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Local Leadership and the Urban Agenda for the EU

InheritYourFuture



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A satellite night-time photograph of Europe, showing the continent's outline and the dense network of city lights glowing yellow and white against the dark landmass. The surrounding oceans are dark blue, and the Earth's horizon is visible at the top.

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 Government is as close as you can get



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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

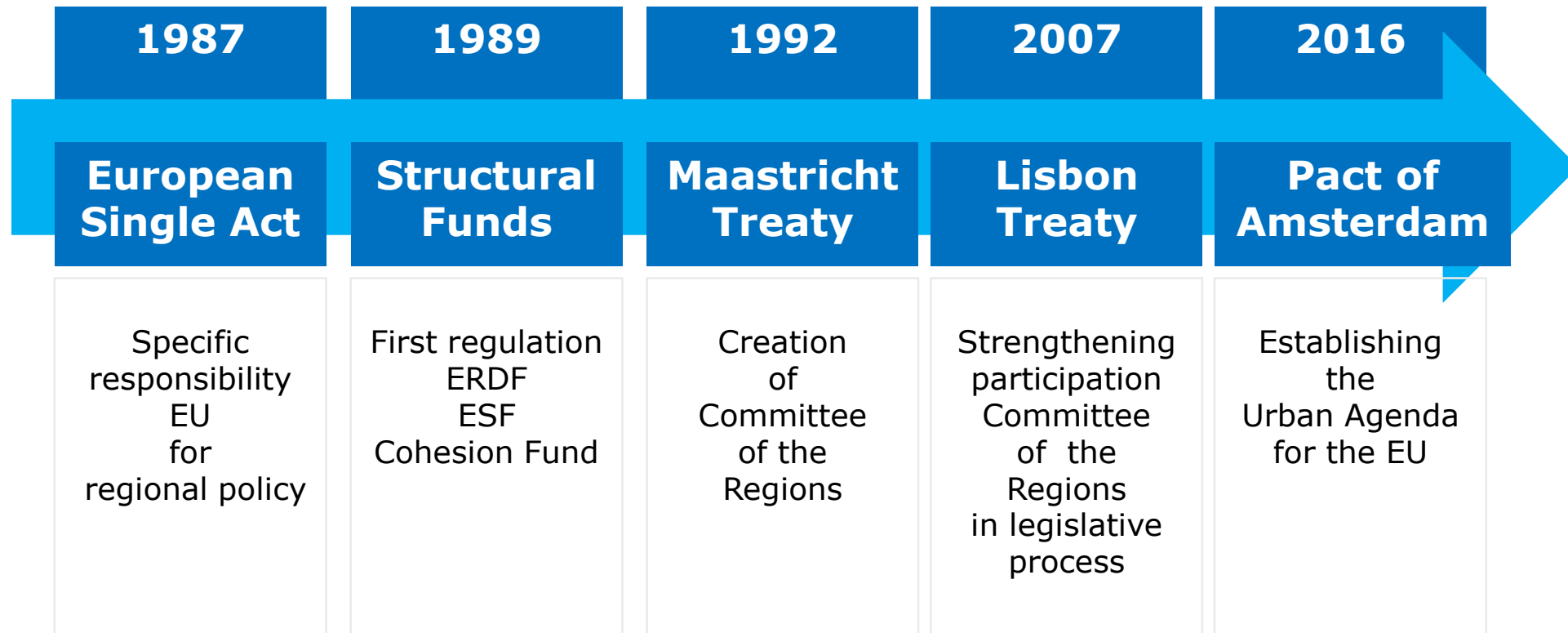


Member States, Urban Authorities, European Commission,
Umbrella Organisations', Civil Society, Financial Institutions,
Knowledge Institutions, NGO's and Business.
Plus more than 100 Cities!



Towards the Urban Agenda for the EU

Growing role for Cities, Regions and Citizens





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**:

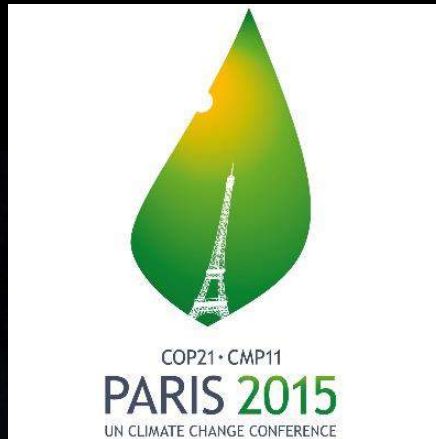
1. Better regulation
2. Better funding
3. Better knowledge

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





 <i>Amsterdam</i>	 <i>Bratislava</i>	 <i>Malta</i>
Urban Poverty	Urban Mobility	Sustainable Land Use
Inclusion of Migrants	Circular Economy	Energy Transition
Air Quality	Digital Transition	Innovative Public Procurement
Housing	Jobs and Skills	Climate Adaptation



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.
- Tools and support for Cities: [Urban one-stop-shop](#), [Urban Data Portal](#), [URBIS](#), [UAEU Futurium](#) website.
- Implementation of 'Technical Preparatory Group' for EU Urban Development Group/DG Urban Matters Meeting



State of Play - Results

For full details see: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/policy/themes/urban/report_urban_agenda2017_en.pdf

- **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!

Questions, contact?

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<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en>