albania has started
• Depends on availability of extrabudgetary funds
• Expected to be undertaken during 2020-2021.

Preparations started:
• UNECE-UN-Habitat project:
  • Supporting evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development
  • Targeting Albania and other countries with economies in transition
  • Implemented in 2017-2020.

• Included development of:
  • Guidelines for evidence-based housing policies
  • regional and national workshops
Country profiles
Albania – Planning for the second Country Profile

Key topics to be covered in the new Country Profile

Financing affordable housing
• Tools for financing affordable housing at national and local levels
• What’s the role of private investors in public policies towards affordable housing?

Role of Housing Agencies in addressing challenges of affordable housing provision
• Legal status of the agency
• Sources of funding for the running costs of the agency are used
• Sources of funding for the provision of social and/or affordable housing
• Good practices of activities of the national agencies which could be of interest for Albania
Thank you!

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