



FORUM OF MAYORS 2022



Briefing to UNECE member States

21 February 2022

#MayorsAction

Second Forum of Mayors, 4-5 April 2022

- **When and where:** 4-5 April 2022 at Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Languages:** in English, French, Russian with simultaneous translation
- **What:** gathering of city leaders to exchange experiences, present their efforts to tackle challenges in their cities, and discuss how to work together in the context of the UN
- **Theme:** Recovering from COVID-19 while advancing the implementation of the SDGs ...”
- **Thematic sessions:**
 1. Resilient, healthy and climate-neutral buildings and affordable and adequate housing;
 2. Vibrant public spaces, green cities and nature-based solutions;
 3. Sustainable urban transport, shared mobility and safer roads;
 4. Sustainable urban planning, the 15-minute city and smart urban development solutions.
- **Expected outcome:**
 1. Exchange of experiences and new practices
 2. Recommendations on the future of the Forum of Mayors to be submitted to the 83rd Session of the CUDHLM on 3-6 October San Marino.
- **Report is to be presented on 6th April 2022 at the plenary session of the Regional Forum for Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region**

Second Forum of Mayors Steering Committee

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- Paloma Taltavull de la Paz, Chair of UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group (Spain)
- Andras Szorenyi, former Ambassador of Hungary to the UN (Hungary)

Representatives of other organizations

- Ms. Kamelia Kemieva and Ahn Thu, Co-Directors, Geneva City Hub
- Mr. Richard Dilworth, Norman Foster Foundation
- Mr. Dr Graham Alabaster, Head of Geneva Office (OIC), UN-Habitat
- Mr. Pietro Elisei, ISOCARP President

+ Representatives of the UNECE divisions



Second Forum of Mayors 2022 - Sessions

Session 1:

Resilient, healthy and climate neutral buildings & affordable and adequate housing

Session 2:

Vibrant public spaces, greener cities, and nature-based solutions

Session 3:

Sustainable urban transport, shared mobility and safer roads

Session 4:

Sustainable urban planning, the 15-minute city and smart urban development solutions

Participation of Mayors (as of 21 Feb 2022)

Agadir, Morocco

Aghdam, Azerbaijan

Alba Iulia, Romania

Almaty, Kazakhstan (TBC)

Amman, Jordan

Andorra la Vella, Andorra

Athens, Greece

Bari, Italy

Bern, Switzerland

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Bogota, Colombia (TBC)

Bonn, Germany

Boston, United States (TBC)

Bratislava, Slovakia

Bristol, United Kingdom

Brno, Czechia

Copenhagen, Denmark (TBC)

Cork, Ireland

Debrecen, Hungary

Dushanbe, Tajikistan (TBC)

Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg (TBC)

Freetown, Sierra Leone

Gaziantep, Turkey

Ghent, Belgium

Grenoble, France

Grodno, Belarus

Helsingborg, Sweden

Israel (city to be confirmed)

Kampala, Uganda (TBC)

Katowice, Poland

Kharkiv, Ukraine

Kranj, Slovenia

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (TBC)

Lahti, Finland

Larnaca, Cyprus (TBC)

Loulé, Portugal

Madrid, Spain

Makati, Philippines (TBC)

Montevideo, Uruguay (TBC)

Moscow, Russian Federation (TBC)

Ohrid, North Macedonia

Podgorica, Montenegro

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (TBC)

Reykjavik, Iceland

Riga, Latvia

San Marino

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sofia, Bulgaria

Tallinn, Estonia

Tbilisi, Georgia

Tirana, Albania

Trondheim, Norway (TBC)

Ungheni, Republic of Moldova

Utrecht, Netherlands

Vaduz, Liechtenstein

Valletta, Malta (TBC)

Victoria, Canada

Vienna, Austria

Vilnius, Lithuania

Yerevan, Armenia

Zagreb, Croatia (TBC)

Cities outside of the region

Briefings and next steps

14 February – Briefing to UNECE member States

15 February – Briefing to for Mayors and first round of discussion on recommendations of Mayors

21 February – Briefing for International Organizations

11 March – Second round of discussion on recommendations of Mayors

How can you engage?

