



# Cities for just transitions: Supporting local labour markets for an inclusive recovery

**Social Affairs Forum digital meeting  
9-10 November 2020**



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## Programme | Social Affairs Forum digital meeting

Day 1 – Monday, 9 November 2020

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| 9.30 – 10.00  | <b>Technical Check-in, quiz about Zagreb and welcome video</b>   |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | <p><b>Session I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Official welcome</b><br/> <b>Milan Bandic</b>, Mayor of Zagreb<br/> <b>Sedat Arif</b>, Deputy Mayor of Malmo and chair of Social Affairs Forum</li> <li>• <b>Inspiring kick-off</b>: live interviews with young people from NGO O.A.Z.A. working for sustainable development and helping the recovery in Zagreb</li> <li>• <b>Keynote Speech</b><br/> <b>Katarina Ivanković Knežević</b>, Director of Social Affairs, European Commission</li> </ul>   |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | Break  |
| 11.15 – 12.30 | <p><b>Session II</b><br/> <b>High-level political debate: How do we put people first when moving to a green and digital economy in times of crisis recovery?</b></p> <p>Moderated by <b>Ivo Banek</b>, Director of Communications, EUROCITIES</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Agnes Jongerius</b>, MEP rapporteur on social Europe for just transitions</li> <li>• <b>Samira Rafaela</b>, MEP vice-chair of the EP Intergroup on EU Green Deal</li> <li>• <b>Bailie Annette Christie</b>, Councillor of Glasgow, candidate SAF vice-chair</li> <li>• <b>Marieke van Doorninck</b>, Deputy Mayor of Amsterdam</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A with participants</b></p> |
| 12.30 – 13.45 | Networking lunch break   |
| 13.45 – 14.00 | Connecting back to the SAF meeting   |
| 14.00 – 14.40 | <p><b>Session III</b><br/> <b>Learning from Zagreb’s inspiring social projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ZICER</b> – Technological Park of Zagreb (<i>video presentation</i>)</li> <li>• <b>URIHO Zagreb</b> – Institution for Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities (<i>video presentation</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Sfera Visia</b> – Association working to support social entrepreneurship of visually impaired people and support a circular economy (<i>video and live interview</i>)</li> </ul>  |

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**14.40 – 16.00**

### **Workshops: learning from good practices to ensure just transitions for all**

*These virtual workshops will run in parallel breakout sessions. The topics of the workshops were selected to reflect the pressing social challenges in our cities and to feed into the current policy debates at EU level. Participants will be asked to choose the workshop they wish to attend as part of the event registration.*

#### **Workshop 1**

#### **Decent working conditions for digital platforms workers**

- *Focus on policy:* Learn from **Berlin**  
**Alexander Fischer**, State Secretary for Labour and Social Services, sharing Berlin's experience in the field of platform economy and the outcomes of the European conference on platform work in September
  - *Focus on project:* Learn from **Bologna**  
**Marco Lombardo**, Deputy Mayor, sharing Bologna's 'Charter of fundamental rights for digital platform workers in the urban context'
  - *EU policy update* by **Nikolay Stoyanov**, DG EMPL, European Commission
- Q & A and discussion facilitated by **Silvia Ganzerla**, Policy Director, Eurocities

#### **Workshop 2**

#### **Upskilling, reskilling and skills matching at local level**

- *Focus on projects:* Learn from **Munich**  
**Magdalena Ziolek-Skrzypczak** presenting Munich's Employment and Qualification (MBQ) programme
  - *Focus on social innovation:* Learn from **Vantaa**  
**Kati Myren**, Project Specialist, sharing Vantaa's approach with UIA project Growth and Social investment Pacts for Local Companies (GSIP Vantaa)
  - *EU policy update* by **Julie Fionda**, Deputy Head of Unit Skills and Qualifications, DG EMPL, European Commission
- Q&A and discussion facilitated by **Patricia Couti**, Policy Advisor, Eurocities

