

Evaluation of the UNECE project "Strengthening national capacities for sustainable housing and urban development in countries with economies in transition" - UNDA, 9th tranche, project code 1415AC (January 2018)

Final Progress report as at 30 June 2019

#	Recommendation	Management response	Responsibility	Date of implementation/comments
1	HLMU should follow the best practice of administering to the beneficiaries on-the spot online (or paper-based where unavoidable) surveys as the standard operational procedure for all workshops and seminars. Such surveys should always include requests for qualitative comments and proposals by participants. The summaries of returns and their analytics should be stored online and become part of the records of the project implementation to be used for lessons learning purpose. The staff of HLMU should be trained in using Google Forms and Survey Monkey	One day workshop is planned to be organised during July - August 2018 with a trainer.	HLMU	Closed as implemented in December 2018 Project staff was trained in the use of Survey Monkey which is now regularly used for conducting surveys and feedbacks.
3	The HLMU should when resources are available strategize shifting the emphasis in its capacity- development activities towards e-learning and taking advantage of best practices in online training.	The recommendation is fully accepted. The HLMU has mapped available resources and tools to offer e-learning. This includes online thematic lectures in English and Russian languages on relevant topics saved on YouTube and available through web. HLMU has discussed establishment of regional portal using innovative e-learning	HLMU	Closed as implemented in June 2019 The concept of the regional observatory on urban related SDGs was developed and reflected in the Committee on Housing and Land Management official documentation (ECE/HBP/2018/1 para 7 and 59) and information document (ECE/HBP/2018/Inf.1). Responsible staff is Gulnara Roll, Head of Housing and Land Management Unit. The online training materials were made available at http://www.unece.org/housing-and-land-management/training-materials.html . The webpage is being regularly updated.

		<p>approaches with the SDGU which is currently considering establishment of such a portal for the UNECE region. This initiative would require additional funds, which. The viability of this option will be determined by 31 December 2018.</p> <p>As an interim measure HLMU identified SDGHelpdesk webportal, developed by UNESCAP as a useful platform for its e-learning materials https://sdghelpdesk.unescap.org. HLMU will provide online trainings and e-learning through SDGHelpdesk webportal and UNECE website, where some of the e-learning materials are provided http://www.unece.org/housing-and-land-management/training-materials.html Several teleconferences were organized with UN ESCAP and OICT, it was agreed UNECE will provide its training materials (publications, online lectures) on its own website and will share a link with ESCAP who will add the links to the portal. Follow up actions and responsibilities</p>		
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		Task of strategizing completed in March-April 2018. The work on setting up e-learning materials on SDG Helpdesk will be conducted in August-December 2018.		
4	The HLMU webpage with online information on best practices should be created and desirably complemented with an online forum facility for experts. This is subject to availability of resources. It should be linked to the UN-Habitat Best Practices Database, Best Practices Unit and Global Urban Lectures webpages.	The recommendation is fully accepted The UNECE webpage, http://www.unece.org/housing-and-land-management/training-materials.html , has been created. The UN-Habitat materials are available through this webpage. As explained above, further SDG helpdesk portal will be used as the platform.	HLMU	Closed as implemented in June 2019 The concept of the regional observatory on urban related SDGs was developed and reflected in the Committee on Housing and Land Management official documentation (ECE/HBP/2018/1 para 7 and 59) and information document (ECE/HBP/2018/Inf.1). Responsible staff is Gulnara Roll, Head of Housing and Land Management Unit. The online training materials were made available at http://www.unece.org/housing-and-land-management/training-materials.html . The webpage is being regularly updated.