Please register at <https://forumofmayors.unece.org/>



Second Forum of Mayors 2022

The Forum of Mayors is a platform for on-going exchange and mutual learning where Mayors will present their efforts to tackle challenges in their cities. Cities will learn from each other's best practices in the areas of housing and climate-neutral buildings, green cities and nature-based solutions, sustainable urban transport and safer roads, and smart urban development solutions.



[register for this event](https://forumofmayors.unece.org/)

04TH **05TH**
APRIL **APRIL**
2022 **2022**

10:00hrs **18:00hrs**

Palais des Nations
Geneva
Switzerland

Attend side events

(Not a complete list - as of 16.02.2022)



Side event: UEFA football penalty shoot-out 2022 – Mayors & Ambassadors scoring the Sustainable Development Goals

The Forum of Mayors 2022 will feature a soccer match bringing together mayors and diplomats on one court. The soccer match is jointly organized by UNECE and UEFA. City leaders and Geneva-based ambassadors will team-up and get the ball rolling for the Sustainable Development Goals!

[register for this event](#)

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13:15hrs

15:00hrs

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Side events



Side event: UN Road Safety Fund Cultural Event – Smart and safe mobility: Highlights from the Global Road Safety Film Festival

Creating smart and safe mobility solutions for road users is critical for sustainable urban development. Join this one-hour film event to see how citizen, cities and communities are leading the change on road safety around the world. Take part in the exchange to share your views on cleaner, safer and greener spaces.

[register for this event](#)

04TH **04TH**
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18:00hrs **19:00hrs**

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Side event: Localizing the SDGs – Voluntary Local Reviews in the UNECE region. Experiences and good practices

Following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, national governments are developing Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) to assess their progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda, but VNRs are tools to create long-term strategies for sustainable development. This side event will provide an opportunity to exchange experiences and practices between cities in the UNECE region on the VLR development and international organizations and experts who support local governments in the VLR development.

[register for this event](#)

05TH **05TH**
APRIL APRIL
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13:30hrs **15:00hrs**

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Side events



Side event: #Housing2030, effective policies for affordable housing in the UNECE region

The side event will present the report of the study “[Housing2030: Effective policies for affordable housing in the UNECE region](#)” which have been developed by the UNECE in cooperation with Housing Europe, UN-Habitat and other partners.

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15:00hrs **17:00hrs**

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Side event: Scaling-up financing for Sustainable Urban Infrastructure – Experiences from the UNECE Region

The Forum of Mayors is a platform for exchange and mutual learning and this side event aims to support a regional exchange of successful experiences and common challenges. The first panel seeks to showcase tangible experiences and approaches to successful urban infrastructure projects in the UNECE region, specifically from the perspective of PPFs. The second panel puts together a range of key stakeholders, from city departments, city networks, international organisations and experts to discuss common challenges and opportunities from their own perspectives.

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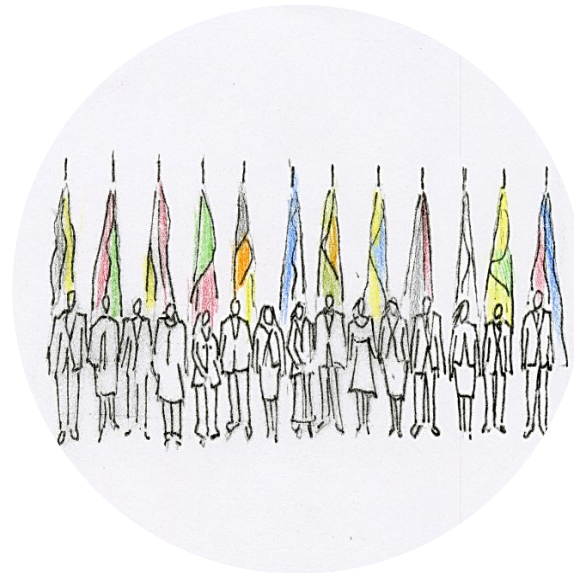
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13:00hrs **14:30hrs**

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Related events and sessions

- The Second Forum of Mayors will be held back-to-back with the **Regional Forum on Sustainable Development** (Geneva, 6 and 7 April 2022)
- Forum of Mayors report is to be presented at the **83rd session of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management** to take place in San Marino on 3-6 October 2022



Thank you!

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