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UNECE Workshop

**“Enhancing Urban Performance:
How effective urban planning can lead to greener urban communities & economies and
promote social cohesion “**

Prague, Czech Republic

3-4 May 2010

Preliminary Programme

2 May 2010

During the day	Arrival of participants; registration
	Study Tour – Prague; Project visit and debate with representatives of the Prague City Council and architects
19:00	Welcome buffet dinner

3 May 2010

Until 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 9:40	Welcome address by Mr Rostislav Vondruška, Minister for Regional Development - “Importance of cities in territorial development”
9:40 - 9:55	Introductory address by Mr Petr Osvald, Deputy Minister for regional and cohesion policy, Ministry for Regional Development - “Urban policy as a part of economic, social and territorial cohesion”
9:55 - 10:00	Address by Ms. Christina von Schweinichen, Deputy Director, UNECE, Environment, Housing and Land Management Division - “Towards an integrated approach to urban planning”
10:00 - 10.15	Coffee break
10:15 - 10:30	“Setting the scene” by Mr John Zetter, Chairman of the IFHP
10:30 - 11:15	Discussion

Session 1: Towards green cities: housing and infrastructure

11:15 - 12:15

Presentations:

N. Bobylev and L. Losin (Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia): “Urban physical infrastructure, city spatial structure, and sustainable development”

M. Frömming (Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, Germany) and M. Valentova (Institute for Environmental Policy, Czech Republic): “The potential of Car-Sharing for environmentally friendly, more efficient and inclusive urban development- reclaiming street space for social and ecological purposes”

L. Lampin (CIRED, France): “Urban form and climate impact of housing sector”

J. Li (IDDRI, France): “Scaling up climate finance for changing pathways in cities”

M. Modelewska (Warsaw School of Economics, Poland): “Integrated strategies for urban regeneration”

12:15 - 12:45

Discussion with participants

12:45 - 14:30

Lunch break

Session 2: Towards energy efficiency and affordable housing

14:30 - 14:45

Key-note address by Mr Iván Tosics, Metropolitan Research Institute, Hungary – (TBA)

14:45 - 15:30

Presentations:

M. Sunikka-Blank (University of Cambridge, UK): “Sustainable Retrofit – understanding barriers to progress, community engagement and strategies for increase of take up by home owners and tenants”

D. Lilic (Energy Efficiency Agency, Serbia): “Energy Efficiency In The Building Sector In Serbia. Evaluation of the effects of the applied EE measures in two schools”

S. Tsenkova (University of Calgary, Canada): “A Renaissance of Social Housing in Europe: Planning strategies in The Context of Urban Regeneration”

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 16.30

Presentations:

Z. Slabkowicz (National Chamber of Commerce for Low-Cost Housing Societies): “LCHS (Low Cost Housing Societies) as a tool in municipal policies. Social housing system”

A. Safarov (National Coordinator, National Agency for Construction and Architecture, Tajikistan): “Urban planning in Tajikistan”

	E. Rakova (IPM Research Center, Belarus): “The concept of construction (reconstruction) of affordable and comfortable housing for the citizens of the Republic of Belarus- a new step towards improving the housing sector”
16:30 - 17:20	Discussion
17:30	End of the first day of the workshop
19:30 - 22:00	Dinner

4 May 2010

9:30	Opening of the second day
9:30 - 9:45	Introductory address by... (TBC/TBA)
9:45 - 10:00	Key-note address by Mr Wolfgang Förster, Chairman of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management
	Session 3: Comprehensive approach to spatial planning
10:00 - 10:45	Presentations
	K. Maier (CVUT, Czech Republic): “Analysis of sustainable territorial development in Czech planning”
	A. Montealegre (World Bank): “Informal development in the Balkans and the Caucasus: An integrative approach to improve land tenure and economic performance”
	I. Moisseev (UN-HABITAT): “Indicative planning to enhance urban development capacity”
	J. Mathey (IOER, Germany): “The Role of Urban Green Spaces for Cities under Climate Change – Aspects of Planning and Implementation”
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.15	C. Kessides and W. Pohl (World Bank): “Sustainable brownfield redevelopment”
	T. Kranz (University of Redlands, USA): “Sustainable buildings and communities: an overview of the U.S. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program”
11:15 - 11:45	Discussion
	Session 4: On the path to social cohesion
11:45 - 12:30	Presentations
	S. Pascariu (University Ion Mincu, Romania): “The passage towards integrated planning in Romania”

Z. Hudekova (REC Slovakia): “Creation of more liveable communities through participatory planning of the open urban spaces”

M. Holden (Simon Fraser University, Canada): “Social sustainability policy and planning in Metro Vancouver”

C. Katz (Leuphana-University of Lüneburg, Germany): “Inter-cultural empowerment of the public in the environmental planning”

T. Vakhitova (University of Cambridge,UK): “Improved impact assessment to better address cultural heritage values”

12:30 - 13:00 Discussion with participants

13:00 Lunch

After 14:00 Departure of participants