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Side Event 37

Inclusive Urban Regeneration: overcoming challenges for social and environmental value creation



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UNDSS Training room

SUMMARY

Regeneration processes around the world are seeking to transform urban areas into more diverse and vibrant neighbourhoods and extend those positive impacts into the wider city-scale. As an integrated and inclusive process that combines physical, environmental, and socio-economic measures, urban regeneration has been recognized as one of the most comprehensive and effective processes that governments can adopt to promote more inclusive, resilient, safer, and sustainable cities. Urban Regeneration is a vehicle for creating and enhancing the social value of societies, creating jobs opportunities, housing affordability, and environmental sustainability. Concretely, this means that neighbourhood and community regeneration processes, based on the criteria of inclusion and sustainability, from a bottom-up perspective, can constitute opportunities for the development of the city as a whole.

In this sense, this side event will seek to exchange regulatory knowledge and experiences on the relationship between urban regeneration processes and the participation of different actors in the definition and implementation of these processes, as well as the impact on the generation of added social value. The event will have the participation of governments and organizations of Latin America, Europe and Africa involved in the implementation of urban regeneration projects.

This side-event will be part of the follow-up of the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on **the role of urban regeneration in a green and just socio-economic recovery** that UN-Habitat, through its Inclusive, Vibrant Neighbourhoods and Communities Flagship Programme and with the support of the Government of the Basque Country, organized on December 1-2, 2021 in the Basque city of Bilbao. The EGM brought together experts and practitioners from national, regional and local governments, research institutions, as well as private sector and civil society actors from around the world.



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Organizer(s)

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<https://www.euskadi.eus/gobierno-vasco/departamento-medio-ambiente-planificacion-territorial-vivienda/>

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