



An EU urban agenda - for and with cities

Joint EURO CITIES - CEMR seminar

Monday 17 February, 9:00 - 12:30
Charlemagne, Rue de la Loi 170, 1000 Brussels

This seminar takes place in the framework of the European Commission's event Cities of Tomorrow - Investing in Europe. It will provide input into the debate on the European urban agenda from a local perspective.

Draft programme

9:00 - 10:30 Do we need an urban agenda at EU level? Debate on the purpose, the objectives, added value and desired impact of such an agenda from a local perspective

Moderator: Claire Charbit, Deputy Head of the Regional Development Policy Division, Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development, O.E.C.D.

- 9:00 - 9:10 Welcome and introduction from Claire Charbit
- 9:10 - 9:20 Round of brief interventions from the audience (other city networks): what are the queries that the audience has about an urban agenda which they would like to have answers to during the seminar?
- 9:20 - 9:35 Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Regional and urban policy, and Charlina Vitcheva, Director DG REGIO, to present the Commission's 'issues paper' on an EU urban agenda
- 9:35 - 9:45 Annemarie Jorritsma-Lebbink, President of CEMR and Mayor of Almere (NL)
- 9:45 - 9:55 Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, Mayor of Warsaw and President of EURO CITIES (PL)
- 9:55 - 10:25 Debate with the audience
- 10:25 - 10:30 Concluding remarks by Claire Charbit

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30: Urban strengths and challenges: which priorities for an EU urban agenda?

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11:00 - 11:35: Introduction to and panel debate with:

- Hella Dunger-Löper, State Secretary for European Affairs, Berlin, member of CoR (DE)
- Íñigo Joaquín De La Serna Hernáiz, CEMR Co-President, Mayor of Santander, President of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (ES)
- Daniel Termont, Mayor of Ghent, member of EURO CITIES Executive Committee (BE)
- Carla Rey, member of CEMR Italian section and Deputy Mayor of Venice (IT)
- Tony Buchanan, member of the Scottish Local Government Association and CEMR, Deputy Leader of East Renfrewshire (UK)
- Michal Olszewski, Vice-Mayor, Warsaw (PL) (tbc)

11:35 - 12:15 Q&A - debate with the audience

12:15 - 12:25 Reaction from Mr Bas Verkerk, Mayor of the City of Delft (NL) and CoR rapporteur on the own initiative report on an integrated approach to an EU urban agenda

12:25 - 12:30 Concluding remarks by the chair

Questions to be addressed during the debate:

- How can a European urban agenda support integrated policies in cities? The need for coordination and joined up urban objectives.
- What role for cities in a European urban agenda? Do we need and want to strengthen cooperation between EU level and cities? Do we have any practical ideas on how that could happen, beyond consultation etc.?