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AGENDA FOR THE EU

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What is it and why is it needed?

- 70% EU citizens live in cities
- 70% EU legislation implemented in cities
- 55% EU funds spent in cities
- 85% EU GDP generated in cities
- 7/10 Juncker priorities have urban dimension

=> Urban Agenda

What is it and why is it needed?

- **Objective: Include urban dimension in policies**
 - Work more on urban matters
 - Work more with cities (eg. involve cities in the design)
 - Mobilise cities in the delivery
- **Output: Action Plans for selected themes**
 - Actions (better legislation, better funding, better knowledge)
 - Good projects to be scaled-up and transferred across the EU
- **Governance: Work in partnership**
 - EU (COM + EP + CoR + EESC)
 - Member States
 - Cities (e.g. Eurocities and CEMR)
 - Stakeholders (experts, NGOs, business, etc.)



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12 Priority Themes



INCLUSION OF
MIGRANTS & REFUGEES



AIR QUALITY



HOUSING



URBAN POVERTY



CIRCULAR
ECONOMY



CLIMATE
ADAPTATION



ENERGY TRANSITION



URBAN
MOBILITY



DIGITAL TRANSITION



PUBLIC
PROCUREMENT



JOBS & SKILLS
IN LOCAL ECONOMY



SUSTAINABLE USE
OF LAND AND
NATURE-BASED
SOLUTIONS

What is the political context?

Support by Member States

- Riga Declaration (2015)
- Pact of Amsterdam (May 2016)
- GAC conclusions endorsing Pact of Amsterdam (June 2016)

Support by the EP

- Westphal Report (2015)
- Regular meetings REGIO/ Urban Intergroup + MEPs

Support by the CoR

- Opinion (2015, Bas) + Opinion (2016, Dunger-Löper)

Support of EESC

- Opinion (2016, Haken)

What has been done so far?

- Work on 12 Partnerships; 4 Action Plans (Poverty, Housing, Inclusion and Air Quality)
- Reinforced coordination between DGs
- Test of methods to improve the 'urban proofing'
- Commission urban website ('one-stop-shop')
- Report to the Council
- Cities Forum (Nov 27-28 Rotterdam)

What are the next steps?

- Embedding the actions (post 2020 etc)
- Evaluation of the urban agenda

What are the next steps?

- **Embedding the actions:** *Poverty, Inclusion, Housing, Air Quality*
- Work towards **4 final Action Plans** + implementation: *Digital, Circular Economy, Urban Mobility, Jobs & Skills*
- Public Consultation **draft Action Plans**, final Action Plans + implementation: *Land use, Climate Adaptation, Public Procurement, Energy Transition*
- **Two new partnerships:** *Culture and Cultural heritage and Safety in public space.*
- **Evaluation** of the Urban Agenda
- **Cities Forum 2019**

New Urban Agenda/2030 Agenda on sustainable development

- Worldwide
- Sustainable Development Goals (targets)
- Habitat III conference, Quito, october 2016
- Link with Urban Agenda for EU: commitment
- Global URBACT



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Other initiatives

ESIF for cities (2014-2020)

- ERDF: > half spent in cities (> € 100 B)
- Article 7 : € 15 B managed directly by cities
- ESF: € 1,5 B to sustainable urban development
- URBACT: € 96 Mio
- Urban Innovative Actions: € 370 Mio
- INTERREG Europe: € 425 Mio (a lot for cities)
- ESPON: € 49 Mio (part for urban studies)
- UDN bringing cities spending ERDF together

Lessons learned:

- Need for simplification
- More thematic flexibility
- Challenges in multi-level governance
- Recognising the role of cities in regional development
- Functional area approach and urban-rural linkages
- Strengthening participation

Post – 2020 Proposals:

Reinforce the integrated and place-based approach

- The EU must be able to respond to the expectations of its citizens, irrespective of where they live
- The number of place-based sectorial initiatives, notably targeting cities, is booming rapidly, but nor national, nor regional, nor local sectorial measures can alone deliver sufficient results.
- Need for economic, social, and environmental sustainability and resilience in all places
- Different territories and communities require differentiated and tailor-made policy mixes



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Integrated Territorial Development

Shared management
(Partnership + Multi-level governance)



COHESION POLICY

Integrated	Place-based
<u>Macroregional</u> strategies	Transnational/ <u>cross-border</u>
Partnership Agreement	National
Programmes	Regional/national
Territorial strategies (Art. 23)	Functional (<i>Functional urban area</i>)
Local strategies (Art. 26)	<u>Subregional</u> (<i>metropolitan region</i>)
	Local admin (<i>City/town/suburb</i>)
	Community (<i>urb. neighbourhood</i>)

What is integrated?

Multi-sectoral
Multi-level
Multi-stakeholder

Multi-territorial
Community-led

What is Integrated territorial development?
(Art. 22)

Policy objective 5 + territorial instruments

- ITI (PO1-5)
- CLLD (PO1-5)
- Other (PO5)

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Policy

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European Urban Initiative

- Capacity building strand
- Experimentation strand
- Knowledge and communication strand
 - Urban data platform, Strat-board
 - Urbis
 - JPI Europe





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