

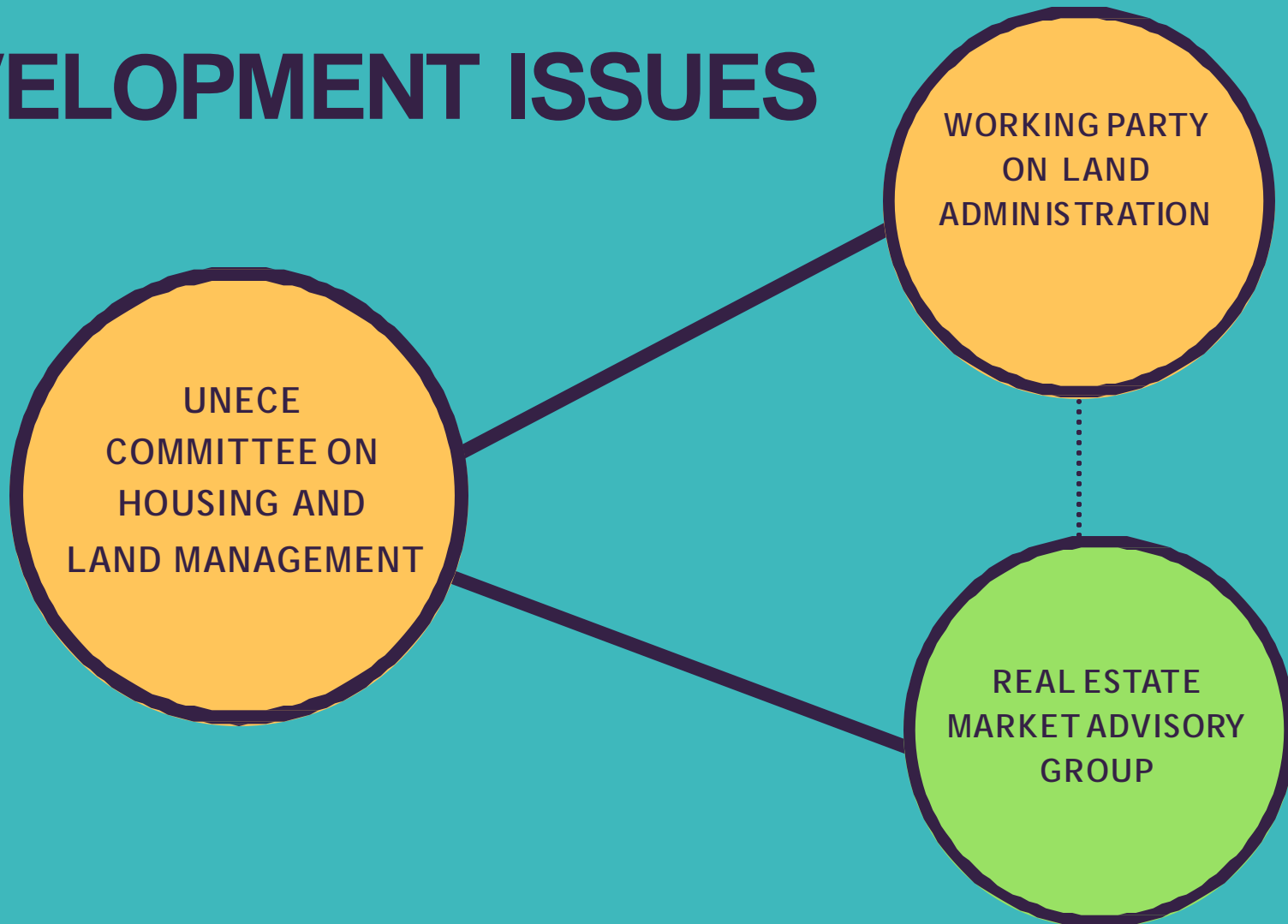
# Challenges in access to affordable decent housing in Eastern, South-eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

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# AREAS OF WORK



**SUSTAINABLE  
HOUSING AND REAL  
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DEVELOPMENT**



**LAND ADMINISTRATION  
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**COUNTRY PROFILES  
ON HOUSING, URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT AND  
LAND MANAGEMENT**

# 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development

- 1-No Poverty
- 2-No Hunger
- 3-Health
- 4-Education
- 5-Gender Equality
- 6-Water& sanitation
- 7-Clean energy
- 8-Economies
- 9-Innovation
- 10-Reduced inequality
- 11-Cities
- 12-Reduce Consumption
- 13-Climate
- 14-Ocean
- 15-Biodiversity
- 16-Peace
- 17-Partnerships



# CITIES IN THE CENTRE OF INTEREST



**Goal 11: Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable**

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals>





# SDG 11 key targets

**11.1 By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums**

**11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries**

**11.6 By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management**

**11.7. By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities**

**11.a Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning**

**11.b By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels.**



# Other key agreements

## to be implemented in coordinated way

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- New Urban Agenda (HABITAT III, October 2016)
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Paris Agreement on Climate Change
- Addis Ababa Action Plan on Financing for Development
- Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing (2015)





# Housing policies in EECCA region

Starting 1991, most of the countries have undergone through systemic changes in their governance; most of them have moved from centrally-planned economies to economic relations based on market economy.

