

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



**Stephanie Fürer, Chair**

04 December 2023

# Activities of the Committee



The Committee held its eighty-fourth session in Geneva from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2023. Four side events were organized, and all sessions were held in person and streamed online via UNTV.

44 member States participated from across the ECE region and beyond, as well as UN Regional Commissions NGOs, and academia.



For more details, see Document 2023/42.



# Projects and technical assistance to UNECE member countries

## 6 ongoing projects

The **UN4UkrainianCities project** supports the implementation of new master plans for the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv.

### Deliverables

- Policy advice on the national legislation on housing and urban development
- Support to the development of master plans for the cities of Kharkiv and Mykolaiv, including pilot projects
- Development of an investment tracker
- Survey-based assessment of the socio-economic situation
- Capacity-building activities: local & national governments

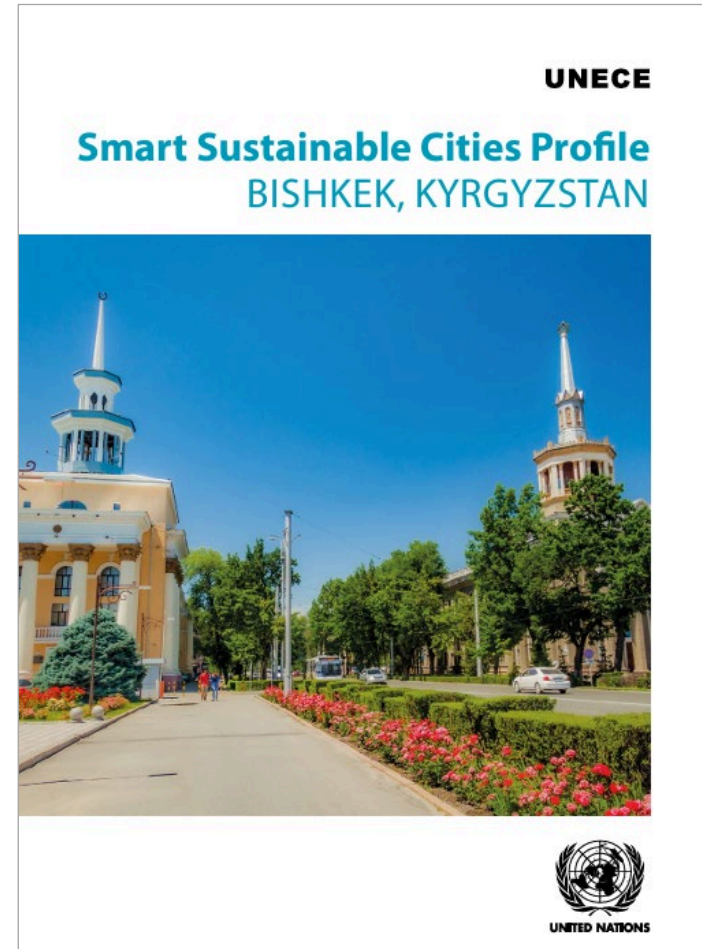


# Workshops

Since October 2022, the Committee organized **a total of 18 workshops.**

**November 2022:** UNECE and the Cities Development Initiative for Asia co-organized the workshop “**Integrated Development of Five Residential Areas in Bishkek**” which kicked off a project on the improvement of five pilot informal settlements in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

**Outcome:** The workshop contributed to bringing investments aimed at the improvement of the informal settlements.





# Training materials

Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence support the Committee in the implementation of the **Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing**.



