

INVITATION:

JPI URBAN EUROPE POLICY CONFERENCE

URBAN TRANSITIONING: A JOINT ADVENTURE

12th of February 2019: Policy conference including evening networking event
Venue: The European Committee of the Regions, Batiment Jacques Delors,
Belliardstraat 99-101, 1040 Brussels

Launch of the JPI Urban Europe SRIA 2.0 foregrounding dilemmas

Welcome to the fourth JPI Urban Europe policy conference with the main aim to launch the updated Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA 2.0) and to provide an arena for discussions and exchange on urban transitions.

The SRIA 2.0, with priorities for 2020-2026, has been refurbished with a view to issues and concerns in the wake of international policies such as UN Agenda 2030 SDG 11, UN-Habitat New Urban Agenda and Urban Agenda for the EU. In this light and to enhance urban transformation capacities and expertise, JPI Urban Europe has identified a need to foreground dilemmas in four transition areas and the wicked issues emerging in their pathways.

The SRIA 2.0 will be launched at the conference and made available at the JPI Urban Europe website. In conjunction with the conference, other events such as a workshop in Brussels and meetings within the Making Cities Work call, the Urban Europe Research Alliance and the Positive Energy Neighbourhoods and Districts Programme will be arranged.

Join the JPI Urban Europe community

We invite you to explore the dilemma-driven approach and define first steps towards implementation of the SRIA 2.0. Join urban practitioners, policymakers, researchers, European institutions and organisations and engage in discussions and networking. Listen to city leaders describing how experimentation, socio-technical innovation and stakeholder involvement can play an important role in local urban transition strategies. Together with other participants, apply your own knowledge and experience in interactive break-out sessions.

The conference is co-hosted by the European Committee of the Regions and European Commission DG RTD. Break-out sessions are set up in collaboration with partnerships of the Urban Agenda for the EU and other networks and organisations.



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to register](#)

Vision of JPI Urban Europe

JPI Urban Europe establishes as the European platform to create, combine, discuss and make available knowledge and robust evidence for sustainable urban solutions by setting common research and innovation priorities, improving and aligning R&I instruments, moderating science-policy processes and supporting transnational collaboration for local capacity building.

Target group:

This conference welcomes all actors interested in sustainable urban transitions such as policy-makers, mayors, city administration, urban practitioners, urban experts and researchers, representatives from Member States, Brussels-based urban networks and European institutions.



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SIDE EVENTS

Monday 11 February - Walkshop in Brussels

Participants at the policy conference are welcome to join a walkshop in central Brussels starting at 14.00 and ending at 17.00. The walkshop will guide the group to three local initiatives that operate on a daily basis as an answer to the urban dilemmas addressed at the conference. The walkshop is open to a group of max 30 people, so make sure to register soon.

A detailed program for the walkshop will be published late December.

Contact: Ana Jakopin, ARRS ana.jakopin@arrs.si

Monday 11 February - Urban Europe Research Alliance (UERA) meeting

On 11 February, a UERA General Assembly Meeting will be hosted by the University of Antwerp. The theme is "Smart and Energy-Efficient Cities: the Integrated Perspective". During the meeting, a new subgroup working on this topic under Thematic Working Group 2 "Urban Environmental Sustainability and Resilience" will be launched.

Invitation only; invitation and programme will be sent out soon.

Contact: Anne Ruas, IFSTTAR, anne.ruas@ifsttar.fr

Monday 11 February - Urban Agenda for the EU Coordinators meeting

On Monday 11 February there will be a meeting for the coordinators of the Urban Agenda for the EU partnerships taking place at the venue of the European Committee of the Regions between 09.30-18.00.

Invitation only; Invitation and programme has been sent out.

Wednesday 13 February - Making Cities Work projects kick-off meeting

JPI Urban Europe invites all projects funded in the Making Cities Work call to a projects kick-off meeting in Brussels on 13 February, starting with a joint dinner on the evening 12 February. The meeting provides an opportunity for the project partners to meet and to share knowledge, present projects and engage in strategic discussions for future cooperation. Project partners are very welcome to take part in the policy conference.

Invitation only; invitation and programme will be sent out soon.

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SIDE EVENTS (CONTINUATION)

Wednesday 13 February - Positive Energy Neighbourhoods and Districts Programme stakeholder meeting

The meeting will be hosted by the PEN/PED programme management and serves update and discussion of operational approaches and next steps among stakeholders involved in the process.

