



Event on “EU R&I for Cities of the Future”

Thursday 21 March 2019 (14:30-17:30)

European Parliament- Room ASP 3E2

Registration is compulsory via EU Survey (tbc)

The URBAN Intergroup of the European Parliament and the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation are jointly organising an event to show¹ how EU Research and Innovation actions are driving Sustainable Urban Development to address major urban challenges. The event will take place on 21 March, at the European Parliament from 14:30h to 17:30h, in the room ASP 3E2.

It seeks to mobilise R&I communities, the Members of the European Parliament, City Leaders and policy makers, academia, private sector, industry, innovation firms, NGOs, civil society, European Institutions representatives and UN agencies.

The objectives of the event are to:

- *Present the main highlights of the draft High-Level Expert Group² report on “Innovating Cities” and invite participants for comments;*
- *Inform the participants on the substantial contribution by EU funded³ Research and Innovation projects /initiatives /actions to knowledge base and innovative solutions for sustainable cities;*
- Support knowledge transfer towards sustainable urban transition, tapping into the existing EU funding instruments.

Participants will have the opportunity to interact during the welcome coffee at 14:00h (tbc) in the premises of the European Parliament.

¹ Through the different themes of the Seventh EU Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7), the EU has invested approximately EUR 1.9 billion. on research addressing urban and cities relevant challenges and issues. Horizon 2020, the EU’s current research and innovation (R&I) programme for the period 2014-2020 continues investing on urban relevant R&I with a further EUR 3.1 billion.

² The Commission High Level Expert Group on Innovating Cities was inaugurated on 12 June 2018. The mandate of this Group is to deliver a vision report to help the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation to formulate a Strategic, Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) on cities.

³ EU R&I investments (in the framework of FP7 and Horizon2020)

The event is structured around 3 sessions, including inspirational talks, panel discussions and representative case studies from Horizon 2020 ongoing demonstration projects.

This event will also set the scene for the main Cities event that will be held during the Research and Innovation days in September 2019, where the EU SRIA on Innovating Cities will be released.

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Draft Agenda

14:00-14:30	<p><u>Registration and arrival of participants</u> Welcome coffee in the European Parliament Room ASP 3E2 (tbc)</p>
14:30-15:30	<p><u>How EU R&I supports innovating Cities in their transition to sustainability?</u> <i>EU R&I emerging findings, challenges and opportunities</i> European Parliament Room ASP 3E2</p> <p><u>Opening (25 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan Olbrycht, President of the URBAN Intergroup European Parliament (10 min)• Patrick Child, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission (10 min) "Opportunities for Urban R&I under Horizon Europe"• Charles Landry (Chair Commission High-Level Expert Group on 'Innovating): Highlights of the High Level Expert Group draft report on "Innovating Cities" (10 min) <p><u>Panel discussion (35 min)</u></p> <p>Chair: Jan Olbrycht, MEP, President of the URBAN Intergroup European Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anna König Jerlmyr, President of Eurocities and Mayor of Stockholm• Lina Liakou, Director 100 Resilient Cities, Europe and Asia, Member of Commission High-Level Expert Group• Daniela Melandri, Senior Manager at Future Cities Catapult, Greater London, co-fund H2020 ERA-NET SUGI Coordinator (tbc)• Frédéric Saliez, UN Habitat, Coordinator H2020 Urban Maestro• Carine Saloff-Coste, Director of Economic Development and Employment of the City of Paris <p><u>Open Discussion (10 min)</u></p>
15:30-16:15	<p><u>EU-funded R&I for and with cities</u></p> <p><u>Opening (10 min)</u> Chair: Lambert van Nistelroij, MEP, Vice-president of the URBAN Intergroup (tbc)</p> <p>Keynote: Jean-Francois Aguinaga, Head of Unit DG RTD.H.2 'Surface Transport', European Commission</p>

	<p><u>H2020 Cities experiences (25 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester-Wroclaw: Johnny Sadler, Coordinator of the H2020 GROW GREEN project • Lisbon-Bologna: Pamela Lama, Municipality of Bologna for the Horizon 2020 ROCK project • Berlin-Ville de Lome (Togo): Suhana Reddy, Coordinator of the H2020 EdiCitNet project • Hamburg-Sfântu Gheorghe (RO): Thomas Jakob, Senate Chancellery of City of Hamburg and Coordinator of the H2020 Clever Cities project • Françoise Guaspere, Chargée de Politiques Européennes, Senior Adviser Communication, Île de France • Representative of the Municipality of Rijeka, (Croatia) H2020 CLIC project <p><u>Open discussion (10 min)</u></p>
<p>16:15-17:10</p>	<p><u>Current opportunities for EU support for cities to engage in transition pathways to sustainability</u></p> <p>Chair: Charlina Vitcheva, Deputy Director General of the Joint Research Centre (5 min)</p> <p>Keynote: DG REGIO Senior Official (tbc) (Urban Innovative Actions, EU Urban Partnerships, Smart Specialisation Interreg, ERDF, etc.) (10 min)</p> <p><u>Panel discussion (25 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iCapital City representative (HL) • Video Athens iCapital 2018 • Jens Bartholmes, Senior Policy Officer DG ENER • Margit Noll, Chair of JPI Urban Europe Management Board (tbc) • Jenny Koutsomarkou, Partnership Officer Urbact Secretariat • Ignacio Calleja, Senior Adviser EIT-KICs (Climate KIC, Circular economy KIC) <p><u>Open discussion (5 min)</u></p>

17:10-17:30

Closing session

Q&A - Open Debate with city leaders, city associations, practitioners etc. (from private and investment sector)

Chair: Jan Olbrycht, President of the URBAN Intergroup European Parliament

Concluding remarks: John Bell, Acting Director, Directorate I – Climate Action and Resource Efficiency; Director, Directorate F - Bioeconomy, (Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission)

