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Mayor of Warsaw is new president of EURO CITIES

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Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, mayor of Warsaw, is the new president of EURO CITIES, the network of Europe's biggest cities.

The mayor was elected to the organisation's top political post at the EURO CITIES 2012 annual conference, held in Nantes, France on 7-10 November 2012.

Upon her election as mayor of Warsaw in December 2006, Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz became the first woman ever to have held the position, to which she was re-elected in 2010. She had previously served as president of the National Bank of Poland and vice-president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. In addition to her political duties, the mayor lectures in law at the University of Warsaw.



Warsaw has taken an active role in EURO CITIES since joining in 2002. As mayor of Warsaw, Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz has served as vice president of the network since 2010.

During her mandate, Mayor Gronkiewicz-Waltz will focus on EURO CITIES' current thematic priorities: economy, climate and inclusion.

In particular, she will promote the potential of metropolitan areas for driving economic recovery, promoting growth and jobs and encouraging smarter, more sustainable ways of living, working and travelling in cities and their surrounding areas. As negotiations on the next multiannual financial framework reach the final phase, she will also continue to push for a stronger city role in the future cohesion policy.

Nantes, represented by its mayor, Patrick Rimbart, was named as vice president of the network.

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Note to editors

- Established in 1986, EURO CITIES is the network of major European cities. It brings together the local authorities of 140 large cities in 35 European countries. www.eurocities.eu
- Warsaw city council: www.um.warszawa.pl/en