

Report by the Chair of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management



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83rd session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM)



The 83rd session was held in two parts:

- **Part I**, the Second Forum of Mayors, took place on **3-5 April 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland**, and was organized in hybrid format, back-to-back with the ECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD) as mandated by EXCOM (ECE/EX/2020/L.16).
- **Part II** took place on **3-6 October 2022 in San Marino**. The meeting was organized in person as per the advice of the Bureau of the Committee.
- The report of the session is contained in document ECE/HBP/213.



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Key topics addressed during the Second Forum of Mayors



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- **44 city leaders** shared experiences and best practices on
 - Sustainable urban transport, shared mobility and safer roads
 - Vibrant public spaces, green cities and nature-based solutions
 - Resilient, healthy and climate-neutral buildings and affordable and adequate housing
 - Sustainable urban planning, the 15-minute city and smart urban development solutions
- **Networked for joint action: More than 500 participants** from UNECE region and beyond.
- The outcomes **fed into Part II of CUDHLM 83rd session**

Key topics addressed by member States in San Marino



Despite wide regional differences and broad development disparities across ECE member States, **Ministers shared the following recurring themes and common issues**

- Using urban planning as a tool for ensuring climate-neutral and circular homes and cities
- Emerging needs of the ECE region in the areas of housing, real estate and urban development in light of the Ukraine refugee crisis
- Overcoming the lingering effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and building urban economic resilience
- Accelerating digitalization in land administration while avoiding the ‘digital divide ‘
- Localizing the SDGs
- Transitioning to smart, sustainable cities.

Adoption of the San Marino Declaration



San Marino Declaration on Principles for Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Design and Architecture in Support of Sustainable, Safe, Healthy, Socially-inclusive, Climate-neutral and Circular Homes, Urban Infrastructure and Cities

- Addresses the need for a multifaceted approach for addressing the social, economic, and environmental dimensions of sustainability
- First-of-its kind indivisible, action-oriented Principles for Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Design and Architecture.
- Aimed at strengthening the roles of city mayors, architects, engineers, urban planners, designers, surveyors, building and city managers, developers and infrastructure operators in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Endorsement of the revised guidelines for the development of Voluntary Local Reviews



- In 2021, CUDHLM endorsed the **ECE Guidelines for the development of VLRs**, which provide an evidence-based framework for tracking progress in achieving the SDGs using the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Smart Sustainable Cities (SSC), developed jointly with ITU.
- The 83rd Committee session **endorsed the revised Guidelines** which supports a coherent approach for anchoring the cities' evaluation against the KPIs for SSC and other indicators in a whole-of-government perspective that is linked to the three pillars of sustainability.



Smart Sustainable Cities and Post-COVID 19 recovery



The Committee secretariat continued to implement activities to promote smart sustainable cities in collaboration with other UN organizations and development partners:

- **U4SSC thematic group on Innovative Financing** : The “Compendium of Practices on Innovative Financing” was finalized for publication
- **UNDA 12th tranche project “Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030 Agenda ...”** supports development of smart sustainable cities profiles for the cities of Almaty, Kazakhstan; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Tbilisi, Georgia; and Podgorica, Montenegro
- **Project “Strengthening capacity for the implementation of urban-related SDGs in San Marino ...”** supported development of the Smart Sustainable City Profile for San Marino”
- **UNDA 12 tranche residual funds project on “Building urban economic resilience during and after COVID-19”** supported development of action plans to overcome negative consequences of COVID-19 pandemic in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Tbilisi, Georgia; and Tirana, Albania.



