Together towards an EU Urban Agenda

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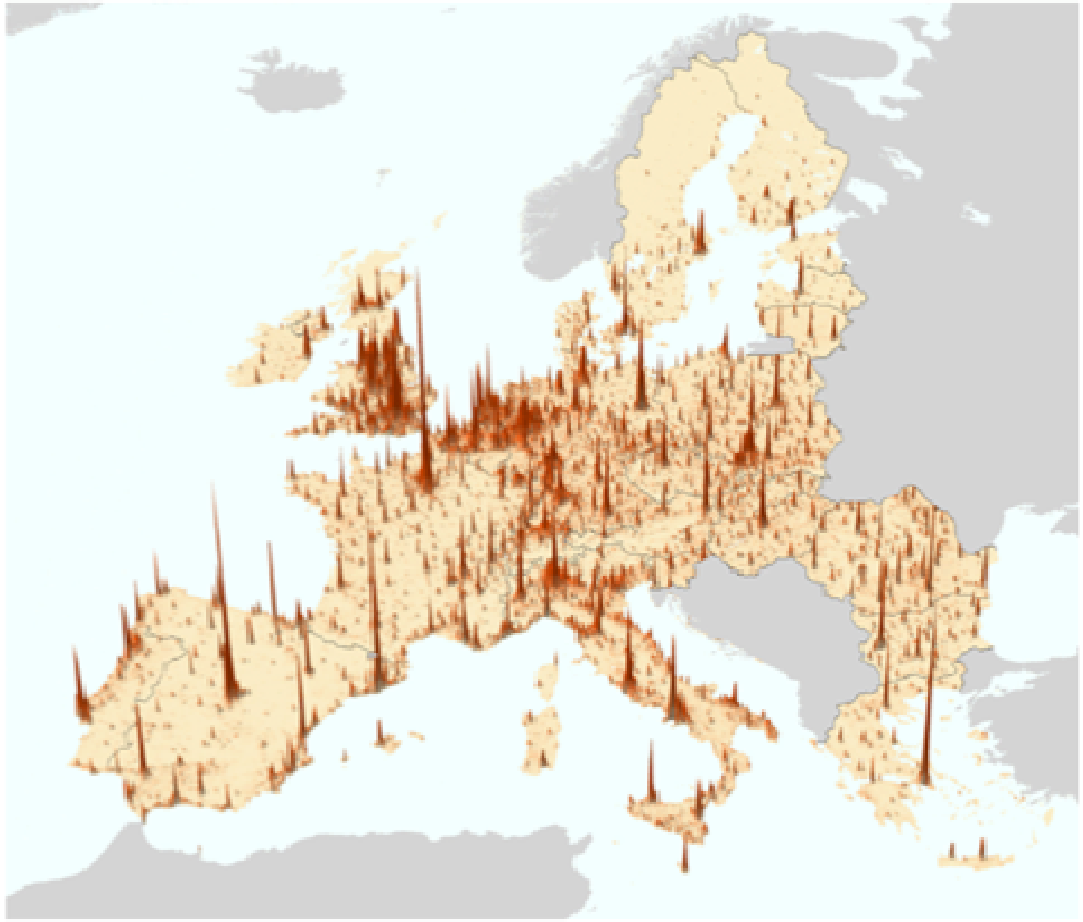
EU Urban Agenda Why?



EU Urban Agenda: Why?

Refugee crisis

Jobs , growth, competiveness

Connectivity, creativity, innovation

Cities are places were opportunities and challenges meet

Unemployment, segregation, poverty

Paris Climate Change Agreement

EU Policies implemented in cities

Fits in EU trend to get local Government more involved

1987 European Single Act: specific responsibility EU for regional policy

1989 First regulation Structural Funds

1992 Maastricht Treaty:

- Acknowledgement importance local and regional authorities for EU policy
- Creation of Comittee of the Regions

2007 Lisbon Treaty:

- Acknowledgement autonomy of local and regional authorities
- Subsidiarity principle also applies to local and regional authorities

Aim of the European Urban Agenda:

Make the EU Urban Proof

Pact of Amsterdam: Launching the EU Urban Agenda

- Operational Framework
- Priority Themes
- Joint actions
- Working method of Partnerships

- New form of multi-level cooperation between stakeholders.

Thematic Partnerships

- Focus on priority themes
- Concrete, case based approach -> result oriented
- Membership: cities, member states, EC, other stakeholders
- NL will facilitate first 4 partnerships
- Formulation of proposals for better regulation, better access to funding, better knowledge exchange

Themes of the EU Urban Agenda

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

Setting up Partnerships

- Urban areas are nominated by:

•CEMR

•Eurocities

•Urbact

•CoR

- Member States are selected via the Urban Development Group

-European Commission (DG Regio coordinates)

-The Partnership may invite other relevant stakeholders to join

Partnership 1- Housing

Coordinated by Slovakia

The objectives are to have affordable housing of good quality. The focus will be on public affordable housing, state aid rules and general housing policy.

Partners

* Urban areas: Vienna, Scottish City Alliance, Riga and possibly Finish cities

* MS: Slovakia, Slovenia, Latvia, Luxembourg, Germany, Netherlands

* Others: European Commission (DG Regio and DG Energy), Housing Europe, Aedes, Eurocities, European Investment Bank & International Tenants Association

Partnership 2 Air Quality

Coordinated by the Netherlands

The objective is to realise systems and policies to ensure a good air quality for human health. This will cover: legislative and technical aspects linked to a wide range of polluting sources such as cars, industries, agricultural activities, etc.

