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## Mayor of Copenhagen is new president of EUROCIITIES

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Frank Jensen, Mayor of Copenhagen, is the new president of EUROCIITIES, the network of Europe's biggest cities.

The mayor was elected to the organisation's top political post at the EUROCIITIES 2010 annual conference held in Zaragoza on 3-6 November.

Jensen, 49, has been Lord Mayor of Copenhagen since 1 January 2010. Less than a year into the job, his decision to deepen the city's involvement within EUROCIITIES will serve to strengthen Copenhagen's already successful global vision and standing.



On taking the helm, Mayor Jensen said:

"EUROCIITIES has established itself as a high-profile international platform for ambitious, outward-looking cities that has succeeded in making our concerns heard in Brussels. I look forward to working with the mayors of Europe to continue building EUROCIITIES' reputation and influence."

EUROCIITIES brings together the local governments of 140 large cities in over 30 countries. Based in Brussels, the network's overall goal is to work with the EU institutions to respond to issues impacting the day-to-day life of European citizens, 75% of whom are living in cities.

Welcoming the new president, EUROCIITIES secretary general Paul Bevan said:

"Mayor Jensen is a skilled politician with experience in business as well as in the offices of national government. He deserves, and I have no doubt will enjoy, the confidence of his city mayor peers across Europe in his leadership of EUROCIITIES."

At EUROCIITIES 2010 Zaragoza, Mayor Jensen paid tribute to the work of Jozijs van Aartsen, Mayor of The Hague who served as EUROCIITIES president between November 2008 and November 2010.

During his two-mandate, Mayor Jensen will focus energies on EUROCIITIES' current priorities - climate change, economic growth and social inclusion. In particular, he will use next year's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EUROCIITIES as an opportunity to attract greater attention for the value and merit of cities and local government in the EU policymaking environment.

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### Note to Editors

- Established in 1986, EUROCIITIES is the network of major European cities. It brings together the local authorities of 140 large cities in 34 European countries. [www.eurocities.eu](http://www.eurocities.eu)
- Copenhagen city council: [www.kk.dk/english](http://www.kk.dk/english)