

UNECE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND LANDMANAGEMENT (CHLM)

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CHARTER ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING



STARTING THE IMPLEMENTATION



DEVELOPING THE CHARTER

- September 2010 CHLM 66th Session decides to put up an expert group to develop a Convention (later Charter) On sustainable Housing for the UNECE region, and elects Wolfgang Förster as the Chair
- 2010-2013: Expert group meets four times in Geneva
- November 2014: Expert group presents Draft Charter to CHLM at its 75th Session, CHLM Discusses and adopts the Charter unanimously (56 countries and several NGOs).
- April 2015:UNECE Excom endorses the Charter



AIMS OF THE CHARTER

- make housing systems contribute to economic, social, and ecological sustainability
- ensure regular exchange of know-how
- Support capacity building at local levels
- Include experts and civil society in developing of housing systems
- Make politicians and administrations aware of state responsibility for housing issues



WHAT DOES SUSTAINABILITY IN HOUSING MEAN?

- **ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY:** Financing systems must be stable over longer periods
- **SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY:** Housing must contribute to social cohesion and avoid socio-spatial segregation
- **ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY:** Housing must support saving of energy and of natural resources, and must contribute to climate protection



HOW DOES THE CHARTER WORK?

- Charter is a **recommendation**, not legally binding,
- member countries are invited to **report regularly**,
- **workshops** with experts and local stakeholders.



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