

## Written inputs from the European Union on the draft strategic plan 2026-2029

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Suggest the following amendments of the text:

Insertions in **bold**, deletions in [square brackets]:

16. Urbanization presents both a challenge and a significant opportunity for achieving sustainable development. When guided by proper spatial planning and managed and developed sustainably, cities and human settlements – along with their systems – can drive innovative solutions to address housing shortages, access to land, and basic services, taking the territorial dimension of sustainable development into account. To achieve [this] **economic transformation for advancing the potential of countries to conceive and implement sustainable urban and territorial development policies**, all territorial scales need adequate infrastructure and effective institutions that underpin productive and equitable economies, leaving no one behind.

21. Addressing the global housing crisis and challenges related to poverty, climate change, and humanitarian crises is key to ensuring that cities and human settlements evolve into sustainable, equitable, resilient spaces and communities where no one is left behind. **Analysing challenges and opportunities** within the broader context of sustainable urban and territorial development, UN-Habitat will focus on the opportunity to address these global challenges above through adequate housing, land, and basic services for all, including the transformation of informal settlements and slums.

76. This engagement, in turn, will help **the Member States** to mobilise resources for their own [work] **urban and territorial action** [of the Member States themselves], especially in response to the demand in developing countries and countries most in need. Beyond traditional donors, UN-Habitat will closely collaborate with multilateral development banks, international financial institutions and the private sector, leveraging its strategic focus **to promote and advance sustainable urban development**.