EUROCITIES 2019 engagement on SDGs

Task-force on the localisation of SDGs
Specific mandate

- Technical/expert group
- Mutual learning
- Focus on how to turn SDGs as a transformative agenda for local governance
- Preparing before EU next steps
Next steps and timeline at EU level

Activities

**Members**
- July meeting in Brussels
- Webinars and Study visits

**Secretariat**
- Monitoring developments at EU level and informing members
- Continue contributing to EC Platform and activities with other local stakeholders
- Working towards a EUROCITIES report on SDGs
Activities of the SDG Task Force

Survey and preparation of a EUROCITIES report on SDGs
  - Based on previous mapping exercises (32 and 22 responses)
    - General information on the activities related to the localisation of SDGs
    - Governance aspects of activities on the localisation of SDGs
    - Outreach, Capacity-building, training and communication on SDGs
  - Focus on identifying best-practices and common problems

Aim understanding what is of Strategic importance for cities
Activities of the SDG Task Force

• A taste of what we found:
  - Uneven interest and implementation across member cities
  - Cities which already have a tradition of working with SD mindset are integrating Agenda more easily
  - A lot of activities foreseen: late adopters are catching up
  - Many best-practices in areas of governance, education, partnerships, monitoring, mainstreaming, etc.
  - Lack of dialogue among cities and with National governments
  - Lack of a consistent knowledge hub and network of best-practices
  - A lot of potential for transformation
3 July in Brussels

30-50 SDGs city representative

Scope: Mutual learning and presentation of EUROCITIES Report and activities at EU level
Part 1: Setting the scene

- EUROCITIES forthcoming report on members’ activities
- Presentation of developments at EU level on SDGs by Institutions (eg. EC, EP)
- Reactions to EU action on SDGs from other stakeholders (e.g. SDG Watch)
- Tools and strategies to implementing SDGs at local level (e.g. OECD, JRC/DG REGIO, Local coalition)
Part 2: Mutual learning

- Workshop in small groups with specific focus
  - key barriers and opportunities
  - key stakeholders
  - Key steps to get to a long-term strategy

- Group discussion with focus on possible study visits and next steps
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