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Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan
2030 Sketches by Norman Foster, President of the Norman Foster Foundation

Note by the Secretariat of the Committee

Summary

This document contains sketches by Norman Foster, President of the Norman Foster Foundation, to the “Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes”. The Action Plan is expected to be endorsed by the Ministerial Meeting.

The sketches will be added to the Action Plan after it is endorsed by the Ministers which will be then published as a United Nations official publication.
Regional Action Plan 2030 Sketches

By Norman Foster, President of the Norman Foster Foundation

After graduating from Manchester University School of Architecture and City Planning in 1961, Norman Foster received a Henry Fellowship to Yale University, where he was a fellow of Jonathan Edwards College and gained a master’s degree in Architecture. In 1967 he established Foster Associates, which has since evolved into Foster + Partners, where he continues as Executive Chairman.

He became the 21st Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate in 1999 and was awarded the Praemium Imperiale Award for Architecture in Tokyo in 2002. In 2009, he became the 29th Laureate of the prestigious Prince of Asturias Award for the Arts and was awarded the Knight Commander’s Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. In 1997, he was appointed by the Queen of the United Kingdom to the Order of Merit and in 1999 was honoured with a peerage, taking the title of Lord Foster of Thames Bank.
A Regional Action Plan 2021
Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes
SUSTAINABLE HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENTS

Sharing examples
promoting good practice
a. Housing designed and built

b. Sustainable in a vibrant economy

c. Social inclusion, civic involvement, transparency

d. Sensitive to local culture and values

To minimise environmental impact
CITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE

Future resilience  Inclusion  Green and economic sustainability
To build capacity within and between member states in respect of policy, development, organisation, design and implementation.
To shape housing systems that generate access to adequate and affordable housing.

Access to different kinds of affordable housing systems
The Forum of Mayors and ECE Charter Centres of Excellence
To establish networks of cities, agencies and stakeholders
Compact city - Neighbourhood - mixed uses - high density - walkable
pedestrian friendly
Goal AZ Blue
Public space - Green area
biodiversity - sports facilities.
Goal BI: Addressing emergency - image of a city under emergency Blue
GOAL B2: LAND POLICY - MIX OF LAND USES.
FINANCE AND FUNDING
Create different kinds of affordable housing opportunities – climate neutral and inclusive.

Regulate national finance systems to extend investment.
Responsible credit norms & standards.
Priority to first-time buyers.
State aid rules.
Goal 8.4: Energy Efficient Housing

- Solar power
- Building materials low embedded carbon
- Rainwater collection
- Walkable neighbourhood
- Fresh air
- Access to nature
- Low flow water fixtures
- High performance windows & walls
- Energy efficient appliances