



REM ACTIVITIES DURING 2023 and planned to 2024

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Programme of Work, ECE/HBP/2022/8





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.



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- Proposed activities:
 - (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,
 - 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.
 - Policy Briefs (PB short, 3-4 pages)
 - Best practices proposals and recommendations (BPG, around 20 pages document).
 - Short documents of recommendations
 - (c) Support the dissemination through
 - presentations at international meetings,
 - Articles in books, journals and mass media, including social media



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- Additional activities:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Participating in the activities of the "United for Smart Sustainable Cities" initiative.



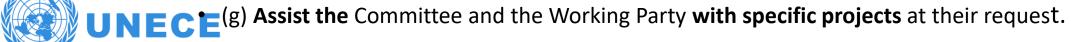
Terms of Reference for 2023-2024 ECE/HBP/2022/7





Tasks:

- (a) Provide practical advice on overcoming the challenges addressed by the Committee and the Working Party in order to improve conditions for sustainable housing, urban development, and land management;
- (b) **Prepare guidelines and best practices** that support sustainable housing, urban development and land management, including best practices for encouraging investment in national housing real estate markets;
- (c) **Recommend activities** to the Committee and WPLA to support the implementation of their programmes of work;
- (d) Assist the Committee and WPLA in undertaking studies and advisory missions; organizing seminars and training workshops; drafting policy documents and guidelines; collecting data; disseminating information on the activities of the Committee and developing training material;
- (e) Work with the Committee and WPLA to assist countries with training and capacity-building for stakeholders involved in the housing market;
- (f) Collect examples of good practice in housing, urban development and land administration reforms in the ECE region; and develop studies on topical issues proposed and accepted by the Committee and WPLA;







Updated work in 2023

Real Estate Market Advisory Group for Sustainable, Climate-Neutral and Energy-Efficient Buildings and Cities



Program Work: 2023-2024





- Current work:
 - Guidance and assessment
 - Topic: Planning systems in UNECE countries (as a UNECE collaboration of Uzbekistan country and Tbilisi city-Georgia country)
 - Energy and climate change: Task Force on Energy Efficiency in Industry in UNECE group of experts
 - Assessment of country profiles or any report on the topic
 - Providing inputs for country profiles
 - Albania (Kat Grimsley) (1 chapter)
 - Other country profiles



Program Work: 2023-2024





- Current work:
 - Policy briefs (PB short, 3-4 pages) and Best practices proposals and recommendations (BPG, around 20 pages document).
 - Policy brief on:
 - ✓ Planning system in UNECE countries. The Urban Planning and Master plans: evidence from UNECE countries (main structure, topics covered, general rules..), (potential policy briefs)
 - ✓ Housing affordability and energy poverty. Both types of topics: policy briefs (how countries are implementing rules for both ends) and best practices guidelines (good examples of those implementations). In collaboration with Housing Europe
 - ✓ Principles for **Green Financing for Sustainable Real Estate**, Infrastructure and Urban Transformation Projects, with Giampiero Bambagioni
 - Country profiles.
 - Albania (Kat Grimsley)



Program Work: 2023-2024





- Collaboration with WPLA: Inputs in projects:
 - Informal Settlements
 - Develop plans and the role of Cadaster
 - Data bases accessibility and the implementation for information security
- Active participation in the Committee and WPLA meetings.



Dissemination activities





- ERSA International Congress (30 August-1st September).. Panel discussion titled 'Housing affordability, energy efficiency and Health, Policy Challenges.
 - Done 1st September
 - Video, contents, photos
- REM active in 84th session of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management
 - Update on the implementation of the RAP
 - Panel: Anticipating future housing challenges in the ECE Region and developing tools to support affordable and decent housing for all (October, 5th, 10 AM)
 - Activities of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for Sustainable, Climate-Neutral and Energy-Efficient Buildings and Cities, presentation of activities +
 - update in fire safety standards
 - **Side Event**: Side event on housing affordability. In-person in Tempus and online in WebEx (5ht, 13,15-14,45), in collaboration with Housing Europe and the Centres of Excellence
- REM collaboration in Madrid, 2-3rd Nov 2023. 'Tenure Security: special study on the geospatial and legal effects of natural disasters'.
 - Side event.







Thanks for your attention



