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The Committee on Housing and Land Management: its role

- Acting as a **platform** for inter-governmental dialogue
- Serving as a **forum** for the exchange of information, experience and best practices
- Assisting with **policy formulation** and **implementation**:
 - in-depth assessments
 - policy guidance and recommendations
 - advisory services and capacity-building activities



Major region-specific issues addressed

Addressed Challenges

- lack of access and affordability to housing
- low energy-efficiency of buildings
- insecure property rights
- risks to residential buildings from natural and human-generated disasters

How we address them

- promoting sustainable development
- developing green economies, which support the reduction of carbon emissions and pollution
- promoting social inclusion
- encouraging job creation, and public and private investments in housing



Housing and Land Management: areas of work

Our areas of work are:

- ❖ Sustainable housing and real estate markets
- ❖ Land administration and management
- ❖ Sustainable urban development



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Ministerial Meeting on Housing and Land Management and Committee's 74th session

October 2013 - 74th Ministerial Meeting on Housing and Land Management

Representatives from 47 UNECE member States adopted the regional Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management for 2014 to 2020.



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Housing and Land Management and Committee's Strategy 2012 - 2020

The Committee will continue to :

- promote green and socially inclusive human settlements and the long-term sustainability of the housing and land management sectors
- strengthen the future implementation of the existing ECE housing and land management guidelines, policy recommendations, action plans and other
- develop a national action plan for energy efficiency in housing and capacity building activities
- improve social housing
- draft country profiles
- promote the “smart” cities concept



Housing Register in the Slovak Republic

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Starting points

- Currently available data on housing stock only from the Censuses in intervals of 10 years
- Lack of verified data on housing stock
 - of technical character
 - of economic character
 - on legal status, tenure, occupation, structural aspects
- The Resolution of the Government in 2010 to create a regularly updated register with the basic indicators of existing residential buildings



Preparatory steps of housing register

- Analysis of possibility to create a „Housing Register in Slovakia“ – 2012
 - Analysis of the current state of availability of information on dwellings
 - Description of functional models abroad
 - Proposal
- Establishment of the Working Group - 2012
 - Representatives of the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Interior, Statistical office, Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority, The Association of Housing Management Companies in Slovakia, The Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia, The Slovak Banking Association, The Slovak Union of Housing Co-operatives, National Association Of Real Estate Offices, Academia
- Pre-feasibility study - 2013
 - The Feasibility Assessment of project in terms of time and resources (financial, material, personnel)



Summary of the pre-feasibility study results

- The analysis showed the following:
 - Housing Register should be a separate component of „Informatization of society“ project
 - Operated by Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic
 - Essential is the functionality of the reference registers - The information system of Cadastre and Register of Addresses – as providers of reference data for housing register
 - Housing Register should be connected and connectable to all relevant registers
 - It should be accessible to all public authorities, as well as the private sector and individuals



Housing Register benefits

- availability of comprehensive and up-to-date information on the housing stock in Slovakia
- providing transparent data for the Census of Population
- better targeting of the state housing policy instruments
- providing input data for efficient tax policy
- providing data for the preparation of local housing development strategies on the basis of verified data
- available statistics and price maps on housing in all regions of Slovakia



The future steps

- Preparation for the public procurement of the Analysis for the project of a Housing Register (May 2014)
- The aim of Analysis – to get a detailed description of the possible alternatives, proposed solutions with regard to information, technical, economic and legislative solution of the envisaged register
- Governmental decision on the best alternative and way forward – beginning 2015
- End 2015 - the implementation process will be started (depending also on the reference registers)





Thank you for your attention.

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