



About EUROCITIES

What is EUROCITIES?

EUROCITIES is the network of major European cities.

Created in 1986, EUROCITIES brings together the democratically elected local governments of 134 cities including cities in the European Union (Full Members) and cities in other European countries (Associate Members). Membership is open to the municipal governments of cities which are recognised as important regional centres with an international dimension, and normally having at least 250 000 inhabitants.

EUROCITIES Mission Statement*

EUROCITIES is committed to working towards a common vision of a sustainable future in which all citizens can enjoy a good quality of life.

In this framework, EUROCITIES aims at achieving a European context where cities can be inclusive, prosperous, creative, and sustainable, with democratic and effective governance, and where all citizens can be provided with opportunities for participation in all aspects of urban life - including political, cultural, social and economic aspects.

EUROCITIES Activities

EUROCITIES works along 3 complementary strands of activities:

NETWORKING

EUROCITIES members benefit from taking part in trans-national projects, research activities, policy seminars and workshops with regard to a wide range of urban issues and challenges. Through networking cities can learn from each other by sharing knowledge, exchanging experiences, comparing different approaches, testing innovative solutions and analysing best practices. Alongside the advantages for the participating cities, these thematic activities also provide a sound and solid basis for the development of EUROCITIES policy positions and proposals.

INFLUENCING

EUROCITIES provides a strong voice for cities in the European Union, and actively contributes to the development and implementation of European policies, legislation and programmes which are relevant for cities. EUROCITIES is an important partner for dialogue with the European Commission, both on the political level and on the technical level. EUROCITIES also maintains close contacts with the Committee of the Regions, the European Parliament and the Member States.

VISIBILITY

EUROCITIES brings forward its policy priorities by developing Europe-wide campaigns on issues of common concern, such as sustainable mobility and responsible consumption. These campaigns are aimed at raising awareness and changing behaviour both within municipal authorities and also among citizens, whose active support and cooperation is often essential for achieving policy objectives, especially at the local level.

*For further information consult the "EUROCITIES Strategic Objectives" adopted by the EUROCITIES Annual General Meeting in Porto on 28 November 2003.

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EUROCITIES members

EUROCITIES has 134 member cities in 35 European countries

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| ARMENIA | Yerevan |
| AUSTRIA | Vienna* |
| BELGIUM | Antwerp, Brussels Capital Region, Brussels City, Charleroi, Ghent* |
| BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA | Banja Luka, Sarajevo |
| BULGARIA | Bourgas, Plovdiv, Sofia, Varna |
| CYPRUS | Nicosia |
| CROATIA | Zagreb |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | Brno, Pilsen, Prague |
| DENMARK | Aarhus, Copenhagen* |
| ESTONIA | Tallinn |
| FINLAND | Espoo, Helsinki, Oulu, Tampere, Turku, Vantaa |
| FRANCE | Bordeaux, Grenoble Alpes Metropole, Lille Communaute Urbaine, Lyon, Marseille, Nancy, Nantes Metropole*, Nice Cote d'Azur, Paris, Rennes Metropole, Saint Etienne Metropole, Strasbourg, Toulouse |
| GEORGIA | Tbilisi |
| GERMANY | Berlin, Bonn, Chemnitz, Cologne, Dortmund, Dresden, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt am Main, Hamburg, Karlsruhe, Leipzig*, Mannheim, Munich, Munster, Nuremberg |
| GREECE | Athens |
| HUNGARY | Budapest* |
| IRELAND | Dublin |
| ITALY | Bologna, Florence, Genoa*, Milan, Naples, Palermo, Rome, Turin, Venice |
| LATVIA | Riga |
| LITHUANIA | Vilnius |
| FYR MACEDONIA | Skopje |

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| THE NETHERLANDS | Amsterdam, BrabantStad Metropolitan Area, Eindhoven, Parkstad Limburg, Rotterdam, The Hague*, Utrecht |
| NORWAY | Bergen, Oslo |
| POLAND | Bialystok, Bydgoszcz, Gdansk, Katowice, Krakow, Lodz, Lublin, Poznan, Rzeszow, Warsaw*, Wroclaw |
| PORTUGAL | Lisbon, Porto |
| ROMANIA | Timisoara |
| SLOVENIA | Ljubljana |
| SLOVAKIA | Bratislava |
| SERBIA | Nis, Novi Sad |
| SPAIN | Barcelona, Bilbao, Gijon, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Madrid, Malaga, Murcia, Seville, Terrassa Metropolitan Area, Valencia, Zaragoza* |
| SWEDEN | Gothenburg, Malmo, Stockholm* |
| SWITZERLAND | Geneva, Zurich |
| TURKEY | Bursa, Istanbul, Izmir, Sanliurfa |
| UKRAINE | Kharkov, Kiev, Lviv, Odessa |
| UNITED KINGDOM | Belfast, Birmingham*, Brighton & Hove, Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle/Gateshead, Partnership for Urban South Hampshire, Sunderland |

