



# HOUSING FOR ALL ?

## FROM IDEALS TO REALITY

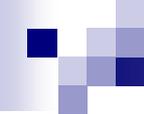
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**Affordable Housing in 21 Century**

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# GLOBAL AGREEMENTS

- **Agenda 2030 - SDG (UN) 2015**
- **Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing 2015**
- **Urban Agenda for the EU - 2016**
- **New Urban Agenda – HABITAT III 2016**



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# CITIES IN THE CENTRE OF INTEREST



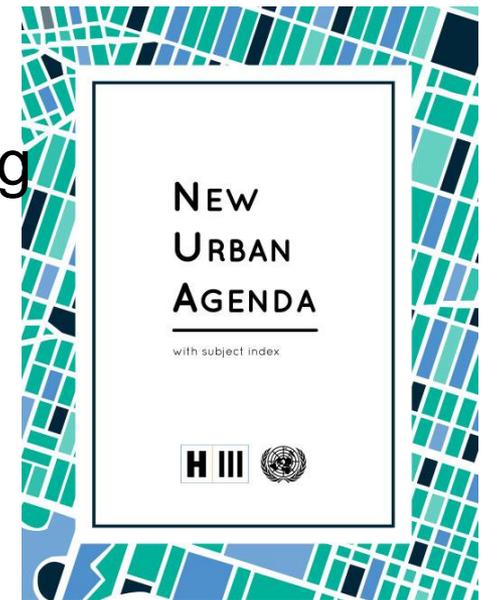
**Goal 11: Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable**

