Local Leadership and the Urban Agenda for the EU

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72% of Europeans live in cities

The Urban Agenda for the EU. Why? Giving Cities a voice!
Aim of the Urban Agenda for Europe

To bring the EU closer to it’s citizens!
And Local Goverment is as close as you can get
Aim of the Urban Agenda for Europe

- To be anchored in mainstream of EU Policy
- To have a firm position on agenda’s of future EU Presidencies
- To be embedded in the Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF 2010 -2027)
- To keep the working method effective, flexible, informal and pragmatic, with partners working on an equal footing and shared responsibility.
A broad spectrum of partners

Member States, Urban Authorities, European Commission, Umbrella Organisations', Civil Society, Financial Institutions, Knowledge Institutions, NGO’s and Business.
Plus more than 100 Cities!
Towards the Urban Agenda for the EU
Growing role for Cities, Regions and Citizens

- 1987: European Single Act
  - Specific responsibility EU for regional policy

- 1989: Structural Funds
  - First regulation ERDF ESF Cohesion Fund

- 1992: Maastricht Treaty
  - Creation of Committee of the Regions

- 2007: Lisbon Treaty
  - Strengthening participation Committee of the Regions in legislative process

- 2016: Pact of Amsterdam
  - Establishing the Urban Agenda for the EU
Urban Agenda for the EU Pact of Amsterdam

Informal, multilevel operational framework for the Urban Agenda for the EU.

Aimed at strengthening and improving the urban dimension in EU law – and policymaking

Three key objectives:
1. Better regulation
2. Better funding
3. Better knowledge

Cities, Member States, EU institutions and stakeholders work in partnerships on agreed urban themes.
Accessible for all Cities, Metropolis, Urban Regions, Medium and Small
Goal 11
Make Cities Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable
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New Partnerships

Sofia and Vienna

Culture and Cultural Heritage

Security in Public Places

- Coordinators: DE and FR
- Coordinators: Nice and European Forum for Public Security
State of Play - Results

- Urban Agenda for the EU is recognised across Europe and beyond as a driving force for promoting cities’ interests in the EU.

- Impact on National Urban Agenda’s (Poland, Slovakia, Portugal, Italy e.g.)

- European Commission’s DG’s are coordinating their input for Urban Affairs.


- Implementation of ‘Technical Preparatory Group’ for EU Urban Development Group/DG Urban Matters Meeting
State of Play - Results


- **Action Plans:** 5 action plans are delivered, 5 are in the process.

Examples of actions:

- **Housing** - review the current definition of the target group for social housing in the Services of General Economic Interest decision. The aim is to improve legal certainty for public and private social and affordable housing investors.

- **Establish an European Migrant Advisory Board** – involve refugees and other migrants in the design of policies related to their integration. The Advisory Board will be comprised of migrants and refugees.
Actions for near and far Future

- Ministerial Conference Urban Agenda for the EU Romanian Presidency, June 2019

- Adoption and implementation of actions listed in the Action Plans by the Partnerships.

- New Partnerships to be launched this year and upcoming years.

- Chances for Medium and Small Cities: Vital Inner Cities
Thank you!

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