



## Affordable, decent and healthy housing for Ukrainian cities

*The workshop is organized in the framework of the project “UN4Kharkiv: Integrated Rehabilitation of Settlements (Territories) in Ukraine with a pilot project in the city of Kharkiv”*

**26 September 2022, 4:00 to 6:15 p.m. CET**

The workshop will be held online via Zoom.

A limited in-person participation will be possible at UNECE in Tirana, Albania

Registration for the workshop is available at the following link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_rAQ7EWH4SNipYGfYJnmEng](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rAQ7EWH4SNipYGfYJnmEng)

### Concept note

The workshop is organized in the framework of the project “UN4Kharkiv: Integrated Rehabilitation of Settlements (Territories) in Ukraine with a pilot project in the city of Kharkiv” implemented by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). The project supports the efforts of the national and local governments in Ukraine for the planning of and preparations for rebuilding cities based on the “building back better” principle.

It focuses on the pilot city of Kharkiv where the city government, with the support of the renowned architect Norman Foster, the Norman Foster Foundation, ARUP Berlin and other international experts, is developing a new Master Plan. The destruction caused by the war has affected nearly every area of the city of Kharkiv. According to the city government, at the end of June 2022, 3,482 residential houses were destroyed and over 150,000 people required access to housing, including inhabitants from Kharkiv as well as internally displaced persons from the war zone in Ukraine.

The workshop will:

- (1) Discuss legal, institutional, financial and technical challenges to providing affordable decent housing, both emergency housing and long-term affordable;
- (2) Present international practices in the provision of affordable, decent and healthy housing;
- (3) Formulate recommendations for approaches to provide access to people in cities in Ukraine to affordable, decent and healthy housing which would also support the implementation of the Ukrainian National Recovery Plan.

The workshop will build on the expertise of UNECE, the Norman Foster Foundation, and ARUP Berlin members of the UN4Kharkiv Task Force which includes representatives of twelve United Nations agencies active in reconstruction efforts in Ukraine. The workshop will include a presentation on the [#Housing2030](#)'s study with its toolkit on affordable climate-neutral housing.

The workshop will support the regional exchange of experiences and good practices in countries of the UNECE region on affordable, decent and healthy housing.



**Organizers:**

The [United Nations Economic Commission for Europe \(UNECE\)](#); Ministry of Communities, Territories Development of Ukraine; and the city government of Kharkiv.

**Language:**

The workshop will be conducted in English and Ukrainian languages with simultaneous interpretation. The link for the online participation will be sent to registered participants

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**Moderator: Gulnara Roll, Regional Adviser,** Forests, Land and Housing Division at UNECE, Geneva, Switzerland

**16:00-16:05 Opening and welcome**

- **Doris Andoni**, Chair, UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management; and Director of Housing Department, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania

**16:05 – 16:45 Session One. Rebuilding affordable and safe housing: What are the challenges in the short-term and long-term for the provision of affordable, decent and healthy housing in Ukraine**

- **Natalia Kozlovska**, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine on Housing, Ukraine
- **Dmytro Fomenko**, Deputy Head of the working group for the development of the General Plan of the city of Kharkiv; and founder and chief architect of the architectural bureau ARTE-development, Ukraine
- **Serhii Komnatnyi**, Chairman of the Board, State Fund for Support of Youth Housing Construction, Ukraine.

**16:45 – 17:25 Session Two. International practices on access to affordable decent and healthy housing**

- **Darius Golchan**, Architect, ACAU Architecture, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Knut Höller**, Managing Board Member, Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO), Berlin, Germany
- **Marko Nokkala**, of Finland with examples of affordable housing with multifunctional underground shelters.

**17:25-17:55 Session Three. Recommendations for approaches to be used in Ukraine**

- **Shipra Narang Suri**, Chief, Urban Practices Branch, UN-Habitat
- **Oleg Drozdov**, Founder, Lead Architect, Tutor at Kharkiv School of Architecture, Ukraine



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- **Julie Lawson**, Lead writer of the study report #Housing2030; and Associate Professor, Centre for Urban Research, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia
- **Stuart Smith**, Director at Arup, Berlin, Germany

#### 17:55-18:15 Conclusions

- **Olga Demianenko**, Head of Department for Cooperation with International Agencies and Financial Institutions, City Council of Kharkiv, Ukraine
- **Alberto Cendoya and Diego Lopez**, Architects at Norman Foster Foundation, Madrid, Spain (on implications to the new Kharkiv master plan)
- **Natalia Kozlovska**, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine on European Integration