



Progress made in implementing the UN-Habitat programme of work related to adequate housing, including addressing homelessness and slum upgrading

Regional trends and priorities

# Eastern Europe (Caucasus and Central Asia)

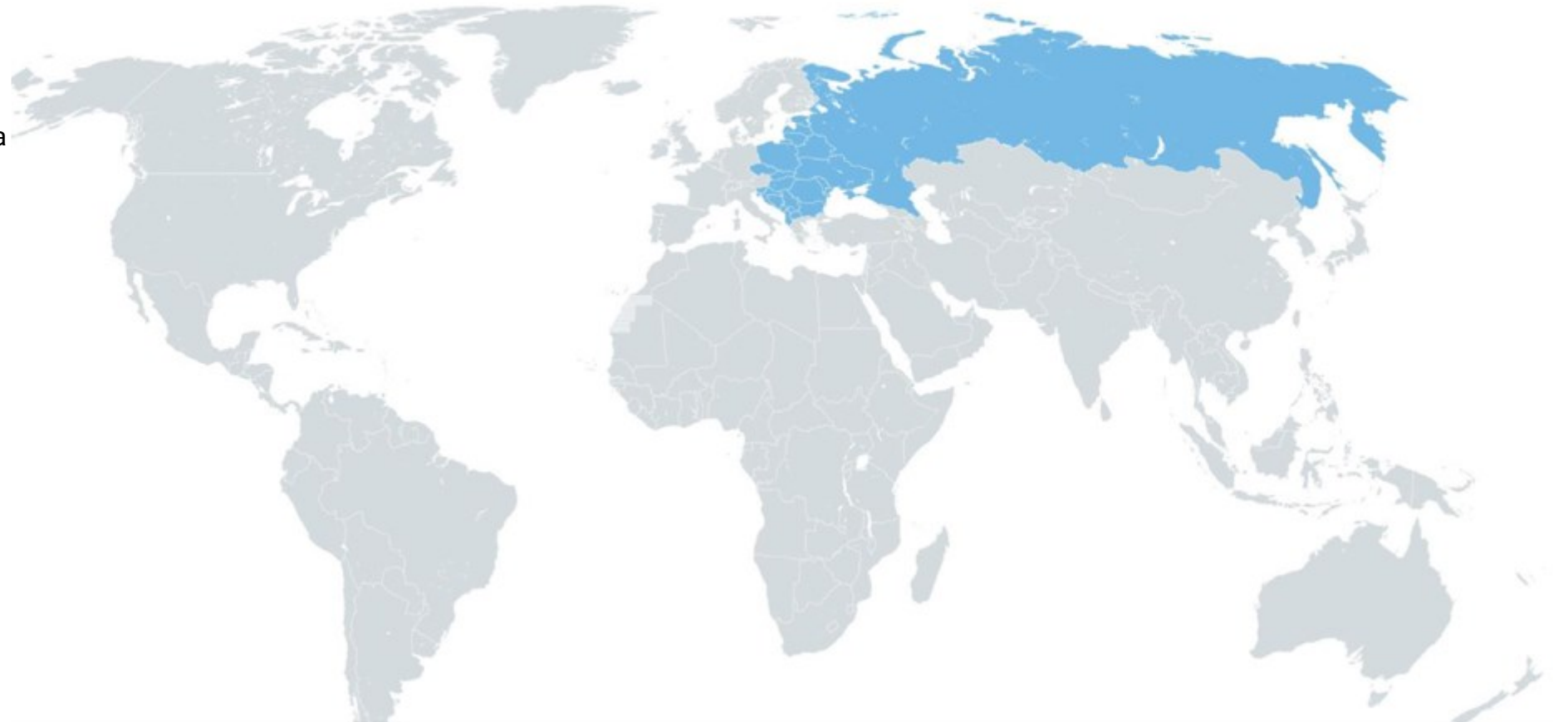
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## Context

