

Engaging for impact: the next step in urban transition

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The Committee of the Regions
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09.30-11.00 Registration and coffee

11.00-13.00 Plenary session – Urban transition pathways and UN Sustainable Development Goals

The morning session will set the scene for the rest of the day, introducing the framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and what it means in terms of urban transition on a local level and the role of research and innovation in exploring pathways and providing knowledge and evidence to policy makers on all levels.

Moderator: **Amy Rader Olsson**, Programme manager IQS
The JPI Urban Europe Corporate movie

Welcome addresses by representatives from the hosts: **Markku Markkula**, President of the European Committee of the Regions (tbc); **Wolfgang Burtscher**, Deputy Director-General, DG RTD European Commission; **Ingolf Schädler**, Chair of the JPI Urban Europe Governing Board

Setting the scene – Introducing the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the EU Urban Agenda

Key note presentations introducing the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and The EU Urban Agenda and its' implications for international urban agendas and local urban transition. How are the goals to be implemented, monitored and put into practice? What does that mean for different regions globally? What are the expectations regarding cooperation of various actors and transnationally? What are the implications for long term cooperation across research and policy and the next European research framework, FP 9.

Tobias Kettner, Outreach and Liaison Officer in Europe, UN Habitat; **Olivier Baudulet**, Team leader - Urban policy, European Commission, Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy; **Li Tie**, General director, Chinese Center for Urban Development (CCUD)

Mayors' panel – Cities' perspectives on urban challenges and urban transition pathways

A panel of 4-5 mayors describe challenges and main concerns in their cities and present examples from ongoing projects. How to break down and apply the Sustainable Development Goals in their cities and what support do they need from the research community and how do they plan to involve local stakeholders?

Speakers: **Kristina Zakrisson**, Mayor of Kiruna, Sweden; **Paul Depla**, Mayor of Breda, the Netherlands; **Fernando Medina Maciel Almeida Correia**, Mayor of Lisbon, Portugal (tbc); **Florence Forzy-Raffard**,

Deputy Mayor for European affairs and International economic relations, Bordeaux, France; A representative from a Chinese city (TBD).

Research put into practice

Short presentations from projects funded in the JPI Urban Europe calls, highlighting results and achievements, reflecting the topics and concerns raised by the mayors. The session aims to display concrete outcomes of projects and to inspire to further discussions in groups on topics related to urban challenges, co-operation and long term impact from R&I projects.

Yvonne Franz, Austrian Academy of Sciences, *ICEC – Interethnic Coexistence in European cities – A comparative and applied oriented analysis of neighbourhood-related policies.*

Katarina Gugerell, University of Groningen, *Play! UC Playing with Urban Complexity: Using co-located serious games to reduce the urban carbon footprint among young adults*

Federico Savini, University of Amsterdam, Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies *APRILab – Action oriented planning, regulation and investment dilemmas for innovative urban development in living lab experiences*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Standing lunch in the Atrium

14.00 – 15.30 Break-out sessions

The break-out sessions aim at in-depth discussions among stakeholders, building on the input from the mayors' panel and projects presentations, and focused on concrete and well defined challenges cities face and the results and experiences gained in the projects. The themes of the break-out sessions correspond to four of the crosscutting issues defined in the Urban Agenda for the EU 'Pact of Amsterdam'.

- Effective urban governance Room JDE 3253
- Sound strategic urban planning JDE 51
- Innovative approaches JDE 52
- Impact on societal change JDE 2253

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00 Afternoon plenary session – Shaping a European innovation eco-system

The afternoon sessions focus on the JPI Urban Europe on a programme level, describe the long-term vision of the program and the steps taken so far to develop new instruments, platforms for stakeholder involvement, research infrastructures etc, all parts of implementing the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda. The aim is to engage and involve partners and stakeholders in future plans and activities.

Presenting the JPI Urban Europe long-term vision

Margit Noll, Chair of the JPI Urban Europe Management Board, FFG

Panel discussion – Why is it so difficult to speed up the pace of urban transition?

Panel discussion with JPI Urban Europe main stakeholders and long-term partners on the main challenges and important measures to speed up the pace of urban innovation and transitioning. Other issues up for discussion: important measures to reduce the policy-practice-research gap, how to build a European

innovation eco-system (this could also result in some recommendations towards FP9) reflecting on the discussions during day one and the JPI Urban Europe long-term vision, bringing in international, European, and local perspectives.

Mart Grisel Director, the European Urban Knowledge Network EGTC (EUKN EGTC) (tbc), **Natalie Guri** Projects and knowledge sharing director, Eurocities; **Fernando Hervás Soriano**, Deputy Head of Unit, Territorial Development, European Commission, Joint Research Centre; **Pieter Hooimeijer**, Professor Utrecht University, Chair of JPI Urban Europe Scientific Advisory Board; **Charlot Schans** Project leader, Pakhuis de Zwijger, **Yoomi Renström**, Chair of the SEDEC commission, the European Committee of the Regions, Representative from DG regio partnerships (tbc),

Final reflections by Lambert van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

17.30-21.00 Evening networking event

Following the conference there will be an evening networking event at the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union.