UNECE Housing & Land Management activities on energy efficiency in buildings

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Energy Efficiency in Buildings

The Committee on Sustainable Energy and the Committee on Housing and Land Management established the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings.

Publications:

- Promoting Energy Efficiency Standards and Technologies to Enhance Energy Efficiency in Buildings
- Compendium of best practices on standards and technologies for energy efficiency in buildings in the UNECE region
- Mapping of Existing Technologies to Enhance Energy Efficiency in Buildings in the UNECE Region

Read more at: https://unece.org/publications/housing-and-land-management
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Housing Affordability and the #Housing2030 initiative

Improving housing affordability is currently one of the most important policy challenges as countries and cities in the UNECE region face an undersupply of affordable housing, continuous increase of urban rents, low quality housing and urban infrastructure, limited access to land for housing construction and renovation, and mounting urban poverty and homelessness.

UNECE, UN-Habitat and Housing Europe launched the #Housing2030 initiative – the housing affordability study with the goal of improving capacities of national and local governments to formulate policies that improve housing affordability and housing sustainability in the UNECE region.

The objectives of the study are to:

• Explore housing affordability challenges and existing policy instruments for improving housing affordability in the UNECE region
• Facilitate the exchange and dissemination of “good practices” in improving housing affordability among countries and cities of the UNECE region
• Identify needs of policy-makers to further develop and implement policies addressing housing affordability.

Read more at: https://unece.org/housing/affordablehousing or https://www.housing2030.org/

We are also working on a report on Sharing Economy in the Housing Sector.
The Centres are established as a network under the coordination of the UNECE. Activities of the Centres of Excellence are coordinated by the secretariat. The individual Centres are planning a range project and events related to Energy Efficiency in Buildings.

Example:
The Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Housing in Estonia works towards achieving energy efficiency and reducing housing costs for middle- and low-income households. The Centre will

- plan and coordinate public dissemination activities, national and international networking
- organize new training programs
- participate in the preparation of housing policy and legal acts in Estonia and EU level
- work with a new initiative POWERPOOR to reduce energy poverty in Estonia

Read more at: https://unece.org/housing/charter-centres
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Regional Action Plan 2030

Place and Life in the UNECE

Policy Area A: CITIES, NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOMES and RURAL LIFE
Goal A1: Coordinated national, sub-national and local action through multi-level governance and strategic plans and frameworks.
Goal A2: City-wide and integrated action
Goal A3: Sustainable neighbourhoods and local living environments

Policy Area B: SUSTAINABLE HOUSING and HOME’S
Goal B1: Governance
Goal B2: Land Policy
Goal B3: Finance & Funding
Goal B4: Climate Neutral Housing

UNECE has prepared *Place and Life in the UNECE: Regional Action Plan 2030* on the role of affordable, sustainable housing within urban development across the UNECE region. *Place and Life* is focused on taking specific actions to tackle challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in the region, city, neighbourhood and home.

It proposes a series of aims, principles, policies, goals and targets to inspire action in affordable housing and sustainable urban development, to be implemented, on a voluntary basis, by international organisations, member States and cities, the private sector, civil society and other stakeholders.

The aims of the Action Plan are to tackle inequalities and development deficiencies, strengthen the capacities of local actors, and pursue a green, resilient and inclusive economic recovery.
Calendar of events

**SDG11 Day** – 6 October 2021

**UNECE Ministerial meeting focusing on housing** – 6-7 October 2021

**Centres of Excellence side event to the Committee session** – 8 October 2021

**COP26 Mayors Breakfast** – November 2021

**Second UN Forum of Mayors** – 4-5 April 2022

**Regional Forum on SD** – 6-7 April 2022

**World Urban Forum, Katowice, Poland, June 2022**

The second Forum of Mayors will be held back-to-back with the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development. The event will provide a platform for Mayors from the UNECE region to exchange information on experiences and best practices on city level policies and practices.

Read more at: [unece.org/housing/events/forum-of-mayors-2022](http://unece.org/housing/events/forum-of-mayors-2022)
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