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals>



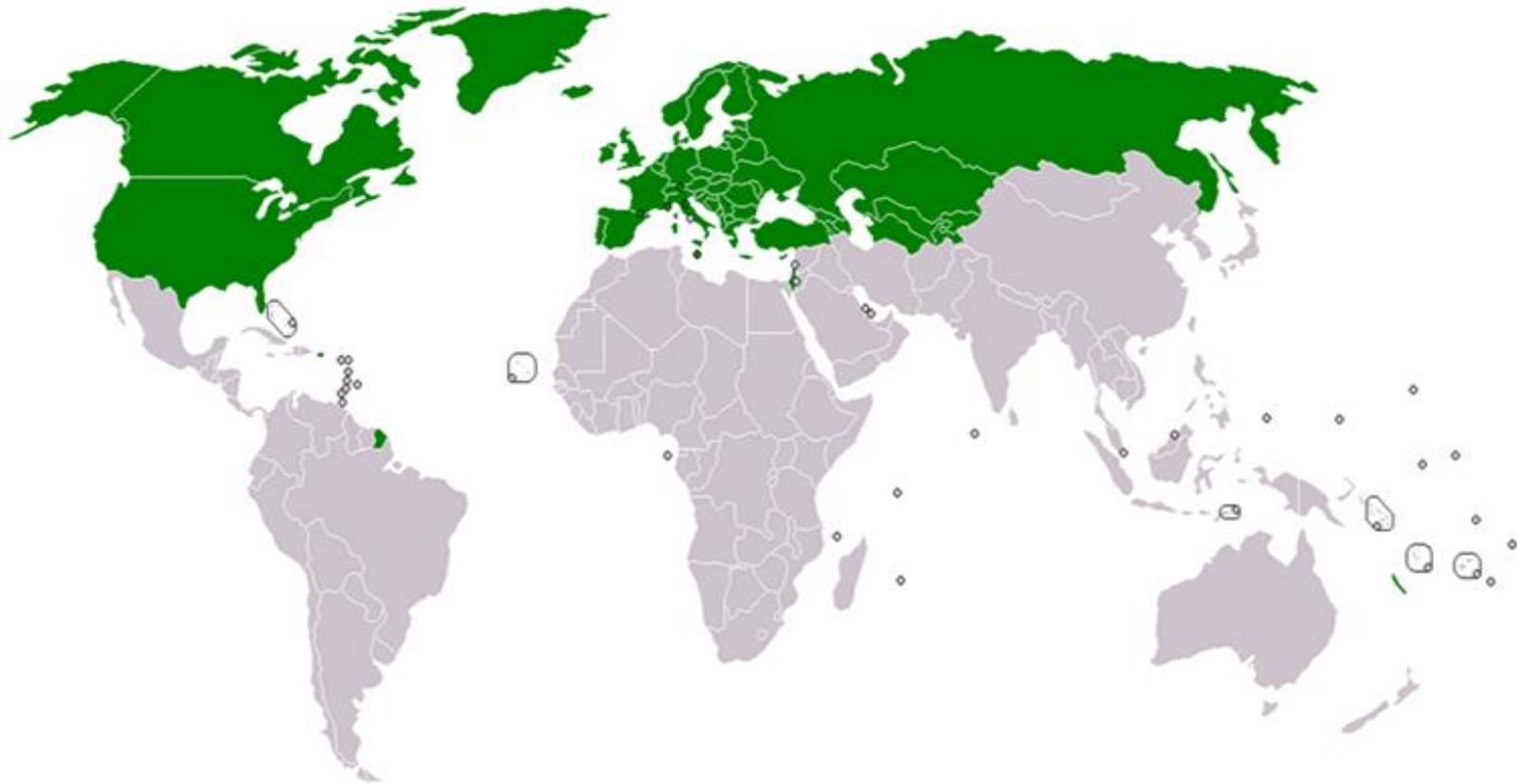
# NEW URBAN AGENDA

- The New Urban Agenda –
- Cities
  - engines of prosperity
  - centres of cultural and social well-being
  - inclusive and resilient
  - respectful to environment
  - able to cope with climate change
  - providing affordable housing for all
  - achieving SDGs



# UNECE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND LAND MANAGEMENT (CHLM)

56 member States in Europe, Central Asia and North America





# GENEVA UN CHARTER ON SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

## Endorsed

at the 66th Session of the UNECE, April 2015

## Main purpose

Ensure the access to decent, affordable  
and healthy housing in the ECE region





## FOUR PRINCIPLES



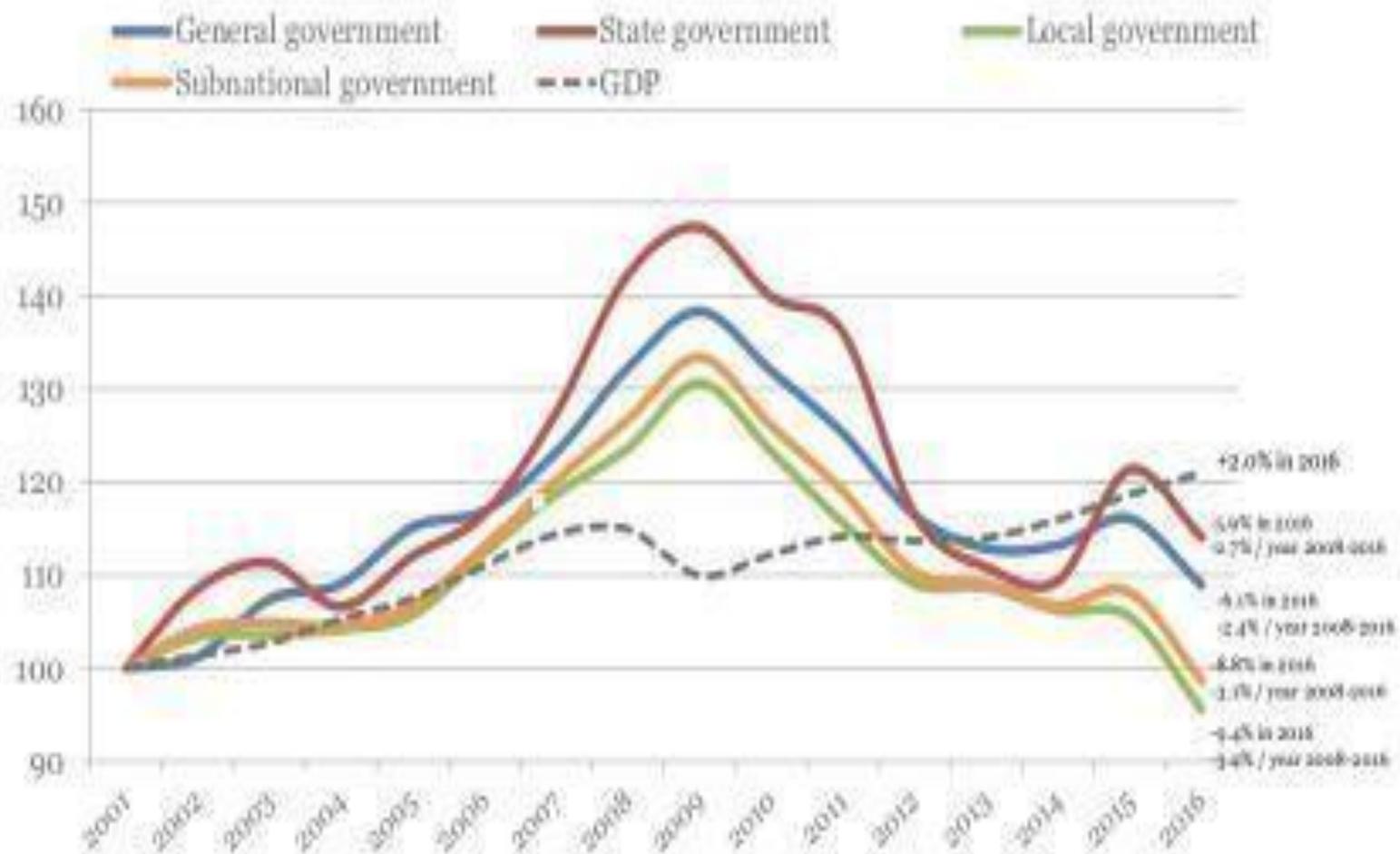
# URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