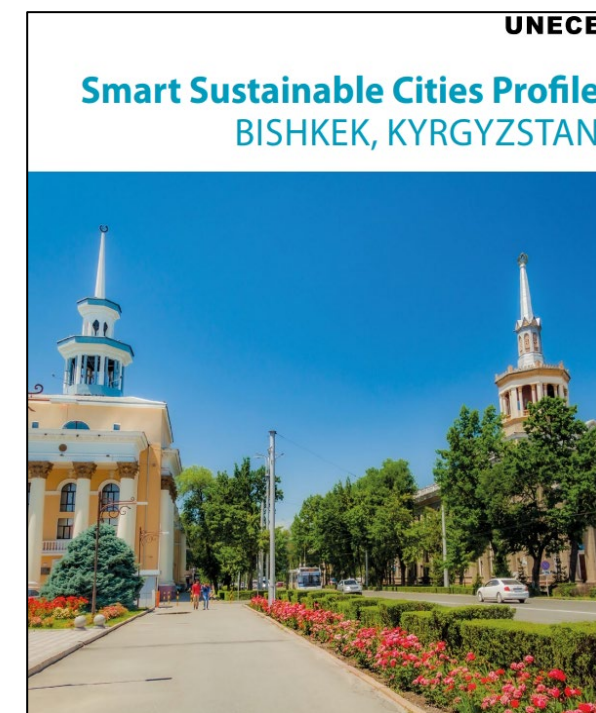
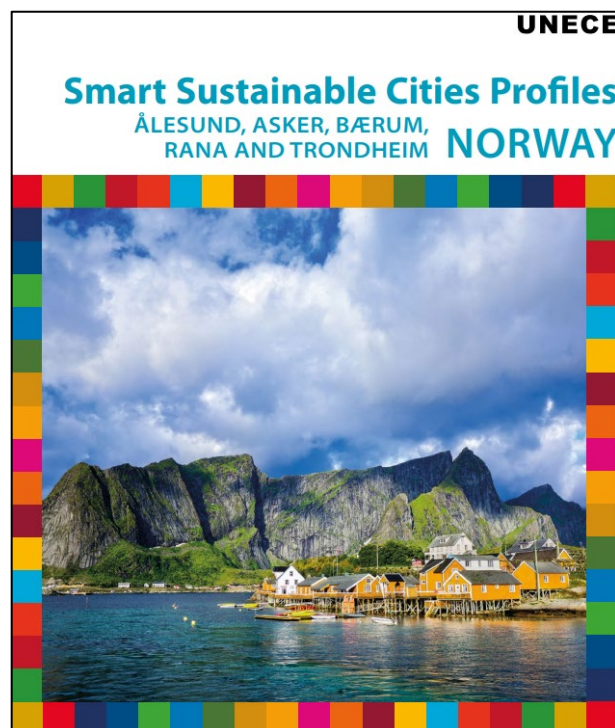
Cities under KPI evaluation by UNECE



Conclusions & recommendations, produced by UNECE based on the data (KPIs) provided by the city/state

(1) **Economy** – 45 indicators; (2) **Environment** – 17 indicators (3) **Society and culture** – 29 indicators

- Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan
- Podgorica, Montenegro
- Tbilisi, Georgia
- Voznesensk, Ukraine
- Goris, Armenia
- 17 cities in Norway

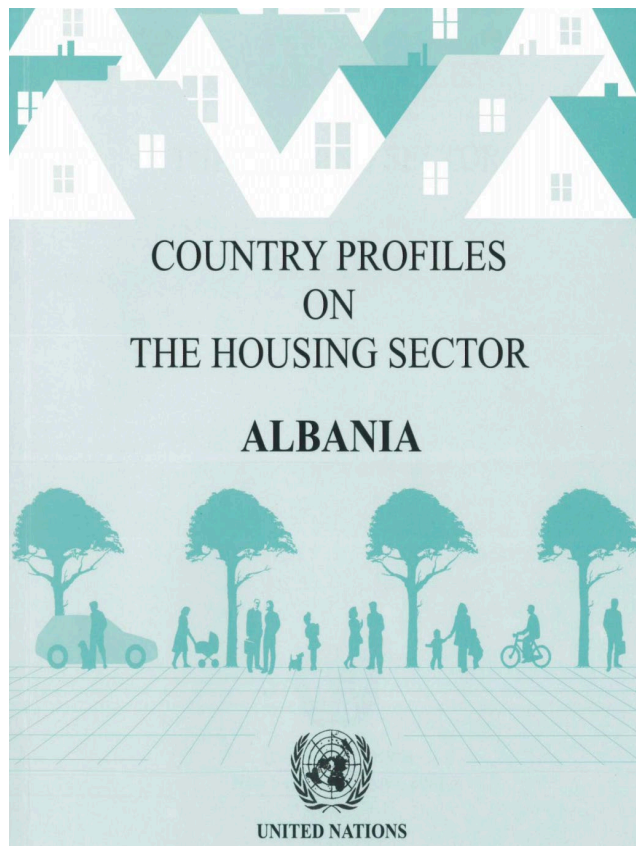


Country Profiles – Albania and Montenegro



Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management of Albania and Montenegro to be developed in 2023-2024.

The country profile for Montenegro will integrate results of the ECE assessment on the country's housing system prepared in 2022.



