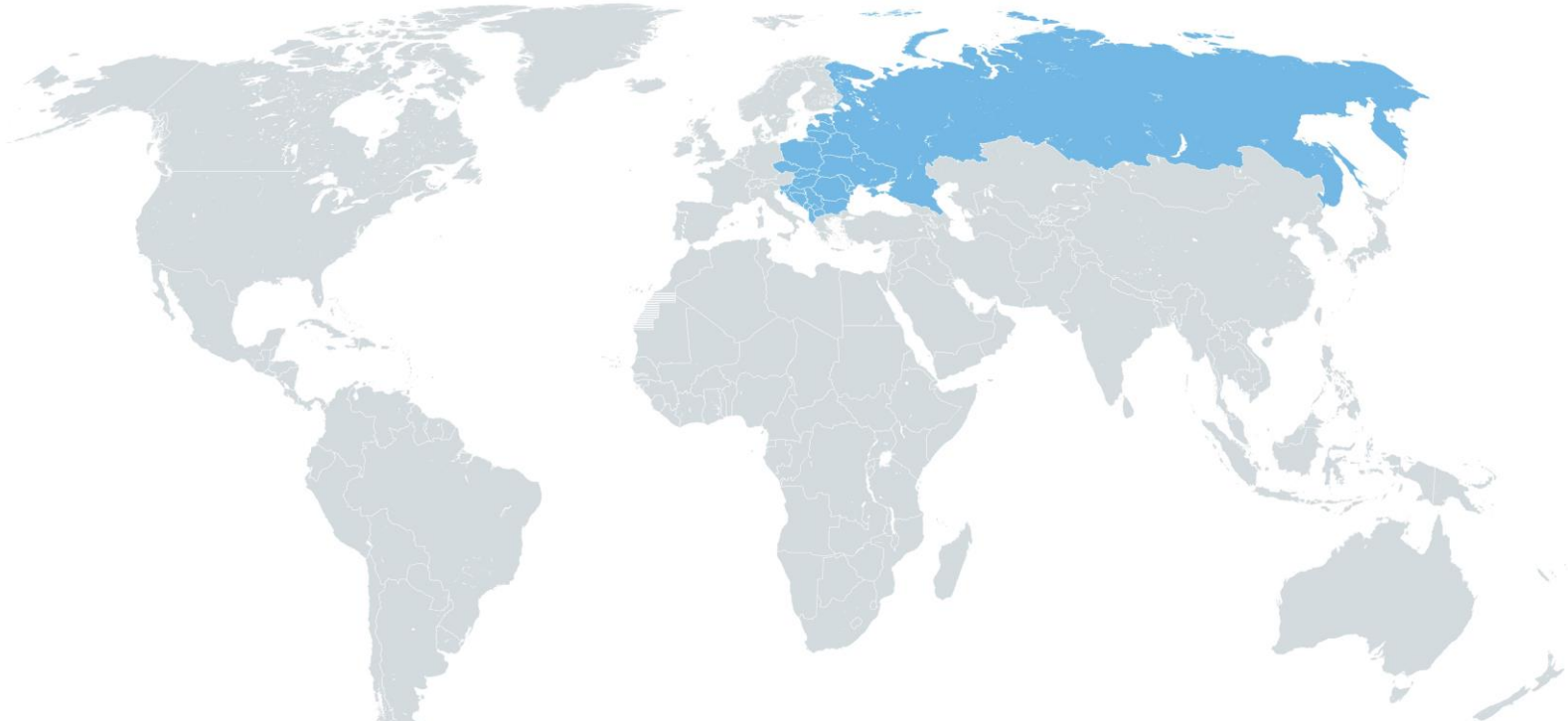




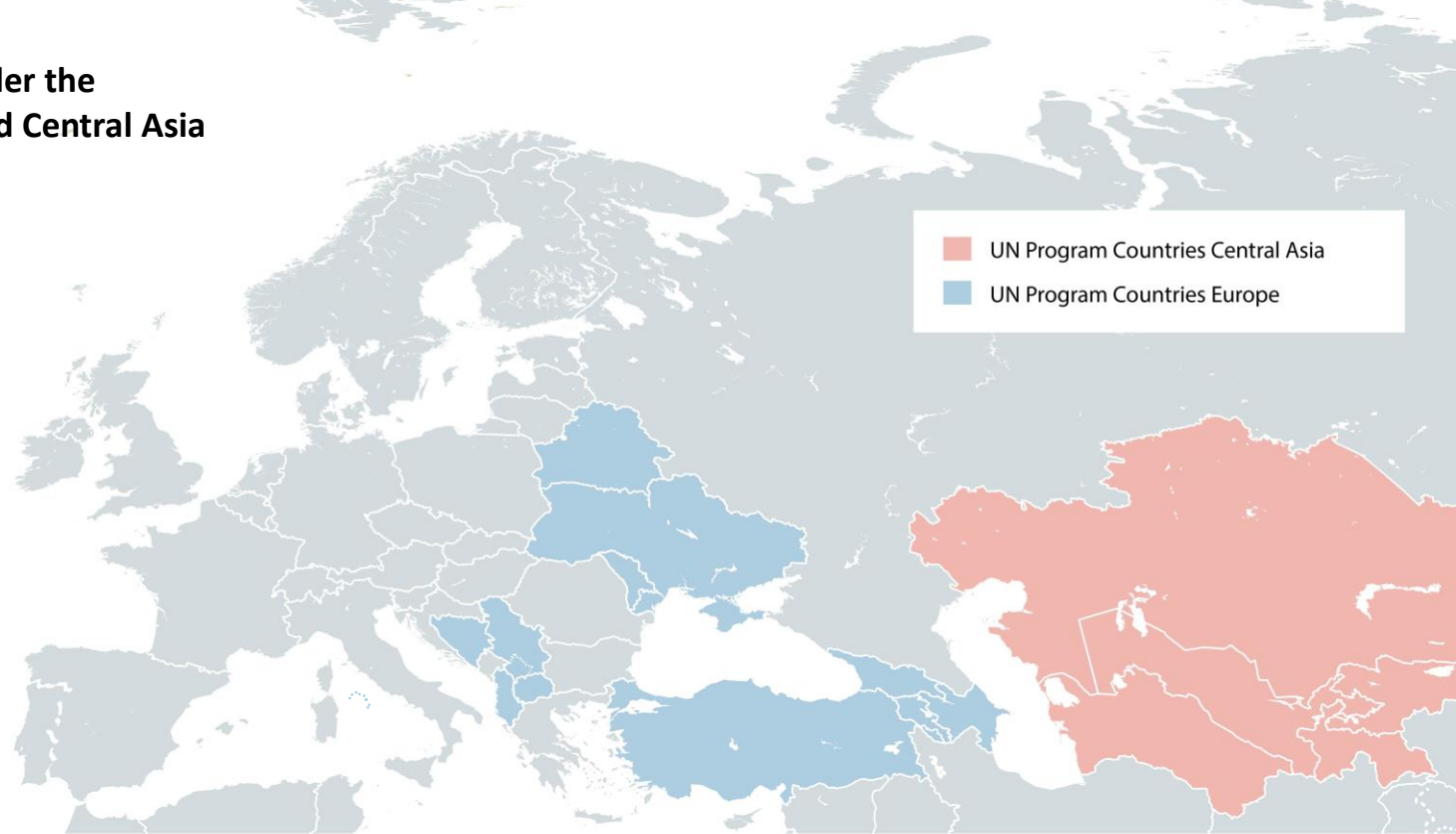
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Political functional alignment



Domain 2

Enhanced shared prosperity of cities and regions