Content issues of the breakout session at the JPI Urban Europe Policy Conference will be discussed in a strategic view.

Invitation only; invitation and programme will be sent out soon.

Contact: Christoph Gollner, FFG, christoph.gollner@ffg.at

Thursday 14 February - Urban MAESTRO Kick-Off meeting

The launching event of Urban MAESTRO will provide a first overview of consortium partners' activity in the field of urban design governance and seek to identify counterparts who may be willing to join the project support and advisory group co-chaired by JPI Urban Europe and UN-Habitat. The project is implemented by UN-Habitat, University College of London and Brussels Bouwmeester Maitre Architecte Office and examines urban design governance in European cities.

The meeting is open to all interested parties but requires prior registration via email to

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JPI URBAN EUROPE POLICY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Tuesday 12 February

09:00 – 10:00	Registration and coffee
10:00 – 11:30	<p>Plenary session I: Setting the scene foregrounding the dilemmas</p> <p>The first morning session sets the scene and invites cities to share their experiences of dilemmas in policy and practice and related knowledge needs.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Amy Rader Olsson</i>, Programme manager IQS</p> <hr/> <p>Welcome addresses by representatives from the hosts</p> <p>European Committee of the Regions (TBC)</p> <p>European Commission (TBC)</p> <p><i>Mari Solerød</i>, Acting Chair of JPI Urban Europe Governing Board</p> <hr/> <p>Case presentations from cities</p> <p><i>Tove Mette Bjørkmo</i>, Mayor, Municipality of Sortland, Norway</p> <p><i>Nicolaie Moldovan</i>, City Manager, City of Alba Iulia, Romania</p> <p><i>Beate Ginzl</i>, Head of unit Department of Urban Renewal and Housing Promotion, City of Leipzig, Germany</p> <p><i>João Dinis</i>, Coordinator of the Department for Climate Change, City of Cascais, Portugal</p>
11.30-12.00	Coffe break in the Foyer
12.00-13.00	<p>Plenary session II: Future research priorities for the knowledge hub</p> <p>This session focuses on future research priorities and presents the main parts of the updated Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda. Building upon the city case presentations as well as JPI Urban Europe's achievements so far and future ambitions described in the SRIA 2.0, a panel with experts discusses research and policy cooperation in practical terms.</p> <hr/> <p>Introduction to JPI Urban Europe SRIA 2.0</p> <p><i>Margit Noll</i>, Chair of the JPI Urban Europe Management Board</p> <hr/> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><i>Sigrun Kabisch</i>, Chair of JPI Urban Europe Scientific Advisory Board</p> <p><i>Anna-Lisa Boni</i>, Secretary General of EUROCITIES</p> <p><i>Martin de Jong</i>, Professor, Erasmus University, Rotterdam</p> <p><i>Daniela Patti</i>, Managing Director, Eutropian</p> <p><i>Jamal Shahin</i>, Professor, University of Amsterdam (TBC)</p> <p><i>Wolfgang Teubner</i>, Regional Director Europe of ICLEI</p>

13:00 – 14:00

Standing lunch in the Atrium

14.00-15.30

Break-out sessions: First steps towards implementation

1. Digital Transitions in Urban Governance
2. From Urban Resilience to Robustness
3. Sustainable Land-use and Urban Infrastructures
4. Inclusive Public Spaces for Urban Liveability
5. Positive Energy Neighbourhoods and Districts

15.30-16.00

Coffee break in the Foyer

16.00-17.00

Plenary session III: Teaming up to accelerate urban transitioning

Session to present results from breakout sessions and discuss the role of JPI Urban Europe in a future landscape of partnerships and within Horizon Europe, the ninth European Research and Innovation framework under preparation.

Reporting Back from the Break-out Sessions led by the Moderator

Panel Discussion

Panelists:

Kieran McCarthy, member of the European Committee of the Regions

Marek Teplansky, Acting Head of Unit Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, European Commission, Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy

Magda de Carli, Head of unit Sharing Excellence - Country Intelligence, European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

Nathalie Noupadja, Head of Research & Studies, CEMR (Council of European Municipalities and Regions)

Margit Noll, Chair of JPI Urban Europe Management Board

Final words from the Moderator *Amy Rader Olsson*

17:00-18.30

Networking with snacks and drinks in the Atrium

10:00 – 17:00 - Networking until 18.30

Registration opens 09:00,
please be in time to go through security

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Break-out sessions: Detailed programme

Digital Transitions in Urban Governance

How can cities exploit the potential of rapid digitalisation for urban planning and governance while avoiding the risks of new inequalities and exclusion as well as addressing the consequences for jobs, value chains and privacy?