# Countries represented in UN-Habitat Eastern European Group

1. Albania
2. Armenia
3. Azerbaijan
4. Belarus
5. Bosnia and Herzegovina
6. Bulgaria
7. Croatia
8. Czech Republic
9. Estonia
10. Georgia
11. Hungary
12. Latvia
13. Lithuania
14. Montenegro
15. North Macedonia
16. Poland
17. Republic of Moldova
18. Romania
19. Russian Federation
20. Serbia
21. Slovakia
22. Slovenia
23. Ukraine

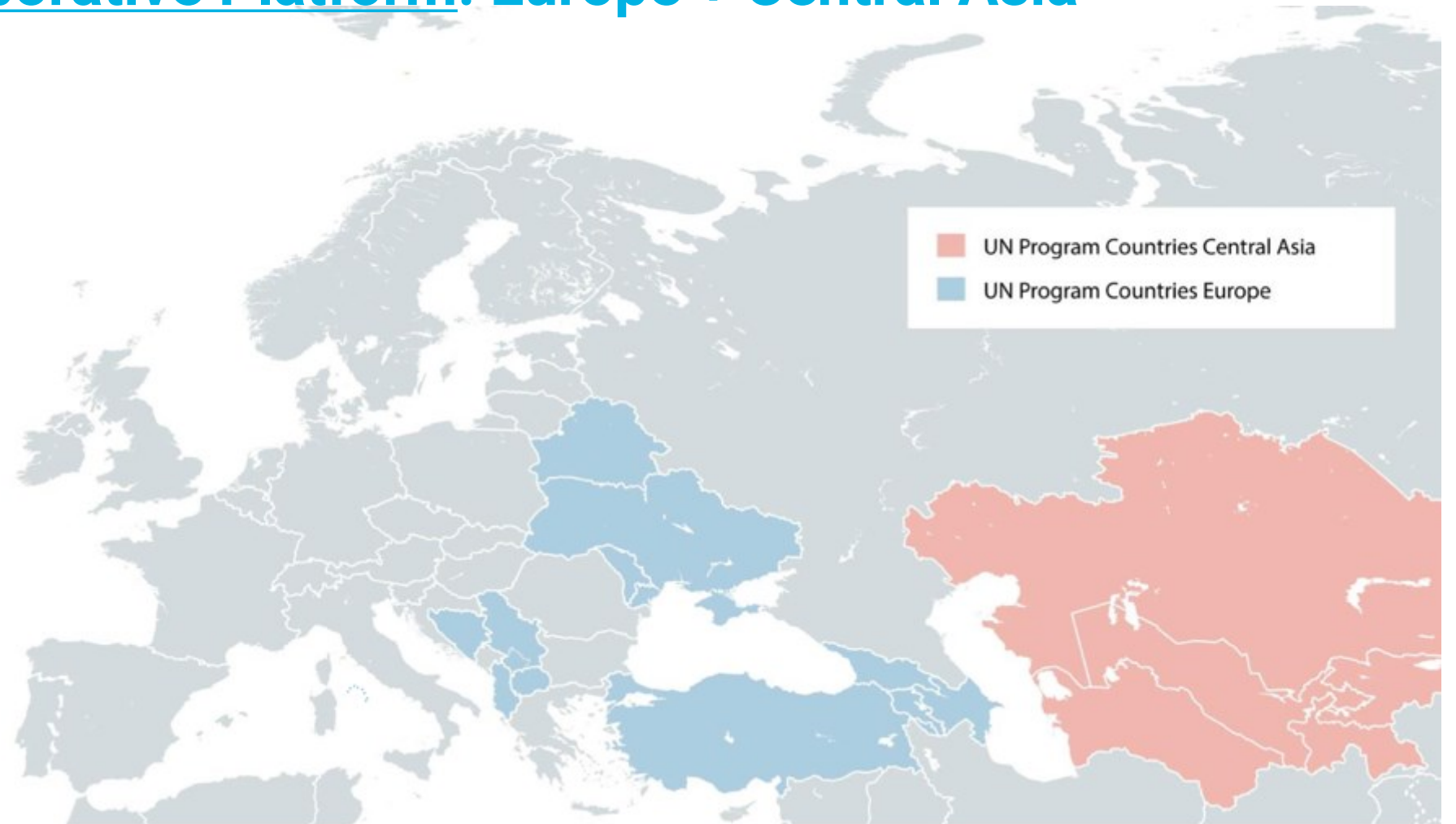