* Executive Committee members



EUROCITIES partners

ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

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DG Mobility

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Bremen
Hagen

GREECE

Amaroussion
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ITALY

Cesena
Modena
Salerno

LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg

PORTUGAL

Matosinhos
Sintra

RUSSIA

National Association of
Designers

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SLOVAKIA

Kosice

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Sahinbey
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LB Camden
Preston

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EUROCITIES - forums & working groups

Cooperation - Warsaw

Governance
Warsaw

European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement
Tbilisi

Climate Change & Energy
Copenhagen & Nantes Metropole

City Attractiveness
Gothenburg

EU Budget Taskforce
Copenhagen

Culture Forum - Eindhoven

Creative Industries
Ghent

Cultural Access & Entitlement
Riga

Culture & Young People
Rotterdam

Mobility of Artists
Nantes

Resources for Culture
Bologna

Economic Development Forum - Poznan

Clusters
Lyon

Cohesion Policy &
Structural Funds
Leipzig

Entrepreneurship
Rotterdam

Metropolitan Areas
Lille Metropole & Oslo

Services of General Interest
Vienna

Urban Regeneration
Liverpool

Environment Forum - Malmo

Air Quality, Climate Change
& Energy Efficiency
Birmingham

Clean Cities
Belfast

Green Areas
Genoa

Greening the Local Economy
Gothenburg & Zurich

Noise
Rotterdam

Waste
Genoa

Water
The Hague & Eindhoven

Knowledge Society Forum - Vienna

Broadband
Amsterdam

eInclusion
Ghent

Smart Cities
Barcelona & Manchester

Service directive
Dresden

Open Data
Berlin & Munich

Mobility Forum - Utrecht

Barrier-free Cities for all
Berlin

Developing a New
Mobility Culture
London

International Accessibility
Netwerkstad Twente

Road Safety
Camden

Transport & Energy Efficiency
Murcia

Social Affairs Forum - Birmingham

Employment
Rotterdam

Health & Well-being
Rotterdam

Homelessness & Housing
Vienna

Inclusion through Education
Malmo

Migration & Integration
Barcelona

Roma Inclusion Taskforce
Ghent

ESF Taskforce
Birmingham & Rotterdam



Cooperation

Close cooperation between cities, regions, national governments and the EU institutions is essential in order to address the most important social, economic, environmental and political challenges facing Europe in the 21st century. EURO CITIES is therefore committed to developing a permanent "territorial dialogue" at European level, covering all policies that affect local and regional governments.

EUROCITIES Cooperation Pillar is chaired by Warsaw.

Objectives:

- **Promote cities' involvement in policy-making and implementation.** EURO CITIES supports the development of innovative processes, tools and instruments that will enhance governance. EURO CITIES also believes that strong political commitment at city level is essential to tackle the challenge of climate change.
- **Promote international networking and cooperation among cities.** EURO CITIES is committed to promoting international networking and cooperation among cities in the enlarged European Union and in neighbouring countries.

2011 priorities:

- **Governance - partnership with the EU institutions:** monitor the urban agenda of the EU presidencies as well as EURO CITIES work with EU institutions, study the impact of the Lisbon Treaty on local authorities and develop work around different governance tools: EGTC, macro-regional strategies
- **EU budget:** shape the network's strategic position on the EU budget and influence the debate around the future multi-annual financial perspectives.
- **Climate change and energy:** focus work on climate change mitigation, follow the climate change-related discussions on the upcoming EU financial framework 2014-2020
- **City attractiveness:** develop a deeper understanding of how brand management can act as a tool to achieve competitive, attractive and prosperous cities
- **European Neighbourhood Policy Area:** promote core local government and EU values in ENP & enlargement partner cities in order to exchange knowledge and best practices.

Working groups:

EUROCITIES working groups carry out policy work on specific issues and facilitate exchanges among members. Within the cooperation pillar of EURO CITIES activities, the following working groups report directly to EURO CITIES executive committee:

| Working group | Chair |
|---|--------------|
| City attractiveness | Gothenburg |
| Climate change & energy | Copenhagen |
| European governance & partnerships | Warsaw |
| European neighbourhood policy & enlargement | Tbilisi |
| Taskforce on the EU Budget | Copenhagen |

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EUROCITIES Culture Forum

Culture is a source of inspiration, provides opportunities, improves health and wellbeing, contributes to education and life long learning and generally improves the quality of life of citizens. It is a strong element for social cohesion in cities.