Partners

* Urban areas: Londen (UK), Helsinki (FI), Utrecht (NL), a city from Romania
* MS: Netherlands, Germany, possibly France and Portugal
* Others: European Commission (DG Regio, DG ENVI, DG Research, DG Move & DG Grow) & Eurocities

Partnership 3 Urban Poverty

Coordinated by France and Belgium

The objectives are to reduce poverty and improve the inclusion of people in poverty or at risk of poverty in deprived neighbourhoods. The focus will be on: spatial concentration of structural poverty in deprived neighbourhoods (and regeneration of these areas) and child poverty.

Partners

* Urban areas: Lille (F), Kortrijk (B), Birmingham (UK), Daugavpils (LV), Patras (GR), Timisoara (RO)

* MS: France, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Greece

* Others: European Commission (DG Regio & DG EMPL), Regions of Brussels (B) & Ile de France (FR) & Urbact and probably European Anti-Poverty Network

Partnership 4: Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees

Coordinated by the city of Amsterdam

The objectives are to manage the integration of incoming migrants and refugees (extra-EU) and to provide a framework for their inclusion. This will cover: housing, integration, provision of public services, social inclusion, education and labour market measures.

Partners

* Urban areas: Amsterdam, Lander Berlin, Leipzig, Barcelona (Metropolitan Area)

* MS: Greece and possibly Germany and Italy

* Others: European Commission (DG Regio, DG Home, DG EMPL), Eurocities & CEMR

Towards the Pact of Amsterdam

- Consultation with 38 different parties concerned

- Preparatory meetings (March-May 2016)

- 30 May 2016:
  - Informal ministerial meeting
  - City Makers Summit
  - Forum on the EU Urban Agenda

- 21 June:
  - Council Conclusions

Similarities with EMA 2015 Declaration

- Strength through cooperation (paragraph 1)

- "to promote joints projects in Partnership" (paragraph 2)

- Focus on similar themes (paragraph 2)

- To involve urban areas in preparation and implementation of EU policy making (paragraph 3)

Similarities with EMA 2015 Declaration

- Promote knowledge exchange (paragraph 4)

- Work with Associations (paragraph 7)

- Send EMA 2015 Declaration to Member States (paragraph 9)

- Organise new EMA Forum in Turin 2016 (Paragraph 10)

How to connect Metropolitan Authorities and the EU Urban Agenda?

Moving From Declarations into Action

→ … through Partnerships

→ … and to connect with Ministries for Urban Development as well as Sectoral Ministries

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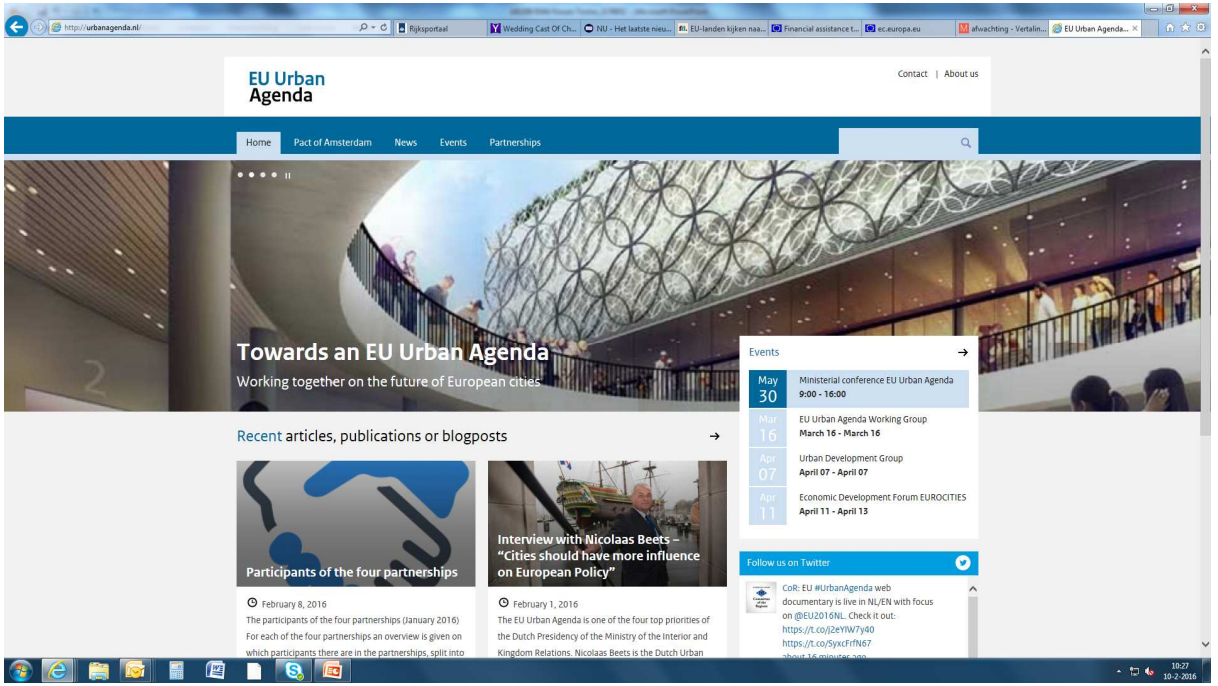

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