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Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group**Terms of Reference of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for Sustainable, Climate-Neutral and Energy-Efficient Buildings and Cities for 2023-2024****Note by the Bureau of the Committee***Summary*

The mandate and the terms of reference of the Real Estate Market (REM) Advisory Group were extended until end of 2022 pursuant to the ECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) decision ECE/EX2020/L.15 of December 2020.

At its meeting, on 13 January 2022, the Bureau of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM) discussed the activities of the Advisory Group and recommended the extension of its mandate until end of 2024.

The Committee is invited to endorse the revised terms of reference contained in this document and recommend to EXCOM to renew the mandate and approve the terms of reference of the REM Advisory Group until end of 2024.



I. Objectives

1. The REM Advisory Group supports CUDHLM and the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA) in the implementation of their programmes of work.
2. The Advisory Group assists the Committee and WPLA in developing stronger and more sustainable housing; real estate markets; and smart sustainable cities. The Advisory Group reports to both bodies.

II. Activities

3. The activities of the Advisory Group address:
 - (a) Affordable, adequate and healthy housing, and real estate markets (including sharing economy in the housing sector);
 - (b) Housing finance (including transparent financial products for housing);
 - (c) Climate-neutral and energy-efficient buildings and cities;
 - (d) Management of multi-apartment buildings;
 - (e) Property valuation and registration;
 - (f) Fire safety in buildings;
 - (g) Smart, circular and sustainable cities;
 - (h) Land markets and land administration (related topics like land planning and housing sustainability);
 - (i) Urban planning and design.
4. The Advisory Group will, according to the needs expressed by member States and following decisions by the Committee:
 - (a) Provide practical advice on overcoming the challenges addressed by the Committee and the Working Party in order to improve conditions for sustainable housing, urban development, and land management;
 - (b) Prepare guidelines and best practices that support sustainable housing, urban development and land management, including best practices for encouraging investment in national housing real estate markets;
 - (c) Recommend activities to the Committee and WPLA to support the implementation of their programmes of work;
 - (d) Assist the Committee and WPLA in undertaking studies and advisory missions; organizing seminars and training workshops; drafting policy documents and guidelines; collecting data; disseminating information on the activities of the Committee and developing training material;
 - (e) Work with the Committee and WPLA to assist countries with training and capacity-building for stakeholders involved in the housing market;
 - (f) Collect examples of good practice in housing, urban development and land administration reforms in the ECE region; and develop studies on topical issues proposed and accepted by the Committee and WPLA;
 - (g) Assist the Committee and the Working Party with specific projects at their request.

5. The Advisory Group may propose specific activities. The final decision on activities to be carried out by the Advisory Group remains with the Committee.
6. The Chair of the Advisory Group will, when possible and necessary, attend meetings of the Bureau of the Committee to discuss and present the work of the Advisory Group.

III. Membership

7. The selection of Advisory Group members will be in line with the “Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of teams of specialists within UNECE” (ECE/EX/2/Rev.1) and the following rules and principles:
 - (a) Members of the Advisory Group must be nominated by member States or by non-governmental organizations recognized by the Economic and Social Council or identified and proposed by the secretariat.
 - (b) Members shall be representatives of private sector, non-governmental organizations, academia and municipalities.
 - (c) Each member State or non-governmental organization may nominate, at most, one member of the Advisory Group at a time.
 - (d) Nominations must be submitted to the secretariat at least 14 days before the Committee session in which the nomination is to be submitted.
 - (e) Nominations must be renewed, or new nominations submitted, when the mandate of the Advisory Group is extended, normally, every two years.
8. The composition of the Advisory Group should, to the extent possible, include members whose knowledge and experience cover all areas under the programme of work of the Committee.
9. Members of the Advisory Group participate in activities of the Committee in their own personal capacity.¹
10. The Advisory Group will select from its own members a Chair and one or two vice-chairs. The Chair and the vice-chair(s) remain in charge for a period of maximum two years. The renewal of their appointment is possible for a maximum of two more periods.

¹ Members who have not been active for at least one whole year without a written notification to the secretariat will be automatically removed by the secretariat who will inform said member via email. Members who prove to be inactive include those who do not participate in meetings; do not contribute to studies and other activities of the Advisory Group; and do not respond to emails and messages by the secretariat.