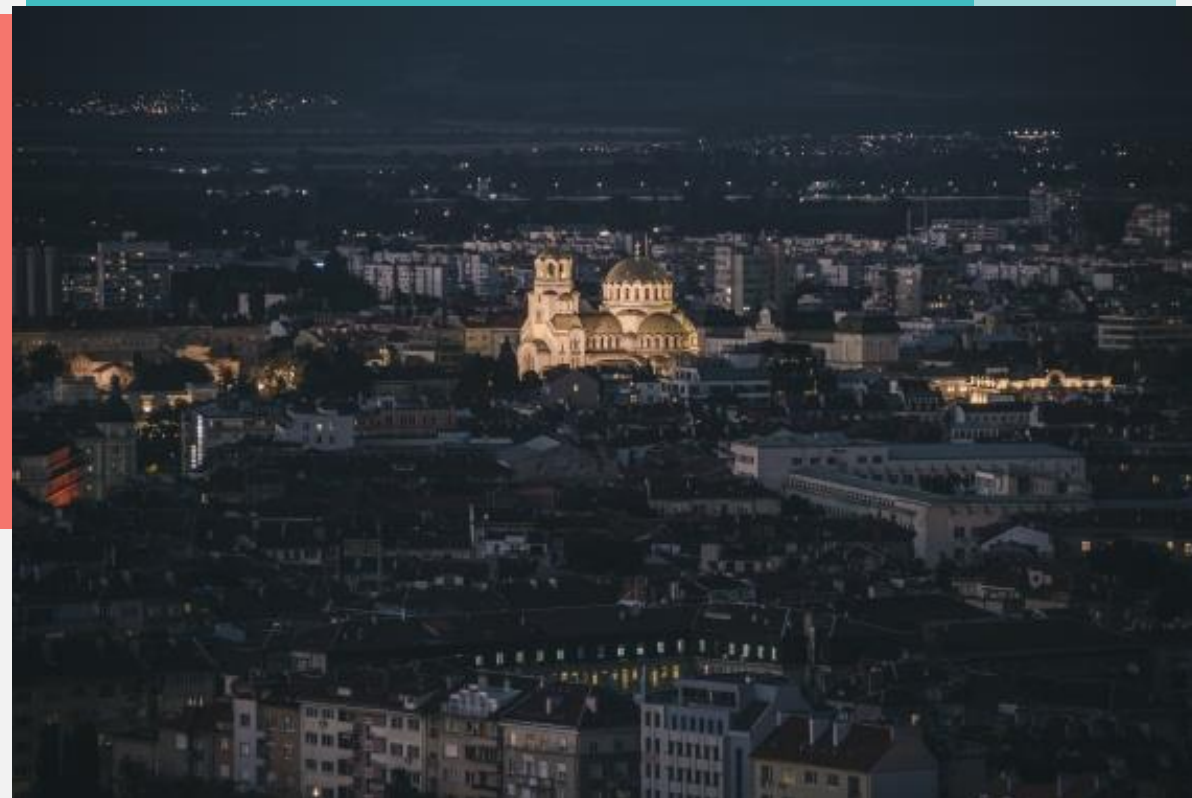


# Affordable, carbon-neutral and energy efficient housing in the UNECE region

Update on Housing 2030 related activities

October 2024



# Good governance- using evidence to support countries



## Expertise provided to Governments:

- **2021:** Report and recommendations on the use of EU Structural Funds in **Bulgaria** & organisation of a capacity building workshop for municipalities
- **2022:** Assistance to the **French Presidency** related to the Ministerial Declaration of the Presidency
- **2022:** Assistance to the **Czech Presidency** - preparation of a background note for the Housing Ministers meeting
- **2023:** UNECE Country profile **Albania** on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management
- **2024:** Assistance to the **Belgian Presidency**- preparation of an overview of European funding instruments; and of the Background note for the Ministers conference

# Albanian country profile developed by Housing Europe & UNECE- Recommendations

## Increase sources of financing for affordable housing

- **Introducing a state housing development fund** following international examples

## Strengthen the role of municipalities in social rental housing provision

- **Local banks can perform the role of international financial institutions** by creating a **syndicate loan**, (implies more robust institutions, and certainly adequate demand-based support for social housing).

## Revise the functions of the National Housing Agency

- The establishment of a **housing financial institution (FI) with dedicated products** (such as mortgage loans) **with the help of a national guarantee instrument**.
- The establishment of an **Investment Platform/Specific agreement** that engages EIB and CEB to invest.
- Introduction of a **Social Rental Agency (SRA)** model to mobilize private housing for social rent. **NHA could coordinate the implementation of local SRAs through a liaison centre** or newly established local agencies (implementers).



## 2024-2027: European Community for Housing Equality



### Key topics to be discussed and developed with the European Community for Housing Equality

- Analysing Income, Wealth and Housing Inequalities and their Interrelationships
- Financial and Fiscal Influences on Housing Inequalities
- Using Subsidies, Regulation, Land and Services to Make Housing Affordable
- Socially Innovative & Community-led Solutions to Housing Inequalities
- Tackling Acute Housing Inequalities Among Refugees and Migrants
- Tackling Unsustainable Housing and Energy Poverty
- Links between labour markets and housing issues

Do you identify as a “policymaker” and want to engage with the process? Contact us.

# Finance

- **Czechia** adopted a new legislation that enables the ground for the development of social housing providers & notified the usage of State Aid for that sector
  - We support them to provide European best practice on the good governance and finance
- Supporting capacity building in **Poland** together with EIB on inclusion of Ukrainian refugees through housing
- Housing Europe created **the European Housing Finance Working Group (2023-2027)** to develop capacity across Europe to create healthy housing systems that are able to provide sustainable, long-term solutions.
  - ✓ Annual European Housing Finance Summit
  - ✓ Local workshops
  - ✓ Identification of investment needs
  - ✓ Peer-to-peer learning, mentoring.

# Climate-neutral housing

## FIT-FOR-55 Package and others

- **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) – Completed**
- **Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) – Completed**
- **Renewable Energy Directive (RED) – Completed**
- **Emission Trading System for Buildings and Road Transport (ETS II) – Completed**
- **Social Climate Fund (SCF) – Completed**
- **Protection of Workers from Asbestos Directive – Completed**

# Effective use of Land 1/2

- European Nature restoration Regulation
  - Article 2 gives a definition of urban green space;
  - Article 8 sets the biodiversity restoration target for urban ecosystems;
  - By 2030, Member States shall ensure that there is **no net loss in the total national area of urban green space and of urban tree canopy cover** in urban ecosystem areas;
  - From 2031, Member States shall achieve an **increasing trend in the total national area of urban green space**;
    - will mostly **affect the planning decision made by local authorities**;
    - the restoration and non-deterioration principles can **impact the development of new housing**;
    - it will be necessary to **compile data which will feed into the development of the National Restoration Plans**, highlighting particularly the socio-economic impact of restoration measures.

# Effective use of Land 2/2

- European Soil Monitoring Directive
  - Main aim is **healthy soils by 2050** and provide common framework to assess healthy soils
  - Sets out measures to **reduce and compensate land take**
  - Land take refers to the conversion of **natural and semi-natural land** into artificial land
  - Could have an impact on **new construction** on natural and semi-natural land
  - ENVI committee position: specific references to **socio-economic considerations** when implementing soil monitoring measures
    - Lot of flexibility for Member States



# Thank you

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