



Oslo
23-25 October



EUROCITIES Environment Forum meeting 'Tackling the problem of plastic waste in cities'

Wednesday 23rd	All day	WG Water	WG GAB (green areas and biodiversity)	WG AQCEE (air quality, climate change, energy efficiency)	WG Waste	WG Noise
	evening	<i>Informal dinner</i>				
Thursday 24th	morning	Session 1 - The need for action on plastic waste and what is the role of cities Session 2 - How does plastic waste impact on the work of cities?				WG Noise
	afternoon	Session 3 - Deep-dive sessions on active cities combatting plastic Session 4 - Site visits				Soundwalk
	evening	<i>Official dinner</i>				
Friday 25th	morning	Session 5 - Analysis of deep-dive session findings Session 6 - Network update Session 7 - City networking session				



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As the European Green Capital of 2019, Oslo is taking up the battle against plastic pollution. The city has developed an ambitious *Action Plan to Reduce Plastic Pollution in the Oslo Fjord, 2019-2020* with the aim of becoming the first municipality in Norway that does not use unnecessary, single-use plastic. By the end of 2019, Oslo will phase out all use of unnecessary, single-use, plastic articles in the city's municipal bodies, and further ensure that when municipal property is rented out for events, the use of unnecessary, single-use plastic is reduced, and that other plastic is appropriately sorted and recycled. In the longer term, the city aims to phase out all use of unnecessary, single-use plastic articles throughout Oslo by the end of 2022.

This makes Oslo the perfect setting for this autumn's EURO CITIES Environment Forum focused on the impact of plastic waste on our cities. Throughout the three days, we'll work together to share inspiration and know-how on how to tackle the plastic waste problem and find concrete ways to better implement measures. Through interactive workshops we'll build cities' capacity to develop their own city strategy for plastic waste ensuring to develop strong relationships with business and harness citizens' power for an all-inclusive city strategy.

DAY 1: Wednesday 23 October

Venue: Scandic Solli Hotel, Parkveien 68, 0202 Oslo

Wifi: Scandic Easy

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08.30 - 09.00	Welcome coffee and registrations, open all day				
09.00 - 12.30	WG AQCCEE (air quality, climate change and energy efficiency)	WG Water	WG GAB (green areas and biodiversity)	WG Waste	WG Noise
12.30 - 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>				
13.30 - 17.30	WG AQCCEE (air quality, climate change and energy efficiency)	WG Water	WG GAB (green areas and biodiversity)	WG Waste	WG Noise
17.30 - 18.30	Steering committee (WG chairs only)				
19.00 - 22.30	<i>Informal dinner (at your own expense) Buffet dinner 25€, drinks extra. Mangelsgården, Storgata 36, 0182 Oslo</i>				

DAY 2: Thursday 24 October

Venue: Oslo City Hall | Rådhusplassen 1, 0037 Oslo, Norway

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8.30 - 9.00

Registration and welcome

9.00 - 9.20

Moderator: Erik Aasheim

Welcome address

- **Lan Marie Berg**, Vice-Mayor for Environment and Transport, city of Oslo
- **Filipe Araujo**, Deputy Mayor, city of Porto
- **Representatives from Lahti**, short presentation of application
 - o Juha Rostedt, Vice Chairman of the City Board of Lahti
 - o Milla Bruneau, Lahti European Green Capital 2021 Director

9.20 - 10.45

Session 1: The need for action on plastic waste and what role cities can play

9:20 - 09.40

Keynote speech by Bård Vegar Solhjell, Secretary General, WWF Norway

09.40 - 10.45

Panel debate

Discussion between city politicians and the European Commission

- **Kjell Olav A. Maldum**, Managing Director, Infinitum AS
- **Olivier De Clercq**, Policy Officer Waste, DG ENVI
- **Cecilia Del Re**, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Tourism, city of Florence
- **Tina Heyse**, Deputy Mayor for Climate, Energy, and the Environment, city of Ghent

10.45 - 11.15

Family picture and coffee break

11.15 - 12.45

Session 2: How does plastic waste impact on the work of cities?

Presentations by WG leaders on the challenges and relevance of plastic to their respective areas

- **Anna-Maria Spyriouni**, Senior Policy Advisor, city of London and **Inge Van de Klundert**, Sustainability Advisor, city of Utrecht, co-chairs of WG AQCCCE
- **Gitty Korsuize**, Environment and Mobility, co-chair of WG Green Areas and Biodiversity, city of Utrecht
- **Mark Lindert**, Head of Waste Management, city of Düsseldorf
- **Alexander Mauritz**, Managing Director Wastewater Department, co-chair of WG Water, city of Mannheim
- **Theo Benjert**, Sound Expert, co-chair WG Noise, city of Rotterdam

Panel and participant discussion: What contributions can cities make to reduce the problems associated with plastic waste? Are there any cross-cutting solutions between your areas of work?

12.45 - 13.45

Lunch break

13.45 - 15.15

Session 3: Deep-dive session: Active cities combatting plastic pollution

Moderator: Erik Aasheim

Session 3.1: How to work with private sector initiatives

Jonas Åbo Mortensen, Climate and environmental planner, City of Copenhagen

Session 3.2: How to design systematic and sustainable strategies for tackling plastic waste?