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TRAINING

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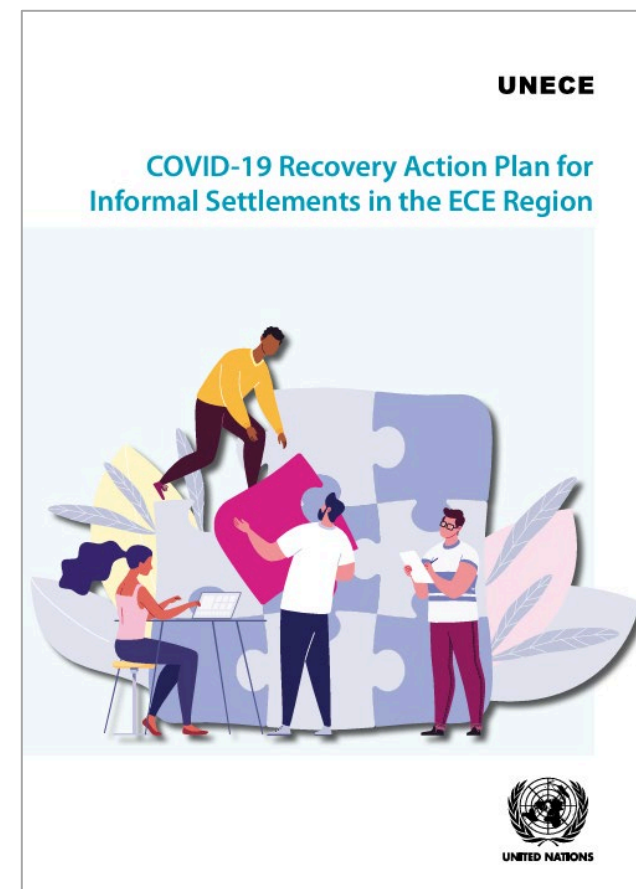
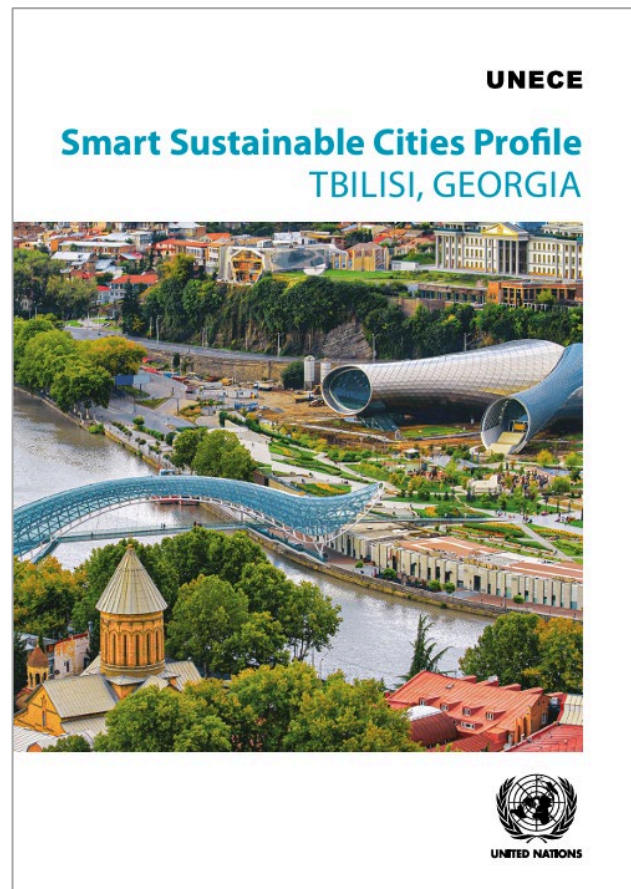
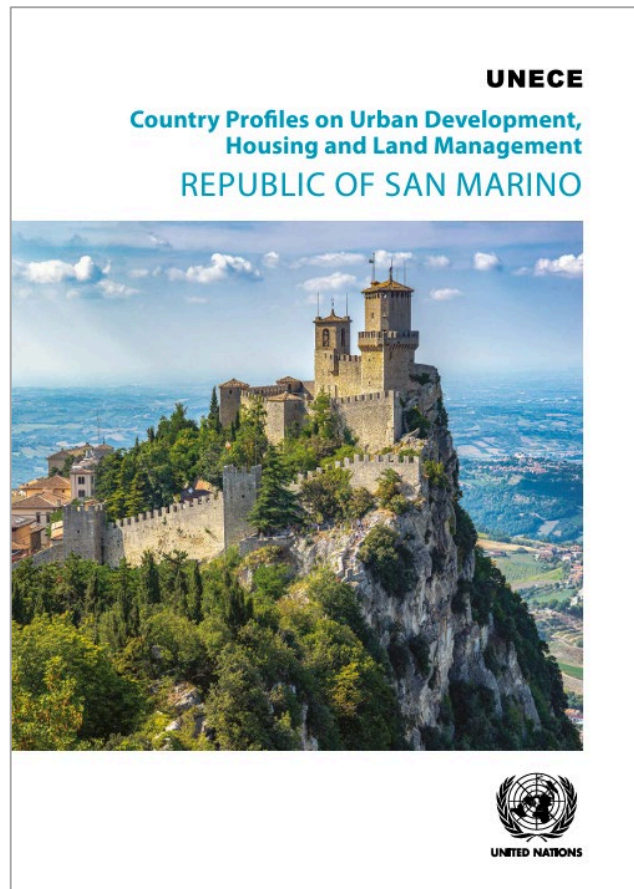
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# Publications

The Housing and Land Management Unit issued a **total of 5 publications in 2023.**



# Side Events at High Level UN Meetings

Between 2022-2023, 13 Side Events were organized during major international events, including the High-level Political Forum and the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region, among others.