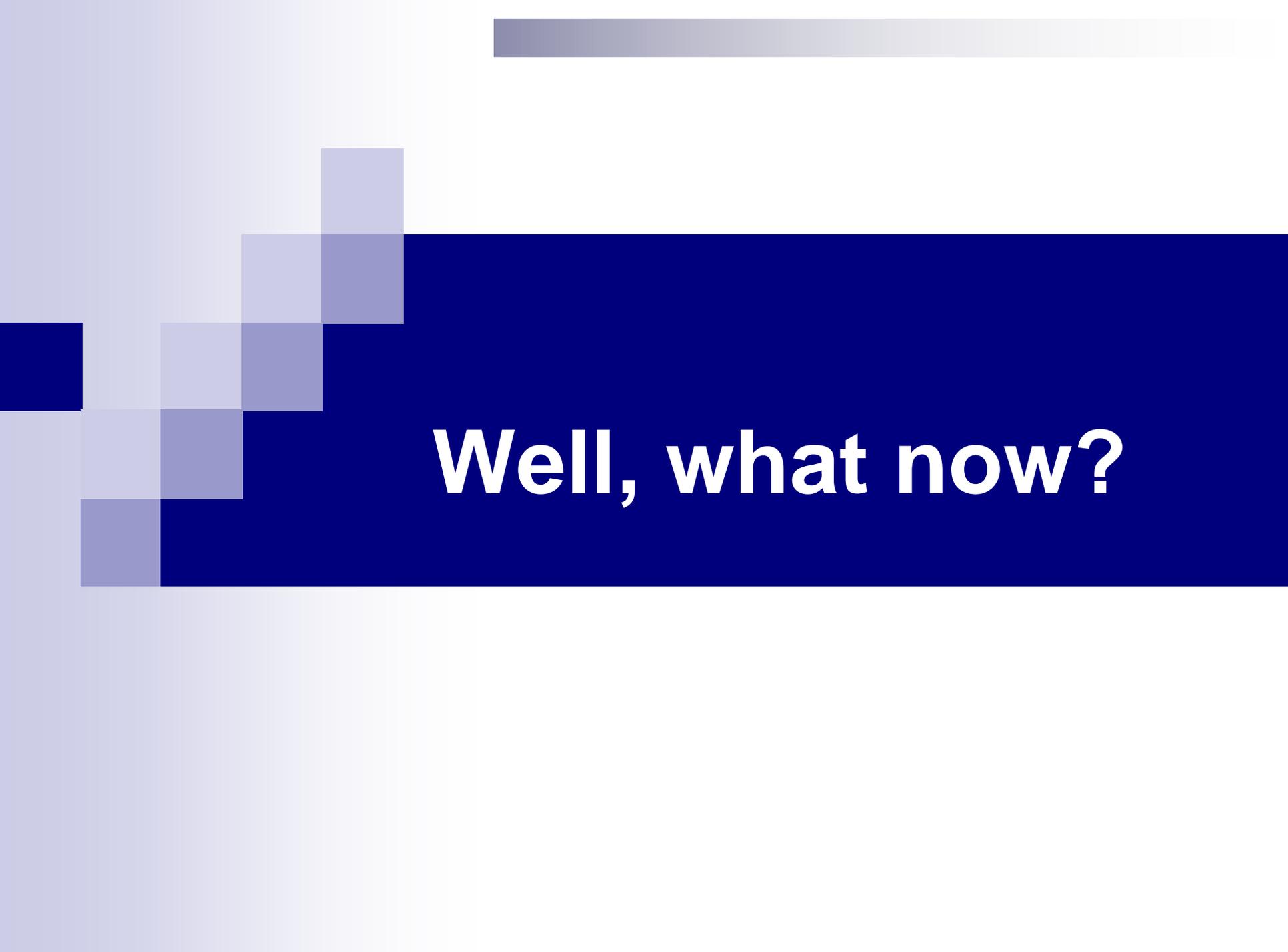
- new form of **cooperation** between Member States, Cities, the EC and other stakeholders
- UAEU formalized in the **Pact of Amsterdam**
- **aim:** To give cities and regions a better position in European regulation and policy making
- three **goals:**
  - 1) Better regulation
  - 2) Better funding
  - 3) Better knowledge sharing
- delivery **mechanism:** Thematic Partnerships

# CHALLENGES IN THE EU AFFORDABILITY GAP

- **81.5 million Europeans ‘overburdened’ by housing costs.**
- **Housing costs - much heavier burden for the people under the poverty threshold (41%) than for people above the threshold (18,6 %).**
- **The lack of investment in affordable housing amounts to around 57 billion EUR per year.**
- **Increasingly difficult for those who enter the housing market (48% of young adults live with their parents).**

## Change in public investment in the EU28 from 2001-2016 (real terms)





**Well, what now?**