

Porto Declaration on Urban Water Agenda 2030

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Water is essential for human life, nature and the economy. Sustainable urban water management is fundamental to ensuring the quality of water for human use and preventing pollution of water in cities. This includes reducing water abstraction to a sustainable level and achieving good ecological status of water bodies, ensuring efficiency of the urban water system, sustainability of urban water infrastructures, flood prevention and raising citizens' awareness of water as an essential, precious resource.

The Urban Water Agenda 2030 acknowledges these challenges and opportunities and aims to support European cities to accelerate the implementation of local policies and practices for sustainable water management which contributes to meeting EU water policy objectives.

As cities ambitious in European water action, we

COMMIT to supporting the cooperation process between European cities and the European Commission towards the development of an **Urban Water Agenda 2030**.

To this end, we

1. **STRESS** the importance of addressing water challenges in cities through an integrated water management approach;
2. **UNDERLINE** the need to promote the exchange of knowledge between cities in Europe, in order to disseminate and capitalise on good practices in urban water management.
3. **INCREASE OUR EFFORTS** to communicate the complex water challenges in suitable ways in order to raise awareness and understanding and engage effectively with all relevant stakeholders and citizens.