

## 11<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum

### Voice from cities event: Housing challenges for Circular Cities: Socioeconomic challenges to make smart cities more sustainable

28 June 2022, Tuesday

16:30 to 18:00 (CET)

Venue: Voices from Cities Room B

Language: English

Interpretation: Polish, Spanish, English, French + CART

Format: in-person

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#### Panel. Socioeconomic challenges to make smart cities more sustainable.

The event is thought to discuss the challenges the cities are facing related to their housing market, the implications that economic issues would have on the wellbeing of the citizens, and how they contribute to circularity in cities. Experts from the Real Estate Advisory Group of UNECE (REM) will present different cases and studies they are involved in to debate those challenges and define future lines of potential policies for more sustainable life in cities and potential ideas to promote circularity in cities associated with the issues debated.

The panel is devoted to the socioeconomic challenges for a sustainable city cover affordability, energy poverty, resiliency in neighbourhoods, economic impacts, and finance.

#### Opening and Welcoming:

**Gulnara Roll**, Regional Advisor, Forests, Land and Housing Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

**Chair: Paloma Taltavull de La Paz**, Real Estate Advisory Group- REM and University of Alicante, Spain

#### Panel speakers and topics

- People's behaviour vs regional policies + Social areas
  - **Irena Perfanova**
- Housing (lack of) Affordability and its consequences
  - **Conor O'Toole**
- Energy efficiency and welfare: avoiding energy poverty
  - **Nikolaos Triatafyllopoulos**
- The sustainable finance
  - **Raul Garcia-Rodriguez**
- The short-term rental market and its economic impacts
  - **Paloma Taltavull**