Håkon Sandven Jentoft, Agency for Waste Management, City of Oslo

Session 3.3: How to mobilise your citizens

Gloria Zavatta, Agency for Mobility, Environment and Territory, City of Milan

15.15 - 15.45

Coffee break

15.45 - 18.00

Site-visits

- **Group 1: Oslo Fjord plastic waste**
The tour will include visits to a variety of solutions for cleaning waste from our waterways. Potential possibility to visit one of Oslo's projects looking at the upcycling of marine litter.
- **Group 2: Oslo's waste management sites**
Visit to one of Oslo's waste management sites with particular focus on managing plastic waste
- **Group 3: Oslo's Sports facilities**
Visit to sport facilities to examine the problems of, and solutions to, pollution arising from the use of micro granulates on artificial sports surfaces
- **Group 4: European Green Capital city centre guided tour**
The tour will include a number of measures which were instrumental in Oslo receiving the European Green Capital award with particular focus on sustainable mobility
- **Group 5: Hovinbekken river opening project**
The project demonstrates the advantages of opening up a previously closed watercourse, including new habitats for plants and animals, greater biodiversity, flood protection and opportunities for outdoor recreation

19.00 - 22.00

Formal Dinner & Ceremony

Oslo City Hall, Fridtjof Nansens plass, 0160 Oslo

19.00 *Welcome and appetizer*

19.30 *First course served*

20.00 *Opening of the Plastic Declaration Signing Ceremony*

20.10 *City representatives of signatory cities invited for picture*

20.20 *Porto closing words*

20.30 *Dinner (Main course & desert)*

DAY 3: Friday 25 October

Venue: Oslo City Hall | Rådhusplassen 1, 0037 Oslo, Norway

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8.30 - 9.00

Welcome coffee and registrations

9.00 - 10.00

Session 5: Analysis of deep-dive session findings

- **Jonas Åbo Mortensen**, Climate and environmental planner, City of Copenhagen
- **Håkon Sandven Jentoft**, Agency for Waste Management, City of Oslo
- **Gloria Zavatta**, Agency for Mobility, Environment and Territory, City of Milan

10.00 - 10.30

Session 6: Network update

Latest network and policy developments from EUROCITIES

- Update on future of EUROCITIES
- Latest policy updates (including new European Commission and Parliament)

10.30 - 11.00

Coffee Break

11.00 - 12.00

Session 7: City networking session

Roundtable speed networking sessions moderated by cities and for cities; open choice presentations on a wide range of environmental projects. Each roundtable will last 30 minutes.

No chance for plastic in organic waste

Patrick Hasenkamp, General manager of Muenster's municipal waste company, City of Münster

- Taking a leading role in Germany's 'No plastic in organic waste' campaign, Münster will detail how its impressive PR efforts, the development of a contest and use of yellow and red cards are changing the city for the better!

Reusable cups and dishes 'on-the-go' for public events - experiences and problems

Mark Lindert, Head of waste management section, City of Düsseldorf

- Delving into the challenges of avoiding plastic waste, Dusseldorf will explore how to adapt systems to different events. In depth: the city supports two privately operating systems for reusable 'on-the-go' cups: a deposit scheme and a 'swap' scheme.

Make the Cultural festival in Gothenburg singular packaging use free

Helena Bengtsson, Head of Waste Development Project Unit, City of Göteborg

- Gothenburg will share its expertise on how cultural events can be more sustainable, building on its waste management strategy applied to Gothenburg Culture Festival - one of the biggest Scandinavian's festival.

Plastic Smart Cities initiative: WWF and EUROCITIES

Merijn Hougee, Senior Marine Policy Advisor, WWF

- WWF is developing on-the-ground projects in South East Asia and working to build a global movement of PlasticSmart Cities by inviting cities to commit to ambitious plastic pollution targets in line with their *No Plastic in Nature* vision and to develop and disseminate Plastic-Smart Action best practices. Here they will launch their knowledge sharing platform in partnership with EUROCITIES to tackle the global plastic crisis. PlasticSmart Cities: taking the fight against plastic pollution to the next level!

Olympic legacy: no more single use plastic in Paris for 2024

Caroline GARIN, Zero Waste expert, City of Paris

- Paris is seizing the opportunity of the 2024 Olympic Games to accelerate the ecological transition. By adopting a global zero waste strategy, the City of Paris is committed to preventing and reducing all its plastic waste at source. During this session, Paris will give a comprehensive view of its approach to reach zero single use plastic by 2024.

CESBA MED: promoting energy efficiency of buildings at neighbourhood scale

Enrico Gallo, Environmental Engineer, City of Turin

- Energy efficient measures and their implementation at neighbourhood level (i.e. district heating, PV installations, etc.) are showing clearly that a building scale approach is not optimal in reaching significant and cost-effective improvements. Groups of buildings offer remarkable potentials for synergies. However, at neighbourhood scale, decision making processes and the design of the intervention are more complex. CESBA MED intends to find the most affordable and operational solutions for the development of energy efficiency plans at neighbourhood scale.

12.00 - 12.05

Closing of forum

- Morten Norskag, city of Oslo
- Daniel Filipe Freitas, city of Porto

12.05 - 13.00

Light lunch