Building Urban Economic Resilience during and after COVID-19

Global workshop (virtual) on knowledge, practices and methods

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153\textsuperscript{rd} day since the World changed forever

Note: The days refer to the public announcing by the government of Albania of the national emergency situation due to COVID-19 pandemic.
Measurements from the European Space Agency’s Sentinel-5P satellite show that during late January and early February 2020, levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) over cities and industrial areas in Asia and Europe were lower than in the same period in 2019, by as much as 40%.

Stay at home!
Wash your hands!
Social distancing!

Policy responses:

Share of OECD countries that have introduced (or announced) new measures or expanded existing ones in response to COVID-19

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<th>Policy Measure</th>
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<td>Financial support to firms</td>
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<td>Income support to people losing a job</td>
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<td>Income support to quarantined workers</td>
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<td>Adjusting hours of work and short-time working schemes</td>
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<td>Help with unforeseen care needs</td>
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<td>Reducing workers' exposure to COVID-19</td>
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<td>Income support to sick workers</td>
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<td>Helping people stay in their homes</td>
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UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management works to promote
• energy efficient and adequate housing, including for those with special needs and vulnerable population groups
• compact, inclusive, resilient, smart and sustainable cities
• transparent and efficient land use, and property registration.

The Committee is a neutral platform for facilitating an exchange of the practices and experiences of overcoming multiple challenges, including related to COVID-19 pandemic.

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According to the **Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing**, national policies and planning are often inadequate to prevent and minimize damage from disasters and emergency situations.

The Charter calls to promote resilient human settlements and to provide support for adequate housing solutions for people affected by natural and human-made disasters.
The Forum of Mayors will provide a platform for local governments to discuss how cities can better adapt, prepare and respond to emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as local responses to the effects of climate change and disasters.

The Forum of Mayors will be held on 6 October 2020 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Thank you!

“Cities are on the frontline of climate mitigation. I truly hope that the Forum of Mayors will pave the way for bold policies that can empower cities in their fight for carbon-neutrality.”

Gergely Karácsony
Mayor of Budapest, Hungary

“Everything global starts local. That is why I look forward to the Forum of Mayors 2020 as I firmly believe that we must all act together, aim to inspire change and strengthen the resilience of our cities.”

Gregor Macedoni
Mayor of Novo mesto, Slovenia

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