Domain 3

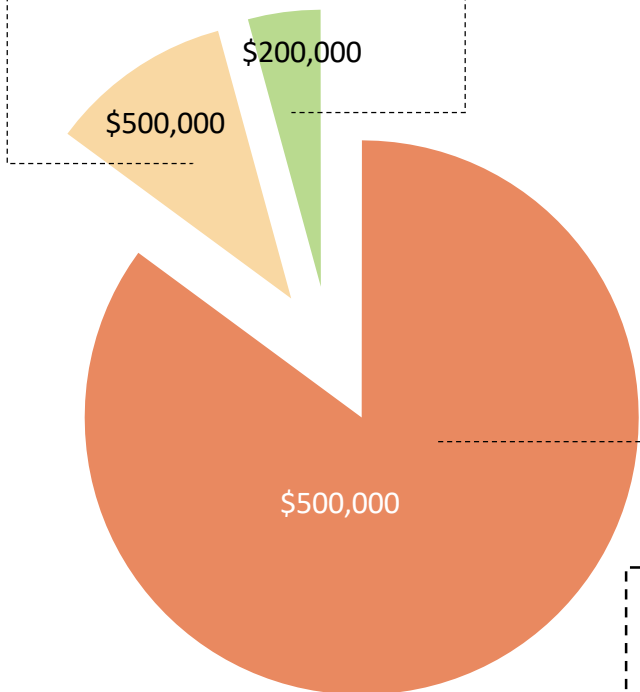
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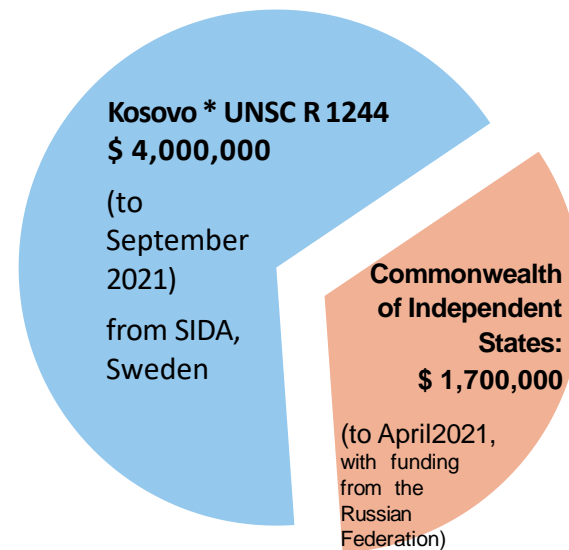
Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum

