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The role of the Urban Agenda in Inspiring Citizen-Driven Actions for Nature-Based Cities

URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

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The Urban Agenda for the EU. Why?

Aim of the Urban Agenda for Europe

1. To bring the EU closer to it’s citizens!

2. To empower Cities in the EU

Towards the Urban Agenda for the EU

Growing role for Regions, Cities, and Citizens

1987	1989	1992	2007	2016
European Single Act	**Structural Funds**	**Maastricht Treaty**	**Lisbon Treaty**	**Pact of Amsterdam**
Specific responsibility EU for regional policy	First regulation ERDF ESF Cohesion Fund	Creation of Committee of the Regions	Strengthening participation Committee of the Regions in legislative process	Establishing the Urban Agenda for the EU

Urban Agenda for the EU Pact of Amsterdam

Informal, **Voluntary, Multilevel**

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.

A broad spectrum of partners

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

European Commission

EUROPEAN UNION
Committee of the Regions

EURO CITIES

CCRE CEMR

European Investment Bank

URBACT
Driving change for better cities

European Urban Knowledge Network

Member States, Urban Authorities, European Commission, EP, EESC, EIB, URBACT, Knowledge Institutions, EUKN, NGO's and Civil Society.

Multilevel, Multistakeholder Cooperation

85 +
Cities

EC, CoR, EESC, EIB, CEMR, Eurocities, URBACT

20+
European Stakeholders

28
countries

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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Goal 11
Make Cities Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable

14 Partnerships, 12 in Progress

Amsterdam	*Bratislava*	*Malta*
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**

2 New Partnerships

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Sofia

Cultural Heritage

Security in Public Spaces

- How to get involved?
- Call has been launched, deadline 15 July 2018.
- Additional topics to be decided in November 2018.

Partnership Sustainable Use of Land and Nature-based Solutions

Active since mid 2017; 20 Members
Action Plan expected Fall 2018

Focus on:
- **Financial models**
- **Greening the cities**
- **Reducing land take**
- **Awareness and capacity**
- **Functional urban areas**

For full details, visit:
https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/sustainable use of land/

Partnership Members

Coordination by Bologna and Poland

Urban Areas

- *Bologna (IT, Coordinator)*
- Antwerp (BE)
- Cork (IE)
- Lille (FR)
- Águeda (PT)
- Stavanger (NO)
- Stuttgart (DE)
- Zagreb (HR)
- **Other participants**
- European Commission (DG REGIO, DG ENV, DG JRC, DG R&I)
- EUROCITIES

Member States

- *Poland (Coordinator)*
- Cyprus
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Portugal
- Slovenia
- INCASOL
- European Investment Bank (EIB)

Partnership Climate Adaptation

- **Coordinator: Genoa** (IT)

- **Urban Areas**
- The Province of Barcelona (ES)
- Cities of Glasgow (UK)
- Trondheim (NO)
- Potenza (IT)
- Loulè (PT)
- Sfantu Gheorghe (RO)

Member States
- France
- Poland
- Hungary
- Bulgaria

European organizations
- EuroCities
- CEMR-Council of European Regions and Municipalities
- EIB-European Investment Bank
- URBACT

DGs EU Commission
- Reg, Clima, ENV, RTD, Echo

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.

State of Play - Results

- Urban Agenda for the EU is recognised across Europe and beyond as a driving force to promotr 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

- **Action Plans:** 3 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

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

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

- Informal Ministerial Conference on the UAEU (Romanian Presidency, June 2019).

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

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