Matters arising

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ELEVATING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA IN THE UN’S REGIONAL ARCHITECTURE

– Regional Forums on Sustainable Development
– Regional Collaborative Platforms (and Issues Based Coalitions)
– Regional Statistical Commissions
– Regional Review of global agreements and frameworks (ICPD, Beijing Platform for Action, Sendai Framework)
The H22 +50 Session and Dialogue of Eminent Experts on smart, sustainable, and inclusive cities, 31 May and 1 June 2022, Helsingborg, Sweden

- High visibility event aimed to facilitate the exchange of experiences and best practices on the localization of the SDGs.
- Special focus on the partnerships for achieving the SGDs: how cities engage with national governments and other key stakeholders, including private sector, civil society and academia, in their efforts to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs.
- Co-organized with the city of Helsingborg, Sweden; and UN DESA.
- Included UNECE presentations on the UNECE regional VLR guidelines and examples of SDG VLRs
International Social Housing Festival (ISHF)  
14-17 June 2022, Helsinki, Finland

To promote the discussion on affordable, decent and healthy housing, organized a workshop “Climate-neutral housing – Decarbonizing the housing stock in an inclusive and affordable way”.

Also participated in workshops organized by others:

• “RE-DWELL Delivering Affordable and Sustainable in Europe”. Organized by RE-DWELL project and Housing Europe

• “Housing policy dialogue towards ISHF 2023 in Barcelona” by Barcelona Municipal Institute for Housing and Renovation

• “Annual Conference: What if...we imagined Next Generation housing with the youth?” by Housing Europe

• Workshop “New Social Housing – What is social in social housing?” The workshop was co-organized by TU Wien.
UNECE at the World Urban Forum, Katowice, Poland, 28-30 June 2022

The World Urban Forum (WUF) is the biennial global conference on sustainable urbanization aimed to review the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

UNECE organized events to disseminate information on its activities and strengthen partnerships. The following events organized on the SDGs localization:

• ONE UN EVENT - Fostering SDGs localization and NUA Implementation through strengthening the capacities of national and local authorities in urban planning to enhance resilience and strengthen recoveries from the COVID-19 pandemic,

• NETWORKING EVENT - Localizing the SDGs: Making societies resilient for the times ahead.
Innovative financing for cities
• NETWORKING EVENT - Scaling-up financing for sustainable urban infrastructure – experiences from the UNECE region

Affordable, adequate and climate neutral housing
• TRAINING EVENT - Climate-neutral housing – Decarbonizing the housing stock in an inclusive and affordable way
• NETWORKING EVENT - Effective policies for affordable, inclusive and environment-friendly housing
• VOICES FROM CITIES EVENT - Housing Challenges for Circular Cities: Socioeconomic challenges to make smart cities more sustainable

National Urban Policies
• NETWORKING EVENT - National Urban Policies for transformative power of Cities
Thank you

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