## Context

# Programme Countries

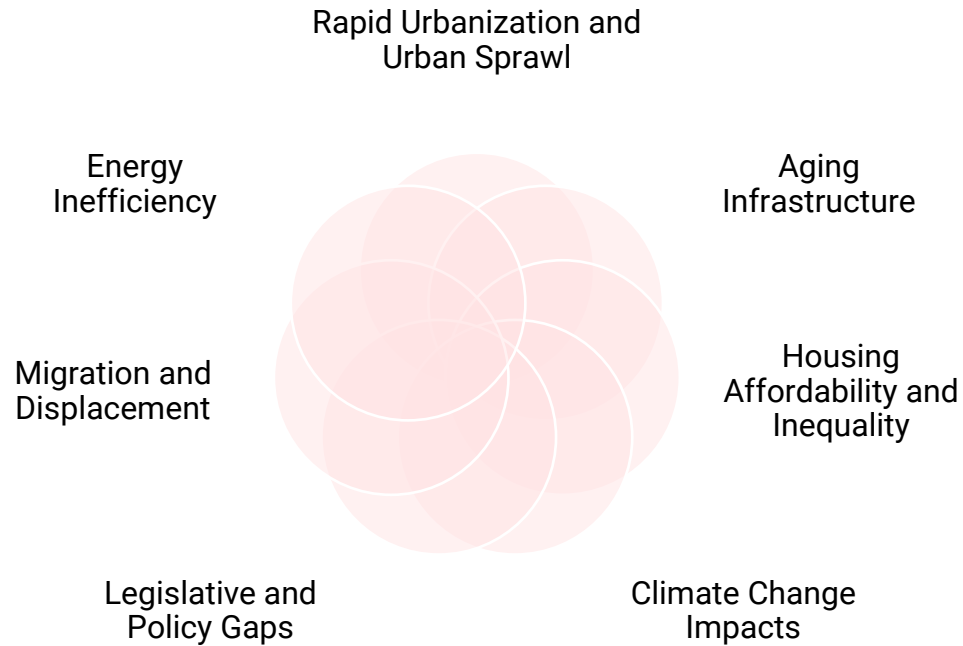
## Regional Collaborative Platform: Europe + Central Asia

1. Albania
2. Armenia
3. Azerbaijan
4. Belarus
5. Bosnia and Herzegovina
6. Georgia
7. Kazakhstan
8. Kosovo\* Team
9. Kyrgyz Republic
10. North Macedonia
11. Moldova
12. Montenegro
13. Serbia
14. Tajikistan
15. Tuerkiye
16. Turkmenistan
17. Ukraine
18. Uzbekistan

