

Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this survey! This is the first step towards developing a Smart Sustainable City Profile, helping to recognise the contribution of your municipality to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This survey will supply us with the information needed to showcase the progress of municipality towards SDGs and to contextualize the outcomes of the evaluation of your municipality against the Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities (KPIs for SSC).

The survey consists of five parts: (I) General overview; (II) Legal and institutional framework for urban development; (III) Municipal actions for sustainable development (with reference to three dimensions of the KPIs for SSC: economy, environment, society and culture); (IV) Funding and financing for urban development; (V) COVID-19 Recovery.

Please answer all the questions in the survey.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nadiia Yeremenko, Project Coordinator UNECE, at nadiia.yeremenko@un.org, or Mr Tommaso Bassetti Urban Policy Consultant UNECE, at tommaso.bassetti@un.org.

1. Please provide a name and email address so that we can contact you following the completion of the survey.

Part I - General Overview

2. Please briefly outline the key characteristics of your municipality; e.g. geographical situation, administrative and political framework; population and demographic situation; socio-economic conditions (industry, type of businesses, public utilities, education and culture, healthcare, social inclusion, recreation and sport, historical and cultural heritage); environmental conditions (land use, climate).

For instance, previous participants have given a brief overview of the municipality's geographical position and its districts, its population, its historical significance to the country, its environmental factors, the main business sectors/industries of the municipality's economy, etc.

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Part II – Legal and institutional framework for urban development

4. Please briefly outline the legal and institutional framework at the local level for urban development, including e.g. relevant legislative acts, municipal structure (recent changes to administrative structure; inter-municipal/inter-departmental collaboration).

For instance, previous participants have referred to national legislation, municipal structures, and the planning permission process, and outlined the statutory roles and responsibilities of key departments within the municipality.

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Part III.I – Actions for sustainable development - Economy

6. Please outline key recent municipal actions and achievements (also through international cooperation/projects) that aim to improve the social and economic conditions of your municipality.

Previous participants referred to social and economic policies and their objectives, and cited improvements in education, affordable housing, transport, parks etc. but also ICTs, productivity, and

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8. Please indicate key actions your city is planning to take to improve the social and economic development of the municipality in the period 2021-2030.

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10. Please outline any key actions you are planning to take, **including but not limited** to the following areas: (i) quality of water infrastructure and monitoring of water supply and water drainage systems; (ii) access to public and active modes of transport and traffic monitoring, (iii) sustainability and energy efficiency in buildings; (iv) access to pedestrian infrastructure; (v) access to open public/green spaces;

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12. For all policies, projects or programmes mentioned above, please provide references (e.g. name of the policy initiative, the year it started).

Part III.II – Actions for sustainable development – Environment

13. Please outline key actions (and achievements) in improving the condition of environment in your municipality.

Previously, participants referred to policies, projects and programmes in the area of environment and cited improvements in water quality, decreasing noise pollution, etc.

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15. Please indicate key actions you are planning to take to improve the condition of the environment in your municipality in the period 2021-2030.

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17. Please outline any key actions you are planning to take, **including but not limited to** the following areas: (i) public building energy consumption and electricity consumption in the municipality; (ii) solid waste processing; and (iii) water consumption.

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19. For all policies, projects or programmes mentioned above, please provide references (e.g. name of the policy initiative, the year it started).

Part III.III – Actions for sustainable development - Society and Culture

20. Please outline key actions (and achievements) of your municipality in improving social inclusion and the quality of cultural life in your municipality.

Previously, participants have cited social policy objectives in relation to education, health, culture, safety, housing and others.

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22. Please indicate key actions you are planning to take to improve the social inclusion and cultural life in the municipality in the period 2021-2030.

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24. Please outline any key actions you are planning to take on the following issues: (i) the access to healthcare services and the emergency services in the municipality; (ii) gender income equality; (iii) access to childcare; (iv) reducing income poverty; (v) reducing the violent crime rate.

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Part IV – Funding and financing for urban development

27. Please briefly outline key challenges in financing and funding urban development in your municipality and how your municipality is addressing these challenges.

Previous participants have referred to, for instance, public sector finance limitations and steps taken to improve the investment attractiveness of the municipality.

Please limit your response to 250 words.

28. Please briefly outline the key projects that the municipality is currently investing in, and private public partnerships (PPPs) that it is a part of.

Previous participants referred to urban infrastructure projects, outlined their objectives and how they projects are delivered.

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29. Please indicate the key areas of spending and investment in your municipality.

For instance, past participants outlined the spending on municipal services (such as education, healthcare, welfare services, and technical services), as well as the municipal investments (such as investments in the provision and modernization of urban infrastructure, including renewing electricity systems and traffic systems, and the preparation of master plans and urban regeneration proposals).

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30. Please outline the size and composition of the municipal budget for 2021 and 2022 (or longer term, depending on what is available).

For instance, past participants have provided information about the size of the operating budget and the investment budget, as well as the sources of revenue for the budget (such as tax revenue or government grants) and their relative size.

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Part V: COVID-19 recovery

31. What sectors of the local urban economy have been majorly hit by the pandemic?

32. Do you have data on the social and economic consequences of the pandemic at the urban level? (e.g. loss of businesses' revenues, unemployment levels, ability to operate public transport etc. If so, can you link us to some key documents and articles we should be aware of?

33. What short-term actions have been put in place by your city (also through national government or international support) to limit the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic? (e.g. support for city residents, SMEs, health, education system, cultural sector etc.).

34. What strategic pillars should the city focus on in the medium-long term in order to build back a smarter and more sustainable city? (e.g. access to basic infrastructure, affordable housing, public green spaces, active mobility options, sustainable public transport, digitalisation, health, education, governance structures etc.).