Culture in cities should be regarded not only in terms of its artistic dimension but also as a mechanism to stimulate and promote social inclusion and urban regeneration and to assist the creative economy in general. Culture is therefore a transversal policy framework that contributes in a number of ways to the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy.

EUROCITIES believes that culture and creativity should be supported by public policies at all levels, including the European level

EUROCITIES Culture Forum is chaired by Eindhoven.

Objectives:

- Promoting urban and regional development through culture.
- Developing a more favourable framework for creative industries, culture and the arts.
- Promoting intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity, access to culture.
- Encouraging the mobility of artists and cultural professionals.
- Developing effective links between the major EU institutions, organisations, stakeholders and the culture forum to develop projects which will

2011 priorities:

- **New funding models for culture (cities facing budget cuts):** improving the understanding of the European-wide phenomenon of decreasing funds available for culture, the causes of which range from economic crisis to changes in the policy agenda.
- **Culture in the social and economic development of cities:** for cities, the link between culture and social inclusion/economic growth is crucial. Culture is a key tool to foster social inclusion and economic growth. The cultural and creative sector is also one of the most promising sectors in cities' economies in terms of growth, investment and employment.
- **Participation of citizens in local cultural life (with a specific focus on children and young people):** tackling the trend that sees decreased cultural participation (a side-effect of the economic crisis) as well as fostering children and young people's participation in cultural activities and promoting cultural education.

Working groups:

EUROCITIES working groups carry out policy work on specific issues and facilitate exchanges among members. EUROCITIES Culture Forum is currently responsible for managing and monitoring the following working groups:

| Working group | Chair |
|--|--------------|
| Access to culture | Riga |
| Creative industries | Ghent |
| Mobility of artists and cultural professionals | Nantes |
| Resources for culture | Bologna |
| Young people and culture | Rotterdam |

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EUROCITIES Economic Development Forum

Europe's cities are engines of economic activity and centres of growth and innovation. Economically successful and prosperous cities are essential for creating employment, increasing cohesion and strengthening Europe's competitiveness. EUROCITIES is committed to promoting sustainable urban economic development and supporting the creation of new employment opportunities. EUROCITIES also works with the EU and the Member States to ensure that all citizens have access to a wide range of high-quality services, including essential public services provided at the local level.

EUROCITIES Economic Development Forum is chaired by Poznan.

Objectives:

- **Promoting sustainable urban economic development.** This includes lobbying for a strong focus on the urban dimension in the framework of EU cohesion policy, budget, and structural funds.
- **Promote the creation of new employment opportunities and promote entrepreneurship.** EUROCITIES is committed to ensuring the involvement of local governments as key partners in the implementation of the European employment strategy; and ensuring the development of a European supportive environment for entrepreneurs.

- **Promote access for all high quality services.** EUROCITIES aims to ensure that all citizens are provided with access to a wide range of services which are efficient, reliable and affordable.
- **Promote responsible consumption patterns.** EUROCITIES is committed to promoting responsible consumption of resources, products and services by public authorities and by cities.

2011 priorities:

- **EU funding to support cities' integrated development:** lobbying on EU budget, cohesion policy and Innovation Programme 2014-2020, 8th Research Framework Programme.
- **Economic recovery, long-term economic development and employment:** EU support for the role of cities in driving economic development and job creation through entrepreneurship, clusters and innovation. Particular focus on implementation of Europe2020 and development and implementation of agenda for new skills and jobs (flagship Commission initiative).
- **Provision of quality local public services and procurement:** EU support for the role of cities in procurement and management of local public services (including lobbying on public procurement directives, SGI package, innovation policy and SSGI legislation).

Working groups:

EUROCITIES working groups carry out policy work on specific issues and facilitate exchanges among members. EUROCITIES Economic Development Forum is currently responsible for managing and monitoring the following working groups:

| <u>Working group</u> | <u>Chair</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Clusters & competitiveness | Lyon |
| Cohesion policy | Leipzig |
| Entrepreneurship & SMEs | Rotterdam |
| Metropolitan areas | Lille & Oslo |
| Services of general interest | Vienna |
| Urban regeneration | Liverpool |

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EUROCITIES Environment Forum

For people living in cities, a good quality of life depends largely on the quality of the urban environment. Europe's cities are therefore striving to provide their citizens with clean air, safe water, and a healthy habitat including plenty of trees, parks and green spaces. EUROCITIES supports its member cities in their efforts to bring about a better environment and work towards achieving sustainable development, by developing and sharing knowledge and expertise. We also work with the EU institutions and with national governments to make sure that European legislation and programmes can be implemented successfully at the local level, in order to improve the urban environment and also to protect the global environment.