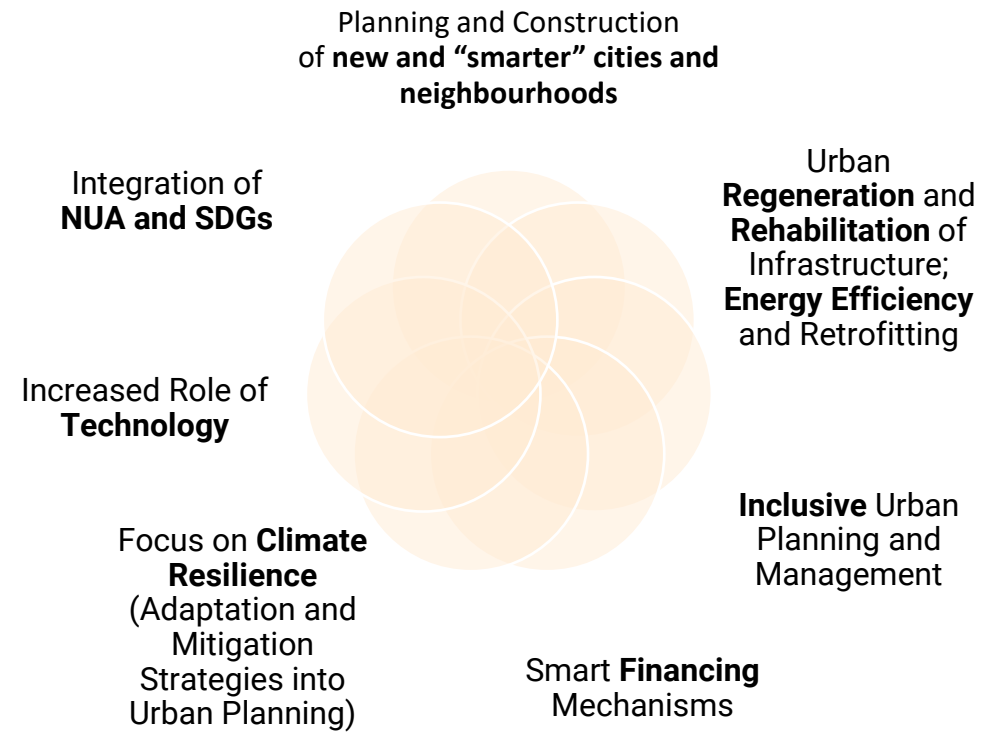


# Housing and Urban Development Challenges and Trends

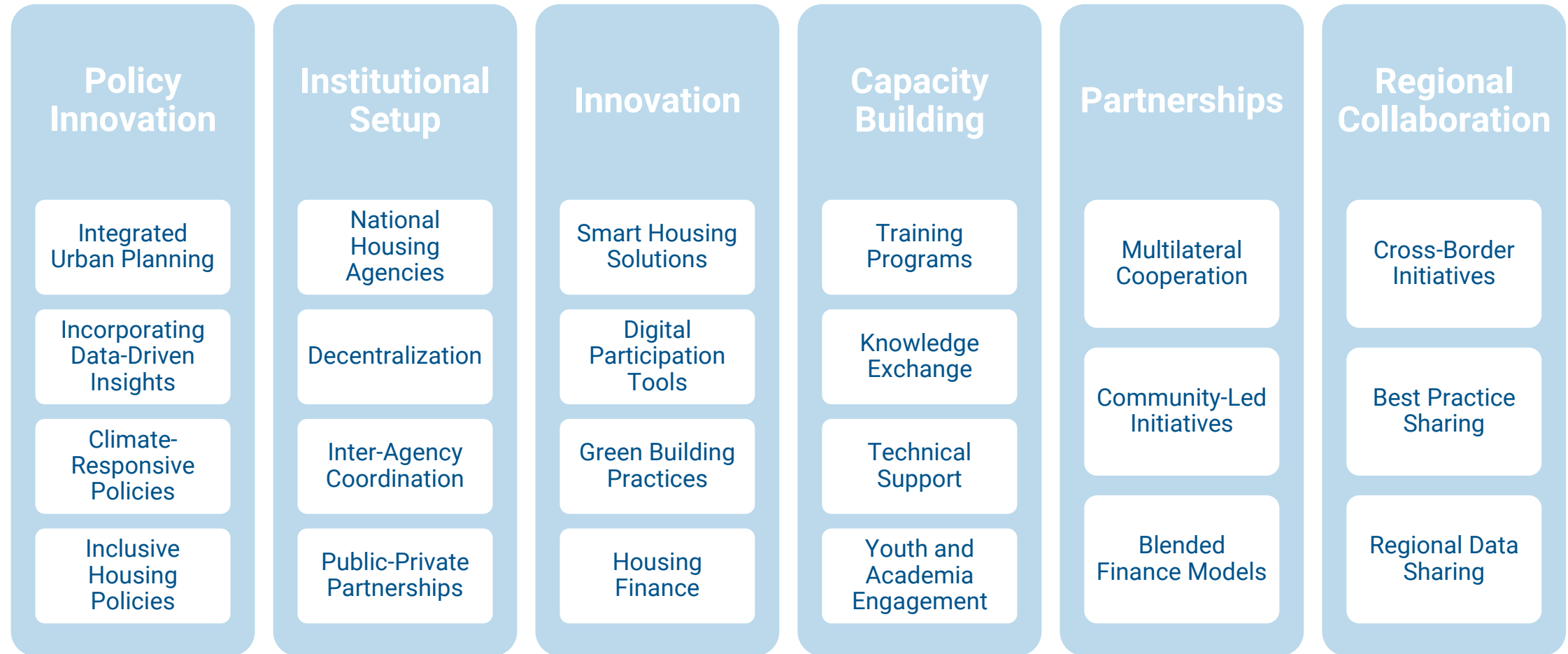
## Challenges



## Trends



# Housing and Urban Development Opportunities – UN-Habitat’s approach to technical support



# Housing and Urban Development Collaborations – United Nations Development System

## United Nations Country Teams (UNCT), lead by Resident Coordinators (RC)

*UN System-Wide Strategy on Sustainable Urban Development* (New Urban Agenda; Localization of Sustainable Development Goals; Implementation of other global commitments)