“Building urban resilience and responding to crises through SDGs localization: Regional Approaches”



**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM  
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**





# Communication

Project dedicated websites, press releases, news articles, thematic policy papers, podcasts, videos, and our HLM social media platforms

HOME MEETINGS & EVENTS DELIVERABLES & RESOURCES VIDEOS PHOTOS E-LEARNING PLATFORM

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## PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Building Urban Economic Resilience

This project provides capacity strengthening for local governments through:

- Diagnostic and Planning Tool



745 followers



1371 followers



3193 followers



1086 followers



UN4UkrainianCities

> 6,400 users



# Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM)

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## In 2023, REM has contributed to

- Exchange of experiences and best practices among local and national governments in the region
- Organization of Side Events at the 84th committee session
- Supported the secretariat in the development of the Country Profile of Albania



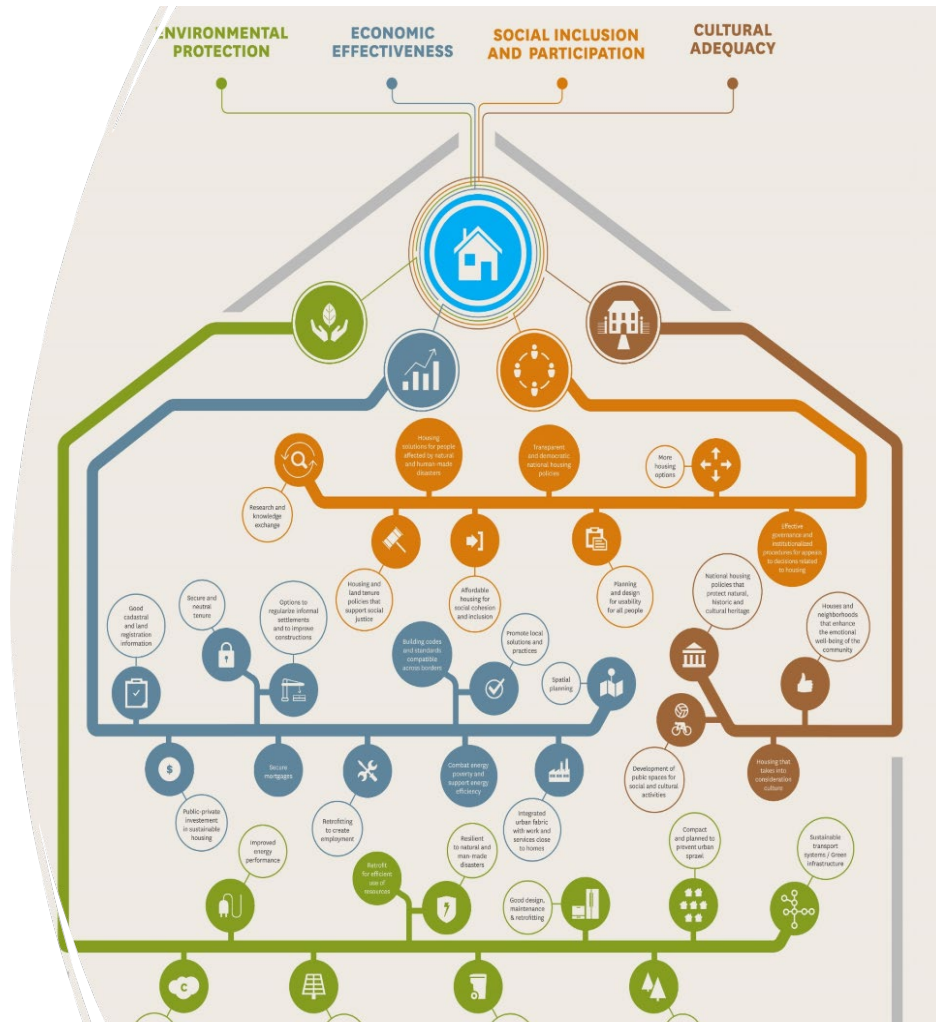


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# Centres of Excellence



## 8 established Centres of Excellence

Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Housing (**Estonia**)

Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities (**United Kingdom**)

Centre of Excellence on Sustainable and Resilient Settlements (**Albania**)

Centre of Excellence on Youth Homelessness Prevention (**Canada**)

Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Urban Development (**Switzerland**)

Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Finance for Cities and Infrastructure (**Italy**)

Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Housing Norman Foster Foundation (**Spain**)

Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities (**France**)

# Funding and Resources



There is an increasing demand for UNECE technical assistance.

The technical cooperation activities of the ECE programme countries **require additional extrabudgetary funding for the implementation of activities under the 2024 Programme of Work of the Committee.**

## **Funding priorities:**

- Technical cooperation projects
- Regular activities: Country Profiles of Armenia, Montenegro, Azerbaijan



# Decisions



At its 84th session, the Committee

- Approved the extension of the mandate of the Working Party on Land Administration until 2030 and its Terms of References for the period 2025-2030 (ECE/HBP/2023/5);
- Adopted the programme of work of the Housing and Land Management Component of Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2024 (ECE/HBP/2023/7).

**The Executive Committee is invited to approve the above decisions.**

# Thank you!

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