#### **Workshop 3**

#### **Addressing the digital divide**

- Focus on digital social services: Learn from **Amsterdam's** coordinated survey  
**Julia Robeer** shares findings from the survey on digitalising social services
  - Focus on digital skills and e-inclusion: Learn from **Nantes** (tbc)
- Q&A and discussion facilitated by **Katharina Bamberg**, Policy Advisor, Eurocities

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| <b>Workshop 4</b>    | <b>Guaranteed minimum income</b>  |
|                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn from <b>Barcelona</b><br/><b>Lluís Torrens</b>, Director of social services sharing the findings and lessons learned from B-MINCOME UIA project</li> <li>• Learn from <b>Glasgow</b><br/><b>Ricky Bell</b>, City Treasurer, shares lessons learned from Glasgow’s work on universal basic income and living wages</li> <li>• EU policy update by <b>Jiri Svarc</b>, Social Investment Unit, European Commission</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A discussion facilitated by <b>Bianca Faragau</b>, Senior Policy Advisor, Eurocities</p> |
| <b>Workshop 5</b>    | <b>Tackling energy poverty</b>  |
|                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on policy: Learn from <b>Antwerp</b><br/><b>Tom Meews</b>, Deputy Mayor, sharing Antwerp’s integrated approach</li> <li>• Focus on project: Learn from <b>Zagreb</b><br/><b>Slavica Robić</b>, Executive Director of the Society for Sustainable Development Design (DOOR), sharing lessons from the ESF project ‘FAIR (FER) Solutions for Better Community’</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A and discussion facilitated by <b>Masha Smirnova</b>, Policy Advisor, Eurocities</p>   |
| <b>16.00 – 16.45</b> | <b>Informal networking and quizzes (optional)</b>   |

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Day 2 – Tuesday, 10 November 2020

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| <b>9.30 – 10.00</b>  | <b>Technical check-in for Day 2 and video of Zagreb</b>   |
| <b>10.00 – 11.15</b> | <p><b>Session IV</b></p> <p><b>Policy debate: How can EU funding and national recovery plans support social investments for just transitions in cities? Looking into opportunities from the Recovery and Resilience Facility, REACT-EU, the Just Transition Fund and ESF+</b></p> <p>Moderated by <b>Ivo Banek</b>, Director of Communications, EURO CITIES</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brando Benifei</b>, Member of European Parliament</li> <li>• <b>Katarina Ivanković Knežević</b>, Director of Social Affairs, DG EMPL, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Katarina Niewiedzial</b>, Commissioner of the Berlin Senate for Integration and Migration</li> <li>• <b>Maarten van Ooijen</b>, Deputy Mayor of Utrecht and candidate SAF chair</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A and open discussion with participants</b></p> |

11.15 – 11.30 Break

**11.30 – 12.30 Session V**

**SAF Business meeting (open to Eurocities members only):**

- Updates on Eurocities campaign ‘InclusiveCities4All’ and presentation of new city pledges:
  - **Maarten van Ooijen** presenting **Utrecht**’s new city pledge on children
  - **Benedetta Albanese**, Deputy Mayor for Housing, work, professional training, rights and equal opportunities and urban security, presenting **Florence**’s pledge to housing and support to homeless
- EU policy update on social affairs and Eurocities advocacy actions:
  - Role of cities in the EU public consultation on social Europe (dl: end Nov)
  - Overview of upcoming EU policy initiatives in employment and social policy in 2021, starting with the EU Child Guarantee and EPSR action plan
  - Thematic policy updates on skills, employment, housing, homelessness, Roma inclusion, migration & integration, ageing and disability inclusion
- Announcement of the results of SAF elections and handover of chairmanship from Malmo to new chair and vice-chair of SAF
- Announcement of the host city of the Social Affairs Forum in autumn 2021
- Close of meeting by official host from Zagreb



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