This session will narrow the focus to e-governance and business model thinking as a strategic tool for development and governance in cities. Why should cities adopt a business model approach in the governance and decision-making of their future digital services?

Hosted by: JPI Urban Europe and Urban Agenda for the

EU Partnership Digital Transitions

Chair: *James Taplin* (TBC), Innovate UK, JPI Urban Europe Funding Agencies Working group

Co-chair: *Mika Rantakokko*, The city of Oulu, Finland, Coordinator of EU Partnership Digital Transitions

City case presentation: (TBD)

From Urban Resilience to Robustness

How can cities get prepared for unexpected, non-linear events and at the same time ensure highest liveability for its inhabitants?

This session will narrow the focus to circular economy on city level. A note from the Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership on circular economy with Indicators for circular economy (CE) transition in cities will be presented and participants will be invited to give feed-back for next steps, i.e. how to develop methods and definitions on city level and identify research and- innovation activities to give the indicators a solid base.

Hosted by: JPI Urban Europe and Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership Circular Economy

Chair: *Christian Strauß*, Project Management Jülich, Member of the JPI Urban Europe Governing Board

Co-chair: *Håkon Sandven Jentoft*, The city of Oslo, Coordinator of EU Partnership Circular Economy

City case presentation: *Clare Ollerenshaw*, London Waste and Recycling Board

Sustainable Land-use and Urban Infrastructures

How can cities answer to the demand for densification and infrastructure provision under the constraints of scarce resources, financial limitations, accessibility and affordability for all?

- Intersecting infrastructures and Nature Based Solutions
- Integrated urban infrastructures planning
- Liveable, carbon neutral infrastructures
- Urban equity in sustainable urbanisation

Hosted by: JPI Urban Europe and Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership Sustainable Land-use

Chair: *Arjan van Binsbergen*, Member of the JPI Urban Europe Mangement Board

Co-chairs: *Valentina Ballotta* and *Giovanni Fini*, The city of Bologna, Coordinators of EU Partnership on Sustainable Land-use

Case city presentation: TBD

Inclusive Public Spaces for Urban Liveability

How can cities provide multi-functional public spaces that serve the purposes of all groups of society within the given ownership situations, stakeholder interests, security concerns or densification needs?

This session will explore methods for how to involve all groups citizens in development of public spaces, not only the usual suspects. How can we make city policies more inclusive? Experiences from Amsterdam will inform the discussion and participants invited to share the success stories.

Hosted by: JPI Urban Europe and Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership Inclusion of migrants and refugees

Chair: *Mari Solerød*, NRC, Acting Chair of JPI Urban Europe Governing Board

Co-chair: *Sabina Kekic*, The city of Amsterdam, Coordinator of EU partnership on Inclusion of migrants and refugees

Case city presentation: Same as above

Break-out sessions: Detailed programme (continuation)

Positive Energy Neighbourhoods and Districts for Sustainable Urban Development

This break-out session presents the “Positive Energy Neighbourhoods” (PEN) initiative that is to be launched in Spring 2019 through joint efforts between JPI Urban Europe and the SET-Plan Action 3.2 Smart Cities and Communities. The aim of this session is to raise awareness on the topic of Positive Energy Districts and Neighbourhoods and together with city representatives discuss interests, experiences and barriers for implementation. Good practice cases will be presented, and future possibilities elaborated.

Hosted by: JPI Urban Europe, EERA JPSC and ERRIN.

Chair: *Hans-Günther Schwarz*, Member of the JPI Urban Europe Governing Board

Co-chairs: *Annemie Wyckmans*, NTNU, Programme Coordinator of EERA Joint Programme Smart Cities, *Pirita Lindholm*, Director ERRIN

Case city presentations: *Synne Kathinka Bertelsen*, Trondheim municipality, *Jasper Tonen*, City of Groningen and *Timo Wyffels*, City of Roeselare,

Moderator: *Heidi Kristina Jakobsen*, Stavanger Region European Office