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on 13 October, 2017 in Prague

European Urban Forum

International conference on perspectives of urban development in the region of the UN Economic Commission for Europe

and a day before on **12 October, 2017**
for

Housing Estates, What's Next?

International workshop on coherent approaches to urban planning and municipal management

Invited participants – representatives of:

- 56 UNECE Member States (including 28 EU Member States)
- UN institutions – UNECE, UN-Habitat, UNEP
- EU institutions – EP, EC, CoR, CEMR, etc.
- Other international institutions – OECD, Cities Alliance, ICOMOS, FIABCI, IUT, etc.
- CZ institutions – Ministries, partners, associations
- CZ regions and cities
- Academia and experts

Languages:

- Czech and English interpretation will be provided

Background official documents:

- New Urban Agenda
- Agenda 2030 – Sustainable Development Goals
- Urban Agenda for the EU
- The UN Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing

Background working document:

- Framework document with guiding discussion questions for round tables (to be prepared by the organizer – Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic)

Main goals:

- To meet and openly discuss the ways of efficient implementation of the recently approved UN and EU documents on housing and urban development
- To share experience and visions
- To look for possible synergies in the UN and EU activities aimed at urban and housing development
- To enhance closer UN - EU cooperation in urban development issues
- To discuss the role of the EU Cohesion Policy and its territorial and urban dimensions post 2020

Registration and more detailed information available on www.mmr.cz, starting on 1st September, 2017.

Questions can be sent to euf@mmr.cz.

Preliminary agenda – European Urban Forum on 13 October, 2017:

- 9:30 ● Welcome speech of the hosting Czech Minister
Introductory addresses
- 10:30 ● **Session 1**
Efficient implementation of the UN and EU urban agendas – possible synergies and cooperation
Specification:
 - Institutional level as a basis for the implementation of the approved documents
 - Common elements in documents
 - Possibilities of closer cooperation between the UN and the EU
 - Progress assessment – tools and indicatorsKey-note address followed by chaired panel discussion of about five panelists
- 11:30 ● Coffee break
- 12:00 ● **Session 2**
Strategic role of cities and municipalities in urban and housing development
Specification:
 - What municipalities can do to enhance sustainable urban development? Particularly, how to ensure that policy instruments and strategies are really implemented and effective, while boosting participation of (local) relevant stakeholders?
 - How to create liveable cities reflecting demands of local people in order to increase the quality of life? Including good practices and practical/smart solutions
 - How to build sustainable housing area as a part of the city in a resilient, inclusive and safe way?
 - How to restore (dysfunctional) settlements, for instance blocks of flats, in cities addressing the needs of citizens in 21st century, while making them more friendly neighbourhoods?Key-note address followed by chaired panel discussion of about five panelists
- 13:00 ● Lunch
- 14:30 ● **Session 3**
Strategic approach, resources and tools for future territorial and urban development / Cohesion policy of the EU
Specification:
 - Territorial and urban development in context of Cohesion policy (general description, philosophy of Cohesion Policy); benefits resulting from Cohesion policy (in the last decades)
 - Why Cohesion policy brings added value – tools, targeting on results, urban dimension and integrated approaches, Smart Cities etc.
 - Practical experiences with implementation in practice (general observations; examples)
 - Future perspective (post 2020) – vision/goals; tools; linkage to SDGs and other approachesKey-note address followed by chaired panel discussion of about five panelists
- 15:30 ● Summary and concluding remarks
- 15:45 ● End of the event

Preliminary agenda - Housing Estates, What's Next? on 12 October, 2017:

- 11:00 ● Opening speeches
- 11:20 ● **PART 1 – Introduction**
Housing Estates phenomenon
Housing Estates What's Next? - Research presentation
Europe Experience of housing estates regeneration
- 12:15 ● Coffee break
- 12:30 ● **PART 2 – Case studies – good practice**
Bijlmermeer Experience (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
German Experience
Discussion
- 13:30 ● Lunch
- 14:30 ● **PART 3 – What next?**
Housing Estates V4 Experience
New approaches
Discussion
- 16:30 ● Final statements, conclusions and summary