Domain 4

Effective urban crisis and prevention and response



Total Contributions to UN-Habitat Strategic Plan for EEG



(Some of these countries are in the EEG, and others in Asia-Pacific)

UN-Habitat Actions with and within Europe (EU Member States)

Support to the implementation of the NUA within Europe

Through project “URBAN2030”, UN-Habitat supports the deployment of SDGs indicators at the local level.

Through URBAN MAESTRO , UN-Habitat leads a pan-European effort to document and understand European practices for the informal governance of urban design.

Contribution to the European urban policy debate

(internal to EU): UN-Habitat is an active participant to meetings of the Urban Development Group (UDG) and contributes to policy debates on the implementation of the Urban Agenda for the EU (UAEU)

(external to EU): UN-Habitat acts as an adviser to the European Union Programme on “International Urban Cooperation” (IUC).

Support to development cooperation and humanitarian activities in other parts of the world

EU and its Member States are long-standing supporter of UN-Habitat activities in emerging economies, developing countries and crisis contexts.

European Commission is among top donors of UN-Habitat. Ca. \$400 million of earmarked contributions in the last decade.

Regional UN System Meeting for Europe and Central Asia on COVID response in the Western Balkans and IBC updates; 25 June 2020

UNECE: shared understanding with EU on COVID-19 crisis in the Western Balkans: health situation, the socio-economic impact and government responses.

EU: shares the analysis of the UN regarding the challenging situation in the Western Balkans. The EU support to the coronavirus crisis and recovery takes the form of financial assistance.

UN and the EU to work hand in hand connectivity, green recovery and social issues. Dialogue between civil society and governments, awareness of intersecting forms of discrimination and gender-sensitive investments should be encouraged. Among other priorities, digitalization will be an important driver of the recovery.

Activities and strategic potential

- Active participation in **UNCT Task Force discussions on COVID-19 Response**, aimed to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic from short, medium-and long-term perspectives **complementing the national Country Preparedness and Response Plan (CPRP)**.

UN-Habitat activities

- Contribution to **joint proposal in assistance to the residing and partner agencies** drawing on UN-Habitat's expertise
- Development of **potential partnerships** (e.g. in Belarus) to ensure accessible and **inclusive and safe public spaces** in the post-recovery stage of the COVID-19 pandemic.

UN-Habitat's recent initiatives in the Western Balkans and their COVID-19 dimension



Activities and strategic potential

- **The EU support to the Western Balkans** in tackling the crisis and post-pandemic recovery takes the form of financial assistance and alignment of the subregion with the EU response to COVID-19.
- The main goal - to **support the economic recovery** and provide a lifeline for businesses, including through 1.7 billion EUR in grants and loans by the European Investment Bank (EIB).

UN-Habitat activities

- UN-Habitat's Office at Pristina is starting a **feasibility study for a sustainable Social Housing Programme** in Kosovo funded by the Council of Europe Development Bank – CEB which will include **considerations raised by the COVID-19 crisis**.

Engagement with CCA and UNSDCF in the Western Balkans and other

Albania	Starting the CCA/ UNSDCF process, support of the RCO/ UNCT , assessment and strategy development - part of regional programming for the Western Balkans.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	The alignment of activities with the UNSDCF priorities to support UNCT implementation.
Montenegro	Support of RCO/ UNCT in mainstreaming urbanization to the CCA/ UNSDCF implementation.
North Macedonia	Support of RCO/ UNCT in mainstreaming urbanization to the CCA/ UNSDCF implementation.
Serbia	Support of the RCO/ UNCT in the CCA/UNSDCF process.
Georgia	Support of RCO/ UNCT in mainstreaming urbanization to the CCA/ UNSDCF implementation.