- > Common Country Assessment (CCA)
- > United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCF)



### United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP)

#### **regional advocacy:**

- 1) Regional Sustainable Development Fora; (2) Asia Pacific Urban Fora



### United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

#### **regional advocacy:**

- (1) Regional Sustainable Development For a; (2) UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management; (3) Forum of Mayors

#### **regional programming:**

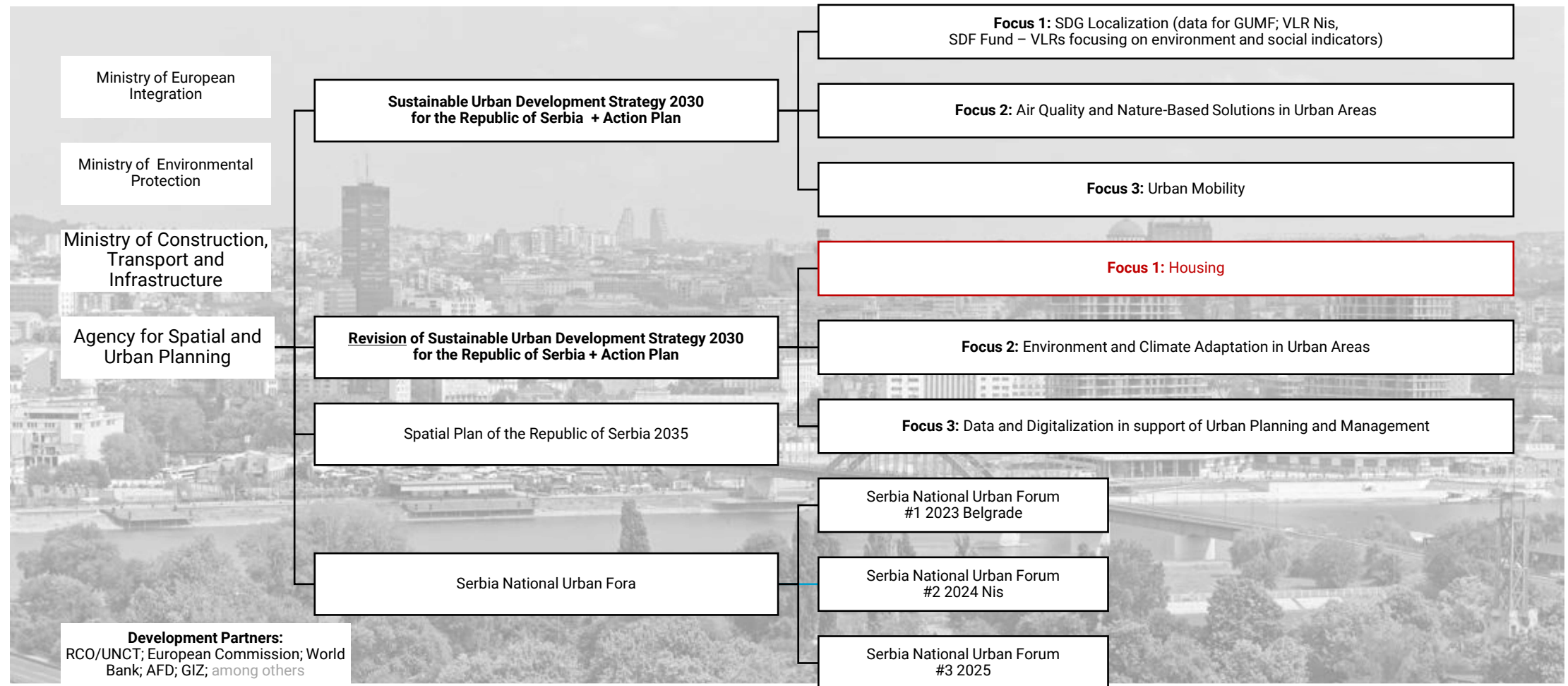
#### **United Nations Development Account:**

