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#### Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group

## Programme of Work of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group 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 6 July 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 revised terms of reference are provided in document ECE/HBP/2022/7.

REM Advisory Group also developed a draft programme of work for the period 2023-2024. The draft was discussed with the Bureau of the Committee that agreed on its content.

This document contains the programme of work of REM Advisory Group for the period 2023-2024.

The Committee is invited to endorse this programme of work and recommend to the Economic Commission for Europe Executive Committee to approve it.



## I. Objectives

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

## II. Activities

2. The activities of the REM Advisory Group address, according to its draft terms of reference (ECE/HBP/2022/6), the following thematic priorities:

- (a) affordable, adequate and healthy housing, and real estate markets;
- (b) the sharing economy in the housing market;
- (c) housing finance (including transparent financial products for housing);
- (d) climate neutral and energy efficient buildings and cities;
- (e) refurbishing, retrofitting and decarbonizing housing stock;
- (f) property valuation and registration;
- (g) fire safety in buildings;
- (h) smart, circular and sustainable cities;
- (i) land markets and land administration (related topics like land planning and housing sustainability); and
- (j) urban planning and design.

## III. Proposed activities for the programme of work 2023–2024

3. The REM Advisory Group, in cooperation with the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and the Working Party on Land Administration, will:

(a) Organize international workshops, side events and training activities to support the implementation of the Committee's and the Working Party's programmes of work, including the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the Action Plan "Place and Life in the UNECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in the region, city, neighbourhood and homes".

(b) Prepare studies, policy briefs, best practice guidelines and recommendations on the above-mentioned thematic priorities.

(c) Support the dissemination of information about the Committee's and Working Party's activities, including the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and the Action Plan "Place and Life in the UNECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in the region, city, neighbourhood and homes", through presentations at international meetings, and the preparation of articles in books, journals and mass media, including social media.

4. The REM Advisory Group will also:
    - (a) Participate in the Committee's activities on energy efficient and affordable housing, especially in support of the Economic Commission for Europe Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings.
    - (b) Provide input into the Committee's activities on smart sustainable cities and country profiles, including the development of smart sustainable city indicators and standards, the preparation of smart sustainable city and country profiles and action plans. The REM Advisory Group members will participate in related events and capacity building workshops and will also support the ECE secretariat with fundraising for future activities under this topic. They will also participate in the activities of the "United for Smart Sustainable Cities" initiative.
  5. The Committee is invited to endorse the REM Advisory Group programme of work and recommend to the Executive Committee to approve it for the period of 2023-2024.
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