



EUROCITIES 2019 engagement on SDGs

Task-force on the localisation of SDGs





➤ Specific mandate

- Technical/expert group
- Mutual learning
- Focus on how to turn SDGs as a transformative agenda for local governance
- Preparing before EU next steps



Next steps and timeline at EU level

➤ Activities

Members

- July meeting in Brussels
- Webinars and Study visits

Secretariat

- Monitoring developments at EU level and informing members
- Continue contributing to EC Platform and activities with other local stakeholders
- Working towards a EUROCITIES report on SDGs



Activities of the SDG Task Force

- **Survey and preparation of a EUROCITIES report on SDGs**
 - Based on previous mapping exercises (32 and 22 responses)
 - General information on the activities related to the localisation of SDGs
 - Governance aspects of activities on the localisation of SDGs
 - Outreach, Capacity-building, training and communication on SDG
 - **Focus on identifying best-practices and common problems**

Aim ➡ **understanding what is of Strategic importance for cities**



Activities of the SDG Task Force

- A taste of what we found:
 - Uneven interest and implementation across member cities
 - Cities which already have a tradition of working with SD mindset are integrating Agenda more easily
 - A lot of activities foreseen: late adopters are catching up
 - Many best-practices in areas of governance, education, partnerships, monitoring, mainstreaming, etc.
 - Lack of dialogue among cities and with National governments
 - Lack of a consistent knowledge hub and network of best-practices
 - **A lot of potential for transformation**



SDG Task Force Meeting in July

- 3 July in Brussels
- 30-50 SDGs city representative
- **Scope** : Mutual learning and presentation of EUROCIITIES Report and activities at EU level



➤ Part 1: Setting the scene

- EUROCITIES forthcoming report on members' activities
- Presentation of developments at EU level on SDGs by Institutions (eg. EC, EP)
- Reactions to EU action on SDGs from other stakeholders (e.g. SDG Watch)
- Tools and strategies to implementing SDGs at local level (e.g. OECD, JRC/DG REGIO, Local coalition)



➤ Part 2: Mutual learning

- Workshop in small groups with specific focus
 - ✓ key barriers and opportunities
 - ✓ key stakeholders
 - ✓ Key steps to get to a long-term strategy
- Group discussion with focus on possible study visits and next steps

List of members as of 16 May 2019 (37)

Amiens

Amsterdam

Bergen

Beylikduzu

Bonn

Bristol

Bruxelles

Chemnitz

Cologne

Copenhagen

Dortmund

Espoo

Florence

Gdańsk

Ghent

Gijon

Gothenburg

Guimaraes (City of)

Hamburg, Germany

Helsinki

Kiel, Germany

Lille Metropole

Lodz

Madrid

Malmo

Mannheim

Munich

Oostende

Oslo

Riga

Strasbourg

Stuttgart

Terrassa (Barcelona)

Utrecht

Valladolid

Vantaa

Vienna