Country and territory level engagement: Western Balkans and other

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA : Potential joint programming with UNDP in launching a “Future of Bosnia and Herzegovina Cities Programme”.

KOSOVO (UNDERSTOOD UNDER PROVISIONS OF UNSCR 1244):

- Strong focus on Inclusive Development Programme in Northern Kosovo.
- Capital Investment Programmes, supported by Sweden and the local municipalities.
- Feasibility study for a sustainable Social Housing Programme in Kosovo.

MONTENEGRO: UNDA T12 regional programme on Smart Sustainable Cities.

NORTH MACEDONIA: Potential joint programming.

Country and territory level engagement: Western Balkans and other

ALBANIA: UNDA T10 regional programme on Evidence-based policies.

SERBIA: Potential joint programming.

GEORGIA

- UNDA T10 regional programme on Evidence-based policies.
- UNDA T12 regional programme on Smart Sustainable Cities.

UKRAINE: UNDA T10 regional programme on Evidence-based policies.

Issue-based Coalitions for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

- Mainstreaming urban development into environment/ Climate Change and Migration IBCs; urban IBC engagement and joint programming with UN entities (in close collaboration with UN-Habitat Brussels Office).
- Active role in regional coordination of Socio-Economic Recovery Frameworks at country level.

Regional joint programming

- Implementation of the **regional programme on Smart Sustainable Cities** (UN Development Account T12) together with UNECE UNH.
- Finalization of the **Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development** (UN Development Account T10) together with UNECE.
- **Regional urban profiling for the Western Balkans** linking with the CCA processes, building on indicators for monitoring the urban SDG targets, NUA in addition to country level data sets.

Recent and upcoming events in the region

20 - 21 October 2019 @ Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina: Regional Conference “Population Dynamics, Human Capital and Sustainable Development in South-East Europe” UN-Habitat, in close collaboration with RC Montenegro drafting a concept note on mapping of cross-border population dynamics

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MOSCOW
URBAN
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2020

12 November 2020
Moscow Urban
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1-4 July 2021
Moscow Urban
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

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30-31 October 2019 @ Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation
Global Observance of World Cities Day on the theme “Innovations for Better Life for Future Generations” including a youth component.

12 November 2020: City for All. Wellbeing, Health, Sustainability

 Recent events
 Upcoming events

UN-Habitat's recent initiatives in the CIS and their COVID-19 dimension



Engagement with CCA and UNSDCF in the CIS

Armenia	Support of the RCO/ UNCT in mainstreaming urbanization to the CCA/ UNSDCF implementation including green economic growth pillar.
Azerbaijan	Engagement with the RCO/ UNCT in the CCA/UNSDCF process.
Belarus	Active partnership in CCA/ UNSDFC process, contribution on: green cities; capacity building; climate change mitigation and; NUP; urban monitoring of the SDGS and NUA targets.
Russian Federation	Engagement/coordination with in the UN team in the country

Country and territory level engagement: CIS

ARMENIA: Potential joint programming on National Urban Policy, housing

AZERBAIJAN: Engagement with UNEP and IOM in developing an Adaptation Fund proposal for Caspian Sea Region.

BELARUS: UNDA T12 regional programme on Smart Sustainable Cities.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

- First SDG Voluntary Local Review (VLR) for Moscow.
- Partnership Moscow Urban Forum Online Conference “City for All. Wellbeing, Health, Sustainability”.
- Funding to UN-Habitat on several initiatives incl. core funding.

MOSCOW VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW

The Implementation of the
Sustainable Development Goals in Moscow

INCEPTION REPORT JUNE 2020



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*Submission of Inception
Report for the Moscow
Voluntary Review, July
2020, Russian
Federation.*



UN-Habitat will finalise the first SDG Voluntary Local Review (VLR) for Moscow in December 2020

- More than **130 local stakeholders involved**
- close work with **local authorities and federal entities**
- methodology adjusted and adapted to the national context
- Preparation of the **Best Practices compendium**

Discussion and feedback on:

- Specific key emerging themes of interest in the region.
- Possibilities to scaleup/roll out of existing initiatives such as the Voluntary Local Review
- Strategic new partnerships for strengthened presence in the region
- Increasing UN-Habitats presence and technical/advisory role

THANK YOU!