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The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) presents its compliments to the Members of the regional Group of Eastern European States and has the honour to refer to its Notes Verbales dated 19 July 2024 and 2 August 2024 inviting each Member of the Group to nominate an expert to a Regional Consultation Meeting for Eastern Europe on the international guidelines on people-centred smart cities scheduled to take place in **Bratislava, Slovakia**, from 18 – 19 September 2024 and to inform that the date has been rescheduled to **28 - 29 January 2025** and that the Meeting will include Member States from the Eastern Europe and Western European and Other States.

As may be recalled, [resolution 2/1](#) of the United Nations Habitat Assembly requests the Executive Director of UN-Habitat to initiate the development of international guidelines on people-centred smart cities as a non-binding framework for developing national and local smart city regulations, plans, and strategies. The resolution further called for the guidelines to be developed through an inclusive consultative process. The preparation is thus being guided by 31 global experts nominated by Member States and appointed by UN-Habitat's Executive Director.

UN-Habitat, under the guidance of the 31 global experts, is conducting a series of regional consultations to ensure the guidelines' development truly reflects the geographical nuances and priorities of Member States. Specifically, this Regional Consultation for Eastern Europe and Western Europe Other States will aim to validate the final draft of the guidelines in the regions.

In order for the consultations to benefit widely from the region, UN-Habitat would be grateful if, the Permanent Missions could nominate a subject matter expert to join the Regional Consultation for Eastern Europe and Western European and Other States. The nominee should be a smart cities subject matter expert with a proven track record in this area.

Nominations should be submitted to unhabitat-sgb@un.org with a copy to ig-pcsc@un.org by **28 November 2024**.

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Members of the regional Group of Eastern European States the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Members of the regional Group of Eastern European States