## **Common heritage:**

- (1) the large-scale privatization of housing and land. As a consequence, challenges with managing multiapartment buildings, low EE; absent system of rental housing
- (2) low quality housing which was progressively deteriorating (e.g. poor quality common areas, poor insulation and low quality of construction, decay of plumbing systems)
- (3) waste of resources, low energy efficiency due to low tariffs and absence of metering of resource use
- (4) Patchy legal framework which often included a mix of old legal acts adopted prior to 1989 (based on centrally planned system) and new ones
- (5) Weak governance based on sectoral approach without sufficient communication horizontally (between ministries/agencies) and vertically (between national, regional and local levels).
- (6) Lack of input from local stakeholders and inhabitants into planning to national housing policies and funding/investment programmes. Moreover, no focus on people needs...

# Housing policies in EECCA region

Countries took different paths of economic and political development and as of today they are quite diverse in the levels of economic development and policy making in relation to housing

(Please refer to first hand experience of represented in the meeting countries' representatives! who will participate in the discussion)

Few insights in countries' situations based on UNECE Country Profiles on the Housing Sector studies and the UN Development Account projects:

**Albania:** formalising informal housing; provision of social housing

**Armenia:** heritage of the Spitak earthquake which left many people homeless, IDPs, lack of social housing, limited state budget for affordable housing

**Kazakhstan:** Large scale investment programmes for housing construction; however, short term and with different objectives; EE is a challenge due to harsh climate and low tariffs,

**Ukraine:** Housing Code existing from Soviet times, legal framework insufficient, 1.5M IDPs with limited rights to affordable housing...

# Promoting evidence based policies at regional level

- **Definition:** *Evidence-informed policy accommodates multiple forms of evidence (data, knowledge, and many types of methodology for its production)*
- **Regional review and follow up**
- Regional observatory on urban related SDGs and the Geneva UN Charter at SDG Helpdesk webportal developed by UN ESCAP at <https://sdghelpdesk.unescap.org/>. This online knowledge hub includes **e-learning, e-library, thematic forums**
- Training materials and trainings on data for SDGs
- Network of Geneva UN Charter Centers of Excellence, <http://www.unece.org/housing/charter.html>
- Guidance document for the implementation of 2030 Agenda with best practices from countries
- Policy paper on data collection for review 2030 Agenda implementation



# Promoting evidence based policies at national level

- Country profiles as analysis of national policies and practices of urban development, housing and land management: Armenia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Belarus as the latest.
- Total 20 Country Profiles, see at [http://www.unece.org/housing/country\\_profiles.html](http://www.unece.org/housing/country_profiles.html)
- Preparation of National Action Plans to support implementation of recommendations



# Promoting evidence based policies at national level

## Energy efficiency in buildings

- Joint Task Force on EE in buildings meetings - meetings
- Mapping of energy efficiency standards in buildings
- Mapping of existing technologies to enhance energy efficiency in buildings, gap analysis and recommendations for their use in the region
- Compendium of best practices for existing standards and technologies on energy efficiency in buildings.
- Establishment of an online database of experts on energy efficiency in buildings.



# Evidence based policies for land administration and management

- Benchmarking of land administration policies on the cost for registration/transfer of real estate and registration of mortgages for the ECE region
- National Land Administration Systems Surveys
- **Technical Guidelines on the Formalization of Informal Real Estate and Informal Markets in the ECE Region**
- Study on Future Scenarios for Land Administration
- Study on the Challenges of Fraud to Land Administration Institutions
- Study on land consolidation in collaboration with FAO and Landnet.

## Events:

- Workshop on land consolidation, June 2018, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Workshop on Real estate markets, September 2018, Greece
- Workshop on Key registers for SDGs, May 2019, Norway





# Evidence based policies at city level – United for Smart Sustainable Cities – U4SSC

Through the U4SSC, publication of the “Methodology to evaluate Smart Sustainable Cities” jointly with ITU and other UN agencies, which includes the Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities

City studies and recommendations based on evidence:

- Development of Smart Sustainable City Profile for Goris
- Smart Sustainable City Profiles: Voznesensk (Ukraine)
- Smart sustainable district development in Astana, Kazakhstan; and Grodno and Brest, Belarus
- Development of Guidelines on tools and mechanisms to finance smart sustainable cities projects, Guidelines for Circular Cities, other guiding materials



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