1. *Air Quality and Nature-based Solutions*: Serbia; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Tajikistan (UNEP)
2. *Voluntary Local Reviews*: Georgia – Tibilisi, Kyrgyz Republic – Bishkek; Serbia – Nis; Tajikistan – Dushanbe (UNECE)
3. *Urban Mobility*: Kazakhstan – Almaty; Kyrgyz Republic – Bishkek; Moldova – Chisinau; Serbia – Kragujevac (UNECE, UNESCAP)
4. *Housing*: Moldova; Kyrgyz Republic; Uzbekistan

#### **UNECE Country Profiles on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management:**

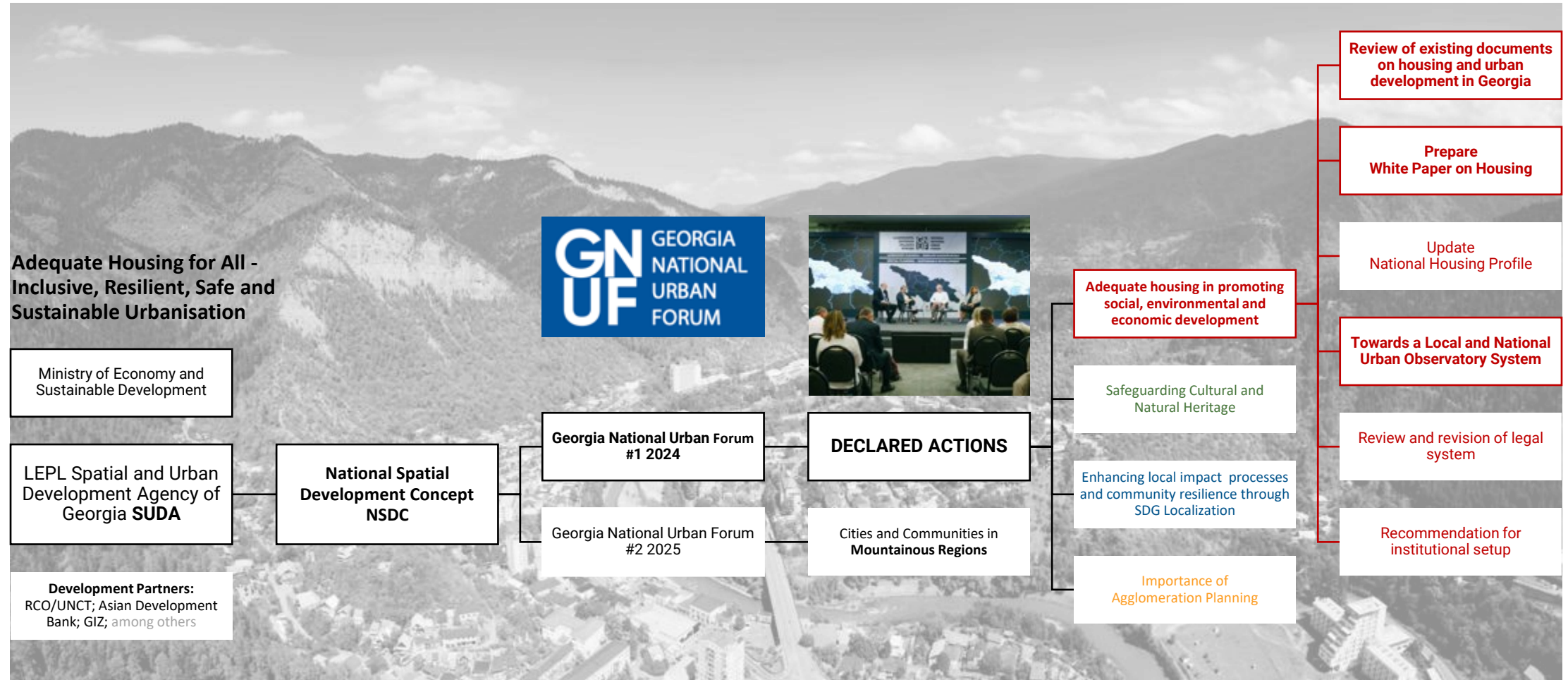
1. Armenia 2024
2. Montenegro 2025
3. Uzbekistan 2026