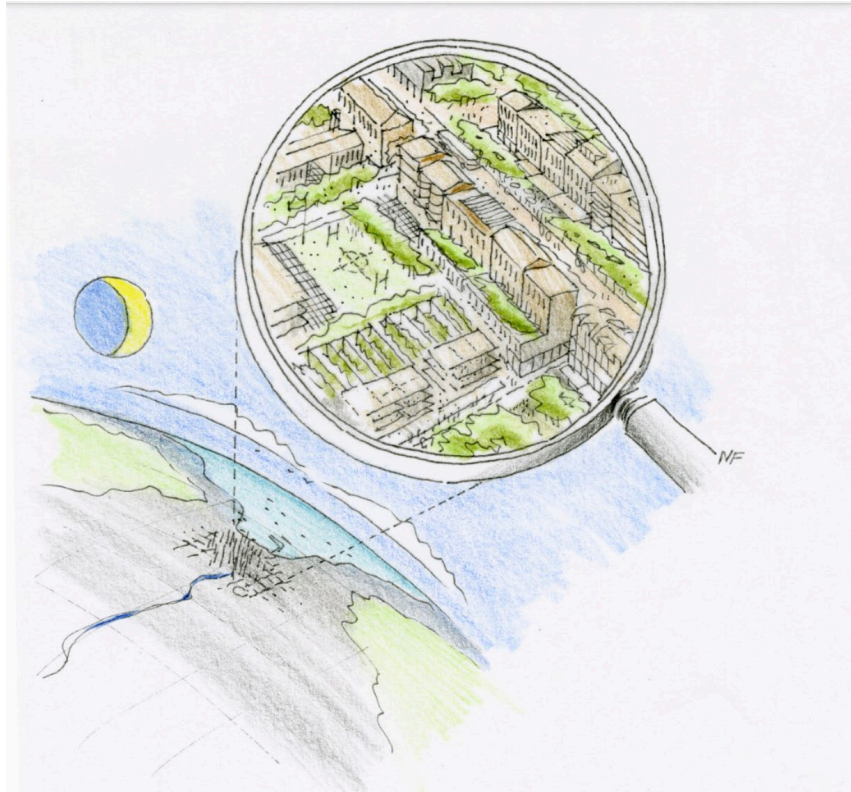
<https://unece.org/DAM/hlm/documents/Publications/cp.albania.en.pdf>

Country Profiles on the Housing Sector: Albania (2002)

Key conclusions and recommendations

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| Framework for the housing sector transition | • Social housing, housing policy, housing market |
| Institutional framework | • Central government institutions, national housing agency |
| Legal framework | • Rental housing, condominiums |
| Financial framework | • Housing financing |
| Further work | • Research
• Future cooperation with UNECE |

Regional Action Plan 2030 - Place and life in the UNECE region



Policy Area A: Cities, Neighbourhoods, Homes & Rural Life

Goal A1. Coordinated national, sub-national and local action through multi-level governance and strategic plans frameworks

Goal A2. City-wide and integrated action

Goal A3. Sustainable neighborhoods & local living environments

Policy Area B: Sustainable Housing and Homes

Goal B1. Governance

Goal B2. Land Policy

Goal B3. Finance & Funding

Goal B4. Climate neutral housing

San Marino 83rd Committee Session: “Update on the implementation of the Place and Life in the ECE –A Regional Action Plan 2030 and activities of the #Housing2030 initiative”

<https://unece.org/housing/regional-action-plan-2030>

UN4Kharkiv and UN4Mykolaiv Initiatives



At the request of the Ministry for Communities, Territories Development and Infrastructure of Ukraine, UNECE supports two pilot projects at city level to plan and prepare for rebuilding and reconstruction.

It coordinates activities of international and local architects, international organizations through **UN4Kharkiv** and the **UN4Mykolaiv Task Forces**.

A **new Master Plan is being developed for the city of Kharkiv**, under the patronage of and with substantial expert contributions from the Norman Foster Foundation and its international experts.

Similarly, a **new Master Plan is also being developed for Mykolaiv**, led by global design and architectural company One Works. Both institutions are UNECE Centres of Excellence.



Decisions relating to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management



Two decisions are presented today to EXCOM for consideration and approval:

- The first one is to approve the latest **programme of work** of the Housing and Land Management Component of Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme, as well as the **extension of the mandate** and the **revised Terms of Reference and Programme of Work of the REM Advisory Group**.
 - See document [ECE/EX/2023/L.3](#)
- The second one is on the **Forum of Mayors**, which is proposed to be established as a **subsidiary body** of the CHDHLM in the form of a **Team of Specialists** and to be **convened annually**.
 - See document [ECE/EX/2023/L.4](#)

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