Carbon neutral and energy efficient housing – Activities of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing & Land Management
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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:

• Good practices for Energy Efficient Housing in the UNECE Region
• Guidelines on the Management and Ownership of Condominium Housing
Our work on...

Energy Efficiency in Buildings – planning next steps

The Committee is invited
- To decide the Committee’s participation in the work of the Joint Task Force for the period 2020-2021
- Endorse the amended “Terms of Reference of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings for 2022-2023” and agree to extend the mandate of the Joint Task Force for 2022-2023
- Endorse the Updated Framework Guidelines for Energy-Efficiency Standards in Buildings
Our work on...  
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.
Our work on...

Network of Centres of Excellence

The current Network of Centres of Excellence includes eight Centres across eight countries. The Centres of Excellence support implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing through capacity building, advisory services, studies, awareness-raising, knowledge-sharing, and actual projects. These all aim to improve city quality of life and provide affordable, energy-efficient housing for all.

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.
UNFCCC COP26 – Glasgow, UK: Collaborative UN system side event “Climate-neutral housing - Decarbonizing the housing stock in an inclusive and affordable way”, 4 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
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