# UN-Habitat Technical Support to Housing and Urban Development South Eastern Europe/ Western Balkans - Serbia



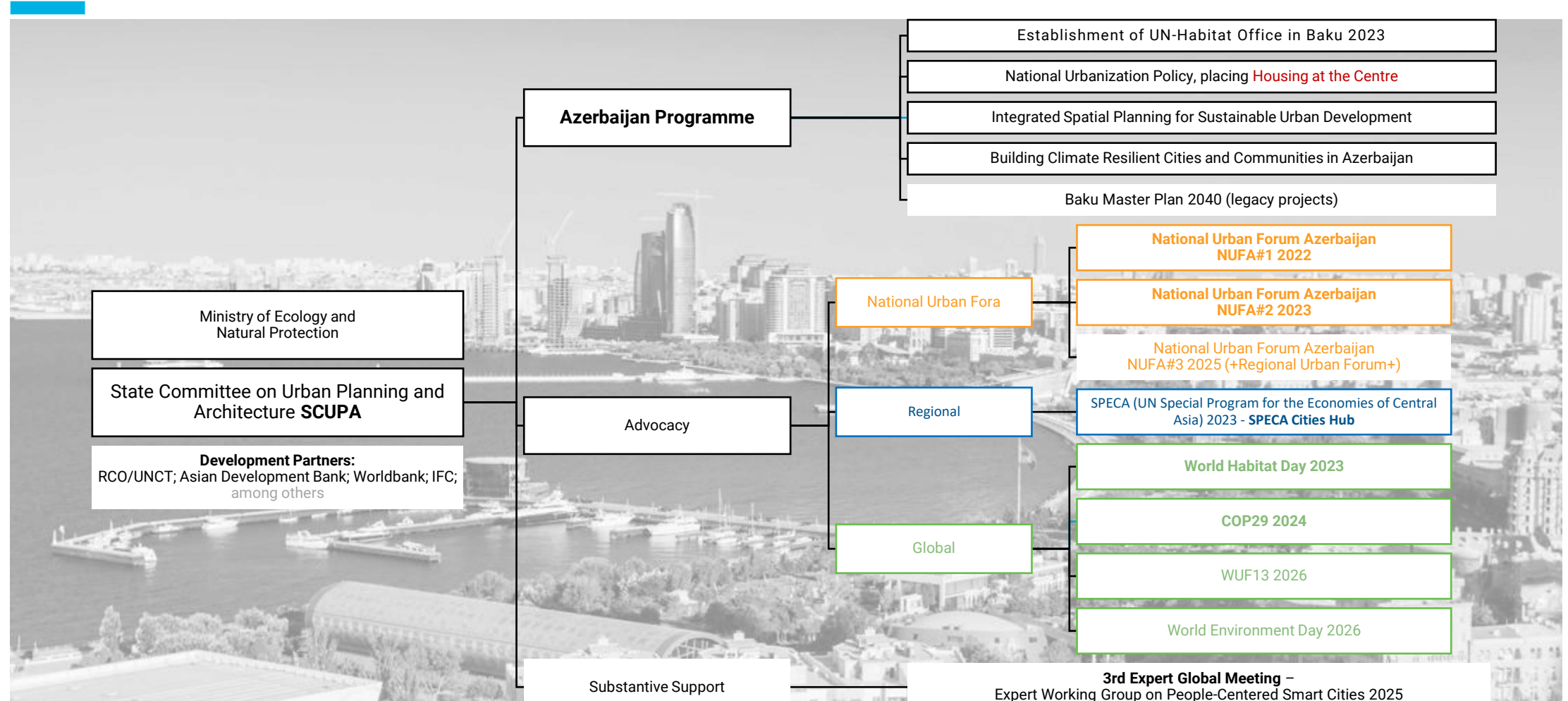


# UN-Habitat Technical Support to Housing and Urban Development Southern Caucasus - Georgia





# UN-Habitat Technical Support to Housing and Urban Development Southern Caucasus - Azerbaijan



# UN-Habitat Technical Support to Housing and Urban Development Ukraine

UN-Habitat is supporting local governments and the national Government in Ukraine, to rebuild cities/towns in a sustainable manner, as requested by **UN-Habitat's Executive Board** and the **Government of Ukraine (2022)**

## UN-Habitat Ukraine country programme aims at

- Fostering a more in-depth and cross-sectoral understanding of the impact of the war on Ukrainian cities and towns through **enhanced access to data**;
- Fast tracking recovery towards **green, inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable neighbourhoods and cities, placing housing at the centre**;
- Increasing Ukrainian **urban planning and design capacity**;
- **Developing digital solutions and capacities** to support recovery efforts.

## Portfolio:

- **Towards Inclusive and Resilient Urban Recovery in Ukraine**; BMZ, 7.6M USD – August 2023 to April 2025 (18 months)
- **Just transitions: digital tools and capacity for inclusive, smart and resilient urban recovery in Ukraine** (through UNITAC); BMZ, 4.2M USD (UNH share: 1.7M) – Dec 2022 to Dec 2025 (3 years)
- **Strengthening the capacity of three Ukrainian water and sanitation utilities through Water Operators' Partnerships (WOP)** (through GWOPA); UNICEF, 900K USD – July 2024 to Jan 2026 (18 months)
- **Soft earmark funding**: Republic of Slovakia (270K USD), US (50K USD)
- **In the pipeline**: opening of an Ukraine Urban Support Hub in Kosice, Slovakia, in Q1 2025.

## Needs Analysis

1. **cross-border planning** and an enhanced understanding of the urbanization trends and the status of cities across Ukraine
