



Together towards an EU Urban Agenda

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Aim of the EU Urban Agenda



- Involve cities in the design of EU/ national policies
- Mobilise cities in the implementation of EU/ national policies

Legislation/policies/funding ⇒ more effective, more efficient and implementation at a lower cost



To achieve these aims, there will be:

- ⇒ Action Plans on a number of Priority Themes
- ⇒ Partnerships (Commission+ Member States+ Cities+ NGOs/ private + experts) to do the work together
- ⇒ Other initiatives, like better use of Territorial Impact Assessment and better Urban Data and knowledge

Momentum behind the EU Urban Agenda

Riga declaration

EC Staff Working Document

EP Westphal Report

Support CoR, Eurocities, CEMR



Proposed themes



- 1. Jobs and skills in the local economy:**
- 2. Urban poverty**
- 3. Housing**
- 4. Inclusion of migrants and refugees**
- 5. Sustainable use of land and Nature-Based solutions**
- 6. Circular economy**
- 7. Climate adaptation**
- 8. Energy transition**
- 9. Urban mobility**
- 10. Air quality**
- 11. Digital transition**
- 12. Innovative and responsible public procurement**



Cross cutting themes

- *Good urban governance (e.g. focus on innovation, good regulation, good coordination);*
- *Sound urban planning (and link with regional planning and territorial development);*
- *Integrated approach*
- *Innovative approaches (incl. social innovation and civil society involvement);*
- *Having an impact on societal change, including behavioural change (e.g. healthy lifestyle);*
- *Attention for challenges and opportunities of small- and medium-sized cities; and*
- *Attention for urban-rural, urban-urban and cross-border cooperation.*

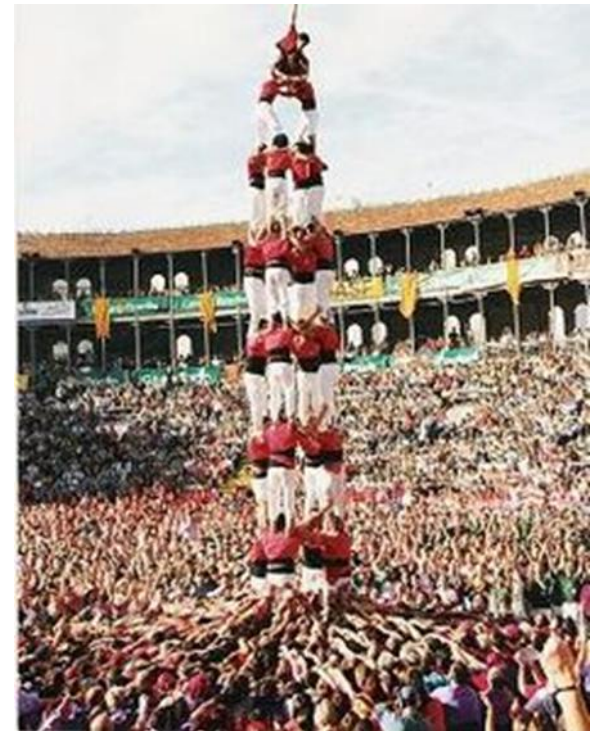
Rationale behind the partnerships

Integrated approach at local level requires:

- Multi-level cooperation*
- Horizontal coordination*
- Involvement of relevant urban stakeholders*

Ownership is needed for continuity

*Added value: cooperation between
Member States, cities, Commission*



General elements of the partnerships

Focus on a limited number of themes agreed by the Commission and Member States

Concrete, case based approach -> result oriented

*Membership: member states, **cities**, EC, other stakeholders (universities, NGOs etc)*

Requires clear commitment of resources



Next steps

November: Start exploratory phase first partnerships

*Dutch Presidency 2016
"Amsterdam Pact"*

*June 2016 - start of
other partnerships*



EU Urban Agenda

Urban dimension ERDF

Urban Innovative Actions: themes will be aligned with the EU Urban Agenda

Urban Development Network

URBACT

SDG and UN Habitat

