



EUROCITIES SDGs task-force meeting

Mutual learning on the localization of SDGs and Update on developments at EU level

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Draft Agenda

- 09.30 Arrival of participants and welcome coffee
- 10.00 - 10.15 **Introduction**
- Welcome speech by Anna Lisa Boni, EUROCITIES Secretary General
- 10.15- 10.45 **Presentation of developments at EU level on SDGs**
- Presentation of EC activities and Reflection paper, Said El Khadraoui, EC European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC),
 - EC Multi-stakeholder Platform and localization of SDGs, Masha Smirnova, EUROCITIES
 - Q&A
- 10.45 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 - 11.20 **SDGs and the potential for governance transformation**
- Empowering local authorities through real-time collaborative multilevel governance, DG ENVI and Member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration, Louis Meuleman
 - Q&A
- 11.20 - 12.00 **SDGs at local level: monitoring tools and implementation strategies**
- Towards a Handbook for local authorities to prepare Voluntary Local Reviews, EC Joint Research Centre, Pilar Vizcaino Martinez
 - Towards an OECD localized indicators framework for SDGs, Stefano Marta, OECD (via Skype)
 - Q&A
- 12.00 - 13.00 **Lunch**
- 13.00 - 13.15 **Workshop on the localization of SDGs: Setting the scene**
- Overview of key findings of forthcoming report on members' activities, Pietro Reviglio, EUROCITIES
 - Q&A
- 13.15 - 16.15 **Workshop on the localization of SDGs: Subgroup discussions**
- Presentations of city strategies in subgroups. 30 mins
 - 1st Roundtable discussions on a specific theme in subgroups 45 mins
 - **Coffee break 15 mins**
 - 2nd Roundtable discussions on a specific theme in subgroups 45 mins
 - Panel debate 30 mins
- 16.15 - 16.30 **Next steps**
- Forthcoming Activities and Study Visits
 - Conclusions

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Workshop on the localization of SDGs

Aim: The aim of the workshop is to give an opportunity to participants to discuss success factors and common challenges towards the localization of Sustainable Development Goals, with a specific focus on ‘transformative governance’.

Methodology: Following a short discussion and presentations of city strategies, participants will have the opportunity to focus on specific aspects of the localization in thematic tables. The thematic tables have been selected following the draft key findings from the EUROCITIES SDG survey. Results of the discussion will be used to validate the preliminary analysis.

1. Introductions: In this first roundtable discussion, participants form subgroups of max 8 people, and present their own city strategy for SDGs (max 3-4 min per participant). The checklist at the end of this document can be used to guide the discussion (see annex 1).

To prepare for this session, we recommend the following the readings:

[Getting Started with the SDGs in Cities, a guide for stakeholders, SDSN](#)

[A Pathway to Sustainable American Cities: A Guide to Implementing the SDGs](#)

2. Thematic discussions world café style: Participants choose a thematic table to discuss for a maximum of 45 minutes on a specific topic. This process is repeated two times so that participants have the chance to contribute to the discussion of two topics.

One rapporteur is selected for each of the thematic tables: she/he will be in charge of taking notes and report to the second group joining the table, and to all the participants during the panel debate.

The discussion will be coordinated by a facilitator who will help the rapporteur in making sure groups cover the following aspects:

- Key challenges and opportunities
- Key stakeholders - whom to engage, involve, inform
- Key success factors
- Next steps: short-term, medium-term actions and how to get to a long-term strategy/commitment

The themes of the table are the following:

1. Designing, implementing and monitoring a city strategy towards SDG integration

- How can local administration plan differently to break silos and integrate SDGs in their city strategies?
- How can local spending be tied to this strategy and integrated in city budgeting?
- How can progress be monitored to reach targets and contribute to evidence-based policy decisions?

Reading suggested: [Ch. 2 Practical tools for getting started with the SDGs](#)

2. Innovative bureaucracies supporting and facilitating the sustainability transition

- How can a cross-sectoral governance be implemented to foster dialogue within city

departments and between levels of government, stakeholders and citizens?

- How to facilitate the development of innovative mind-sets, inspiring leaders and sustainability toolkits to achieve the SDGs?

Reading suggested: [Ch. 3 Enabling Conditions for Sustainable Development](#)

3. Meeting citizens' demands and enabling their contribution to the transition

- How to best make use of collective intelligence and take stock of local needs?
- How to best involve and empower civil society actors to shape and contribute to sustainability goals?
- How to build learning activities and a sustainability curriculum for citizens students and young people? How can relevant stakeholder support a culture of sustainability?
- How can we use communication instruments to increase awareness about sustainability and facilitate sustainable habits?

Reading suggested: [Ch. 3 Enabling Conditions for Sustainable Development](#)

4. Developing innovative services and products to accelerate the transition

- How to support local innovative actors that are building sustainable and transformative (micro) solutions?
- How to build mission-oriented partnerships with businesses, research institutes and public sector agencies? How to finance these investments?
- How to change the way cities provide services and products to take into account sustainability? How to maximise sustainable public procurement?

Reading suggested: [AGENDA 2030 AND A TRANSFORMATIVE INNOVATION POLICY](#)

5. Building a community of experts and practitioners and accelerating the impact of the agenda

- How to make good use of the evidence of sustainability on city narrative and policy-making?
- How to build and engage with a community of practitioners, experts, researchers, businesses, civil society, citizens, young people, etc.
- How to ensure leadership, policy coherence and dialogue with other cities and regions of the world?

3. Panel discussion

Rapporteurs present the outcomes and next steps from their table (5 min max each). These inputs will serve as a basis for next activities to achieve those goals, such as webinars and study visits.

ANNEX 1 - ANALYSIS OF YOUR OWN CITY STRATEGY

This table is provided to help you to reflect on your city strategy on SDG and to guide the presentation of your city approach to SDG during the table discussion. It presents a checklist of elements of an SDG strategy that can be present, partially present or not yet present in your city strategy.

| 1. Mapping the system | Present | Party Present | Not yet present |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| Social Aspects | | | |
| Economic aspects | | | |
| Environmental aspects | | | |
| Stakeholder involvement | | | |

| 2. Vision, Goals and Indicators | Present | Party Present | Not yet present |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| Vision | | | |
| Sustainability Definition | | | |
| Timeline | | | |
| Goals | | | |
| Indicators | | | |

| 3. Strategic Guidelines | Present | Party Present | Not yet present |
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| Global/National Strategy Integration | | | |
| Parallel City Strategy Integration | | | |
| Subordinate City Strategy Integration | | | |

| 4. Actions | Present | Party Present | Not yet present |
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| Specific Measures | | | |
| Responsible Actors | | | |
| Funding Sources | | | |
| Timelines | | | |

| 5. Tools | Present | Party Present | Not yet present |
|----------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| Monitoring Framework | | | |
| Responsible Actors | | | |
| Reporting Framework | | | |
| Data Provision | | | |

| 6. Readjustement | Fullfilled | Party fulfilled | Not yet Fullfilled |
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| Planned readjustement | | | |