

## Stakeholder consultation workshop on the draft UNECE Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of Albania

26 June 2023, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. CET

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### Concept Note

#### Background:

The Country Profiles on urban development, housing and land management series is a flagship product of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (<https://unece.org/housing/country-profiles>). The Country Profiles is a valuable tool to analyse countries' urban development, housing and land management policies, strategies, and institutional and financial frameworks and to compare the progress made internationally. Based on the analysis, Country Profiles provide action-oriented recommendations to the government to support their efforts in addressing the identified immediate and long-term capacity needs at the planning and implementation levels, including legislative and policy reforms and capacity-building needs. Therefore, Country Profiles are evidence-based studies which also help governments to establish an integrated approach to housing, urban development and land management following the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development principle of policy coherence.

The *Country Profile on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management for Albania* is being developed in 2022-2023 upon the request of the Government of Albania<sup>1</sup> - please see more information on the draft in the Power Point presentation on the project. The secretariat of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management started work in 2022 and engaged with international experts as well as national experts in Albania. The UNECE Regional Programme for Technical Cooperation (RPTC) and the UN Resident Coordinator Office in Albania are providing support to the development of the Country Profile of Albania. The Polis University, the UNECE Centre of Excellence on Sustainable and Resilient Settlements, is the local coordinator for the development of the Profile. The Country Profile for Albania draws on experiences gained from the previous Country Profile of Albania (the first one was published in 2002 - <https://unece.org/info/Housing-and-Land-Management/pub/2894>) as well as Country Profiles developed for other countries.

The draft Country Profile publication will be shared with the workshop participants two weeks in advance of this stakeholder workshop. **The participants are invited to read the draft and prepare their questions and comments; and proposals for factual corrections for the chapters in the draft. They will have a possibility to present their comments and proposals for the corrections during the meeting or otherwise they can send written comments to Ms. Sadmira Malaj at [sadmira\\_malaj@universitetipolis.edu.al](mailto:sadmira_malaj@universitetipolis.edu.al).**

For more information on the project, please contact Ms. Cecilia Batac at [Cecilia.Batac@un.org](mailto:Cecilia.Batac@un.org)

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<sup>1</sup> The request was received by the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in October 2019 and reiterated in 2020.

## Draft agenda

**Date:** 26 June 2021

**Location:** Polis University, Tirana and Zoom

**Time:** 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Languages:** Albanian and English  
(with simultaneous translation)

**Meeting Type:** Country Profile stakeholder consultation workshop  
**Moderated by Doris Andoni**, Head of Housing Policy,  
Ministry of Finance and Economy

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Agenda items</b>
<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	<p><b><i>Opening and welcome notes</i></b> (all in-person)  <b>Elona Karafili</b>, Deputy Rector, Polis University  <b>Doris Andoni</b>, Head of Housing Policy, Ministry of Finance and Economy  <b>Fiona Mccluney</b>, UN Resident Coordinator in Albania</p>
<b>09:15-09:25</b>	<p><b><i>Introduction to the meeting and information on UNECE activities in areas of housing, urban development and land management</i></b>  <b>Gulnara Roll</b>, Secretary to the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (in-person)</p>
<b>09:25 – 09:35</b>	<p><b><i>Overview of the draft Country Profile of Albania</i></b>  <b>Oleg Golubchikov</b>, Lead Writer and Professor at Cardiff University, UK (in-person)</p>
<b>09:35 – 13:00</b> (with a coffee break at 11-11:15)	<p><b><i>Session 1. Urban and regional development</i></b>  <b>Kat Grimsley</b>, Visiting Scholar, Alicante University, Spain (in-person) - Presentation of the draft chapter on land administration and management  <b>Oleg Golubchikov</b> - Presentation of the chapter on urban and regional development, including the case studies for the cities of Tirana and Elbasan  <b>Elysia Glover</b>, Consultant, Forests, Land and Housing Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (online) - Presentation of the Tirana case study based on the toolkit on urban forestry</p> <p><b>Questions</b>  <b>Comments and discussion by stakeholders</b></p>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<p><b><i>Lunch at Polis University</i></b></p>

<p><b>14:00-16:15</b></p> <p>(with a coffee break at 15:15)</p>	<p><i><b>Session 2. Housing policies and housing financing</b></i></p> <p><b>Alice Pittini</b>, Housing Europe; and <b>Elena Szolgayova</b>, UNECE expert (online) - Presentation of the chapter on the housing sector and its draft recommendations</p> <p><b>Questions</b></p> <p><b>Comments and discussion by stakeholders</b></p> <p><b>Vahid Khatami</b>, Secretary to the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration (in-person) and <b>Edit Lakatos</b>, Housing Europe (online) - Presentation of the chapter on the financial framework for urban development, housing and land management</p> <p><b>Questions</b></p> <p><b>Comments and discussion by stakeholders</b></p>
<p><b>16:15-16:30</b></p>	<p><i><b>Conclusions and closing remarks</b></i></p> <p><b>Doris Andoni</b>, Head of Housing Policy, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania</p> <p><b>Oleg Golubchikov</b>, Lead Writer and Professor at Cardiff University, UK (in-person)</p>

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