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Principles and Goals for Affordable, Healthy and Ecological Housing in the UNECE Region

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What are the major housing challenges in the UNECE region?

- Shortage of affordable housing
- Limited housing safety and unhealthy homes
- Poor energy efficiency and environmental soundness

Why a UNECE-wide housing policy framework is relevant?

- Increase political importance and visibility of the housing sector
- Provide guidance for the development of coherent national housing policies
- Encourage implementation of sound national policies for affordable, healthy and ecological housing
- Exchange of international experience and best practices and mobilization of assistance to address housing challenges at the national level

Principles to guide the UNECE-wide policy framework (1/3)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRINCIPLE

Access to affordable housing and secure tenure:

- **for peoples' well-being, and**
- **for ensuring a socially cohesive society**

GOALS

- **Ensure housing supply**
- **Availability of housing options**
- **Development of public housing finance instruments**
- **Decent housing management**
- **Development of housing refurbishment instruments**
- **Improve residential areas**

Principles to guide the UNECE-wide policy framework (2/3)

HEALTHY AND SAFE HOUSING PRINCIPLE

Every citizen has the right to a healthy,
safe and comfortable home

GOALS

- Better housing design and maintenance
- Ensure quality and safety of construction
- Provide housing for special-need groups
- Tackle informal settlements

Principles to guide the UNECE-wide policy framework (3/3)

ECOLOGICAL HOUSING PRINCIPLE

**Every citizen has the right to live in ecologically sound
and energy-efficient homes**

GOALS

- Better standards for environmental and energy performances of dwellings
- Ensure transformation of the housing sector towards climate neutrality
- Improve energy efficiency in existing housing
- Sustainable housing maintenance and utility systems
- Affordability of eco-housing

Thank you for attention!