2. new **General Territorial Planning Scheme** of the Ukrainian Territory, also considering new realities, development goals and new planning approaches at the local and regional level
3. human resources; **local officials & urban planning professionals** (No formal education)

# Housing and Urban Development (Inter)regional Cooperation and Coalitions



**World Urban Forum 12  
Cairo, Egypt 4 – 8  
November 2024**

Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz  
Republic, Moldova,  
Georgia, Ukraine + EIB

*Towards  
a **LightHouse Programme on  
Housing Programme for Eastern  
Europe, Caucasus and Central  
Asia...***

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## Conclusions

# Way forward and next steps

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### Advocacy

1. **Housing at the Center of Sustainable Urbanization:** Raise Awareness; Position Housing in Broader Urban Contexts
2. **Promote Affordable and Inclusive Housing:** Affordable Housing Finance; Inclusivity in Design; Informal Settlements
3. **Prioritize Climate-Resilient Housing:** Green Building Standards; Disaster Risk Reduction; Renewable Energy Integration
4. **Innovative Financing Models:** Engage Private Sector

### Technical Support

1. **Enhance Data Collection and Monitoring:** Urban Housing Data - Indicators; Digital Tools
2. **National Housing Policies:** Policy Guidance; Legislative Support; Align with Global Frameworks;
3. **Support to Tailored Housing Strategies:** Conduct Needs Assessments; Customize Strategies
4. **Scale Up Pilot Initiatives:** Demonstration Projects; Monitoring Success
5. **Foster Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing:** Local Government Training; Knowledge Hubs

### Partnerships

1. **Promote Regional Collaboration:** Cross-Border Housing Programs; Align Housing Agendas; Regional Conferences
2. **Leverage Partnerships and Financing:** Expand Partnerships



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