



An EU urban agenda - for and with cities

Joint EURO CITIES - CEMR seminar

Monday 17 February, 9:00 - 12:30

New venue : European Commission, Berlaymont, Rue de la Loi 200, 1000 Brussels
SCHUMAN room

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

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 interventions from the audience (including METREX, POLIS, ICLEI, CECODHAS)
- 9:20 - 9:30 Charlina Vitcheva, Director DG REGIO, presentation of the Commission's 'issues paper' on an EU urban agenda
- 9:30 - 9:40 Annemarie Jorritsma-Lebbink, President of CEMR and Mayor of Almere (NL)
- 9:40 - 9:50 Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, Mayor of Warsaw and President of EURO CITIES (PL)
- 9:50 - 10:20 Debate with the audience
- 10.20 - 10.30 Concluding remarks by Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Regional and urban policy

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

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

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11:00 - 11:35: Introduction 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 EUROCITIES Executive Committee (BE)
- Carla Rey, Vice President of CEMR Italian section and Deputy Mayor of Venice (IT) and member of EUROCITIES
- Tony Buchanan, member of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and CEMR, Deputy Leader of East Renfrewshire (UK)
- Michal Olszewski, Vice-Mayor, Warsaw (PL)

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 of "Towards an integrated urban agenda for the EU" (own-initiative report)

12:25 - 12:30 Concluding remarks by Claire Charbit

Questions to be addressed during the debate:

- What should an EU urban agenda look like?
- How can an EU Urban Agenda support integrated policies in cities?
- What role can cities and urban areas play in terms of implementing an EU urban agenda?
- Do we need to strengthen cooperation between EU level and cities/urban areas?
- Do we have any practical ideas on how that could happen, beyond consultation?