EUROCITIES Environment Forum is chaired by Malmo.

Objectives:

- Addressing the challenges associated with global climate change in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, anticipating the potential consequences and developing effective adaptation measures.
- Follow-up of the European Union's 6th Environmental Action Programme (with the possible development of a 7th Environmental Action Programme), including the development of strategies on urban environment (including urban transport), air quality, and the prevention and recycling of waste.

- Promoting the use of sustainable energy in cities (raising awareness and energy efficiency, while decreasing the production of CO₂)

2011 priorities:

- **Green ICT for energy efficiency:** the environment forum will further explore the potential of ICT for energy efficiency improvements. It will cooperate with the knowledge society forum and build on their work and experiences.
- **Implementation of renewable energies in cities:** the forum will look at the specific challenges cities are facing as well as discuss possibilities for the production of renewable energies, such as wind power, solar energy or biogas.
- **Climate change adaptation and resilience:** despite the efforts undertaken to limit climate change, it is clear that global warming will take place. Cities need to adapt to the consequences, such as extreme weather events and rising sea levels. The forum will exchange experiences and information about existing and upcoming adaptation strategies in cities, and inform the design of the upcoming EU strategy on climate change adaptation.

Working groups:

EUROCITIES working groups carry out policy work on specific issues and facilitate exchanges among members. EUROCITIES Environment Forum is currently responsible for managing and monitoring the following working groups:

| Working group | Chair |
|---|-----------------------|
| Air quality, climate change & energy efficiency | Birmingham |
| Clean cities | Belfast |
| Green areas | Genoa |
| Greening the local economy | Gothenburg & Zurich |
| Noise | Rotterdam |
| Waste | Genoa |
| Water | Eindhoven & The Hague |

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EUROCITIES Knowledge Society Forum

The rapid development and increasing use of information and communications technologies (ICTs) has transformed our societies and our economies, how we do business and communicate with each other, and how we work and learn. EURO CITIES members are committed to ensuring that everyone can have access to ICTs and participate in the information and knowledge society. New technologies are also transforming public administration at all levels, as citizens are learning to expect easy access to real-time information and reliable online services.

EUROCITIES Knowledge Society Forum is chaired by Vienna.

Objectives:

- Ensure the development of an inclusive knowledge society by making ICTs and online services accessible to all citizens.
- Promote the modernisation of local public administrations through the use of ICT solutions.
- Helping cities to face social and environmental challenges, for instance in terms of energy efficiency, workplace and mobility management, etc.
- Address demographic change and the ageing population by suggesting new solutions for accessibility and monitoring, for instance in the health sector.

2011 priorities:

- **ICT for energy efficiency:** to encourage the dissemination of the Green Digital Charter that highlights how cities, through innovation, can find new and creative solutions for dealing with climate change. To demonstrate the role that ICT can play in improving the energy efficiency of cities, the consequent reduction in emissions and working towards achieving a more sustainable low-carbon economy and society.
- **Smart Cities:** to create a dialogue space for cities to deal with the conceptualisation and strategic definition of Smart City and understand the diversity of Smart City strategies and policies in Europe. Allowing the transfer of successful non-European Smart City experiences. Improved networking with complementary networks supporting open innovation and open data, such as the European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL).
- **Digital inclusion:** digital inclusion means both inclusive ICT and the use of ICT to achieve wider inclusion objectives. To achieve that “no one is left behind” in enjoying the benefits of ICT. To reduce gaps in ICT usage and promote the use of ICT to overcome exclusion, and improve economic performance, employment opportunities, quality of life, social participation and cohesion.

Working groups:

EUROCITIES working groups carry out policy work on specific issues and facilitate exchanges among members. EURO CITIES Knowledge Society Forum is currently responsible for managing and monitoring the following working groups:

Working group

Broadband
eInclusion
Open data
Services directive
Smart cities

Chair

Amsterdam
Ghent
Berlin & Munich
Dresden
Barcelona &
Manchester

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EUROCITIES Mobility Forum

The increasing amount of road traffic in urban areas leads to a wide range of problems including congestion and accidents, air pollution and noise, harming the environment and undermining citizens' health. EUROCITIES members are committed to promoting more sustainable and integrated urban transport systems, providing citizens with convenient and accessible public transport, and protecting the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. We are working with the EU institutions and the Member States to develop and implement more environmentally and people-friendly urban transport policies.

