



EU URBAN INITIATIVES

Urban Agenda

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.)

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



SUTAINABLE USE
OF LAND AND
NATURE-BASED
SOLUTIONS

What is the political context?

- **Support by Member States**
 - Riga Declaration (2015)
 - Pact of Amsterdam (foreseen May 2016) – *under consultation*
 - 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?

- **Reinforced coordination between DGs**
- **Work on 4 Partnerships**
- **Test of methods to improve the 'urban proofing'**
- **Commission urban website ('one-stop-shop')**

What are the next steps?

- **New Urban Agenda (Habitat III; October 2017)**
- **Secretariat for support to UA (January 2017)**
- **Online tool for the UA (January 2017)**
- **Launch of new Partnerships (early 2017)**
- **Report to the Council (end 2017)**
- **Cities Forum (end 2017)**

Three other ambitious initiatives

- **Mapping of EU urban initiatives**
 - Have a more coherent approach:
= Reinforce complementarities, avoid bottlenecks, build on synergies
 - End 2016
- **One-stop-shop**
 - Single entry point for cities and stakeholders
 - Complete reliable and customised information
- **Urban Innovative Actions**
 - Urban Lab of Europe
 - Managed by COM and NPDC-Picardie
 - 1st call launched (80 Mio)
 - Projects start end 2016

Urban Innovative Actions

Main features

- **Experimentation!**
- **€ 370 M (2015-2020)**
- **1 call per year on 3-4 topics (€ 50 M)**
- **> 50,000 inhabitants**
- **€ 5 M ERDF max; 80%; 3 years**
- **15-20 projects per year**

1st call - Key Statistics

Number of application: 378

Avg amount of ERDF: EUR 3.75 million

Expected number of selected projects: 18-20

Breakdown of project proposals

- Jobs and skills– 124
- Energy Transition – 113
- Urban Poverty – 91
- Integration of Migrants and Refugees – 50

2nd call - Topics of the second call

- **€ 50 Moi**
- **November 2016**
- **3 topics:**
 - Circular economy
 - Sustainable urban mobility
 - Inclusion of migrants and refugees

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)

New Urban Agenda

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