

# URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

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EUROCITIES is an established partner in the Urban Agenda for the EU, an experimental initiative where cities, member states and the European Commission work together in partnerships around specific urban challenges for better knowledge, regulation and funding. We support the closer involvement of cities in EU policy making, building on the potential of urban innovation.

- We represent cities perspective in all partnerships through our own expertise and a nominated city
- we connect the partnerships to broader group of cities who contribute to and benefit from the knowledge and outcomes
- we take part in strategic decision making in the member state meetings (UDG, DGUM) voicing the perspective of our network
- we support the partnerships in their outreach efforts through the technical secretariat.



## COOPERATION & URBAN GOVERNANCE



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Addressing today's increasingly complex challenges, cities are testing and adopting new, transversal and collaborative governance practices building on citizen engagement and co-creation as well as working together across administrative borders. The growing importance of urban governance in achieving EU policy objectives is also recognised by the urban dimension of cohesion policy and the Urban Agenda for the EU. Under this cross-cutting theme, we join up our community of urban development experts and spatial planners active in the working groups on cohesion policy, creative citizenship, integrated urban development, metropolitan areas and the EU urban agenda.

These working groups work across the six EUROCIITIES forums: culture, economic development, environment, knowledge society, mobility and social affairs.

## COOPERATION

### CIRCULAR ECONOMY Amsterdam

The circular economy task force, shares experiences regarding cities' experiences in the transition from a linear to a circular urban economy, including on topics such as circular strategies, procurement, progress indicators, buildings and stakeholder involvement. The task force also keeps in close contact with the EU institutions on the latest developments of the EU action for the circular economy.

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### EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY (ENP) AND ENLARGEMENT Vienna

This working group works to develop and strengthen links with partner cities in ENP countries. Many working group members already have links with cities in the EU neighbourhood, which provides a solid base for cooperation activities.

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### FOOD Milan

This working group aims to become a creative hub for sharing information, ideas, best practices and experimenting innovative solutions related to urban food. It promotes the role of cities as active actor for a more fair and sustainable food system.

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### PUBLIC SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROCUREMENT Nantes

The working group aims to ensure all citizens are provided with access to high-quality services, that are efficient, reliable and affordable, and which contribute to the shared values of solidarity, social and territorial cohesion and sustainable development.

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### SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION Oslo

This working group is dedicated to raising awareness and improving strategies for the prevention of substance abuse, helping Europe's citizens to avoid the risks of substance abuse and addiction.

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## URBAN GOVERNANCE

### COHESION POLICY AND STRUCTURAL FUNDS Florence

Based on practical evidence from cities, the working group engages with EU institutions to strengthen the integrated, place-based approach in cohesion policy and ensure better involvement of cities in programming.

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### CREATIVE CITIZENSHIP Athens

This working group looks at how cities and citizens can create solutions to address local challenges. It explores how this process drives innovation, reinforces local democracy and contributes to improving local public administration.

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### INTEGRATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The working group shares knowledge on innovative urban planning and governance through peer reviews and field visits, putting the principles of the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities into practice.

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### METROPOLITAN AREAS Brussels Capital Region

Building and sharing knowledge through common research and study visits, the working group advocates for a better recognition of the potential offered by cooperation and governance at the metropolitan/functional urban area level.

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### URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU Amsterdam

Informing our network on the implementation of the Urban Agenda for the EU, the working group ensures that cities interests and challenges are taken into account in the partnerships.

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