EUROCITIES Mobility Forum is chaired by Utrecht.

Objectives:

- **Promote sustainable, accessible, safe and integrated transport networks:** EUROCITIES seeks to promote the increased use of sustainable urban transport solutions and the integration of public transport networks, with the aim of enabling all citizens to access all parts of the city while reducing the use of the private car.
- **Promote the development of a new mobility culture:** The basis of an integrated approach enables cities to achieve a significant modal shift towards more sustainable transport modes. This is based on the development and implementation of a mobility management approach within cities and between cities, which on the basis of predicted travel behaviour, intervenes proactively to encourage sustainable solutions for both freight and citizens.

- **EU Action Plan on Urban Mobility and White Paper on Transport:** EUROCITIES believes that integrated urban transport solutions should be part of an overall integrated strategy to ensure the conditions for promoting accessible, liveable and sustainable cities throughout the EU and neighbouring countries.

2011 priorities:

- **Towards a new mobility culture: the implementation of the Action Plan on Urban Mobility.** The forum will ensure that the action plan benefits cities in practical ways, through exchange of best practice, relevant funding programmes and guidance.
- **Financing urban mobility:** the forum will be finalising a paper on 'Financing urban mobility in the future', providing recommendations for the EU to consider when allocating the future EU budget. This work will align with the network's overall position on the EU budget, drafted within the EUROCITIES EU Budget Taskforce.
- **Clean and efficient urban transport:** recognising the link between mobility and environment, the forum intends to reach a fully integrated approach linking transport, environment and economic development. The forum will exchange best practice and study the developments of the signatories of the Covenant of Mayors and the Smart Cities initiative.

Working groups:

EUROCITIES working groups carry out policy work on specific issues and facilitate exchanges among members. EUROCITIES Mobility Forum is currently responsible for managing and monitoring the following working groups:

Working group

Chair

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Barrier-free city for all | Berlin |
| Developing a new mobility culture | London |
| Road safety | Borough of Camden/LEPT |
| Transport & energy efficiency | Murcia |
| International accessibility | Netwerkstad Twente |

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EUROCITIES Social Affairs Forum

Europe's cities are engines of growth and prosperity, but at the same time they are the places where poverty and social exclusion hit the hardest. In the European Union more than 80 million people are at risk of poverty and social exclusion, most of them in urban areas. Cities must strive to be inclusive, helping the most vulnerable groups and individuals to participate fully in society, with access to health care, housing, education and employment. With reduced public finances this implies finding innovative and efficient solutions that respond to the new and emerging needs of people living in cities. EUROCITIES and its members are committed to tackling the causes of social exclusion, eradicating all forms of discrimination and ensuring equal opportunities for all.

EUROCITIES Social Affairs Forum is chaired by Birmingham.

Objectives:

- Support of exchanges of experience and know-how among cities working to tackle poverty and social exclusion, to eradicate all forms of discrimination and to improve the integration of migrants and asylum seekers.
- Strengthen the involvement of local authorities in the development and implementation of national and European social policies.

2011 priorities:

- Organising social services in the context of reduced public finances by supporting cities in meeting the bigger social challenges they are facing with fewer resources, and in the context of the economic downturn.
- Adapting social services to meet new and emerging social needs (e.g. inclusion of young people, migration, demographic change).
- Tackling economic exclusion through innovative policies for education, unemployment, re-skilling and combating poverty. This includes influencing EU policies to give a stronger role to cities in areas such as the 'inclusive growth' strand of Europe 2020 and future EU funding such as the European Social Fund and PROGRESS.

The social affairs forum's work is supported by EUROCITIES PROGRESS-partnership with the European Commission. This partnership aims at fostering social inclusion on the ground by strengthening the role of cities in EU policy-making and developing the capacity of our network. This partnership provides resources for mutual learning between cities, for keeping member cities up-to-date on EU policy developments and for bringing city representatives to Brussels to engage in political debates.

Working groups:

EUROCITIES working groups carry out policy work on specific issues and facilitate exchanges among members. EUROCITIES Social Affairs Forum is currently responsible for managing and monitoring the following working groups:

Working group

Employment
 Education
 Health inequalities
 Housing & homelessness
 Migration & integration
 Roma
 Taskforce on ESF (European Social Fund)

Chair

Rotterdam
 Malmo
 Rotterdam
 Vienna & Newcastle
 Barcelona
 Ghent
 Birmingham

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