



## **DEVCO Environmental Week**

# **Sustainable Development - The role of Cities/the urban angle**

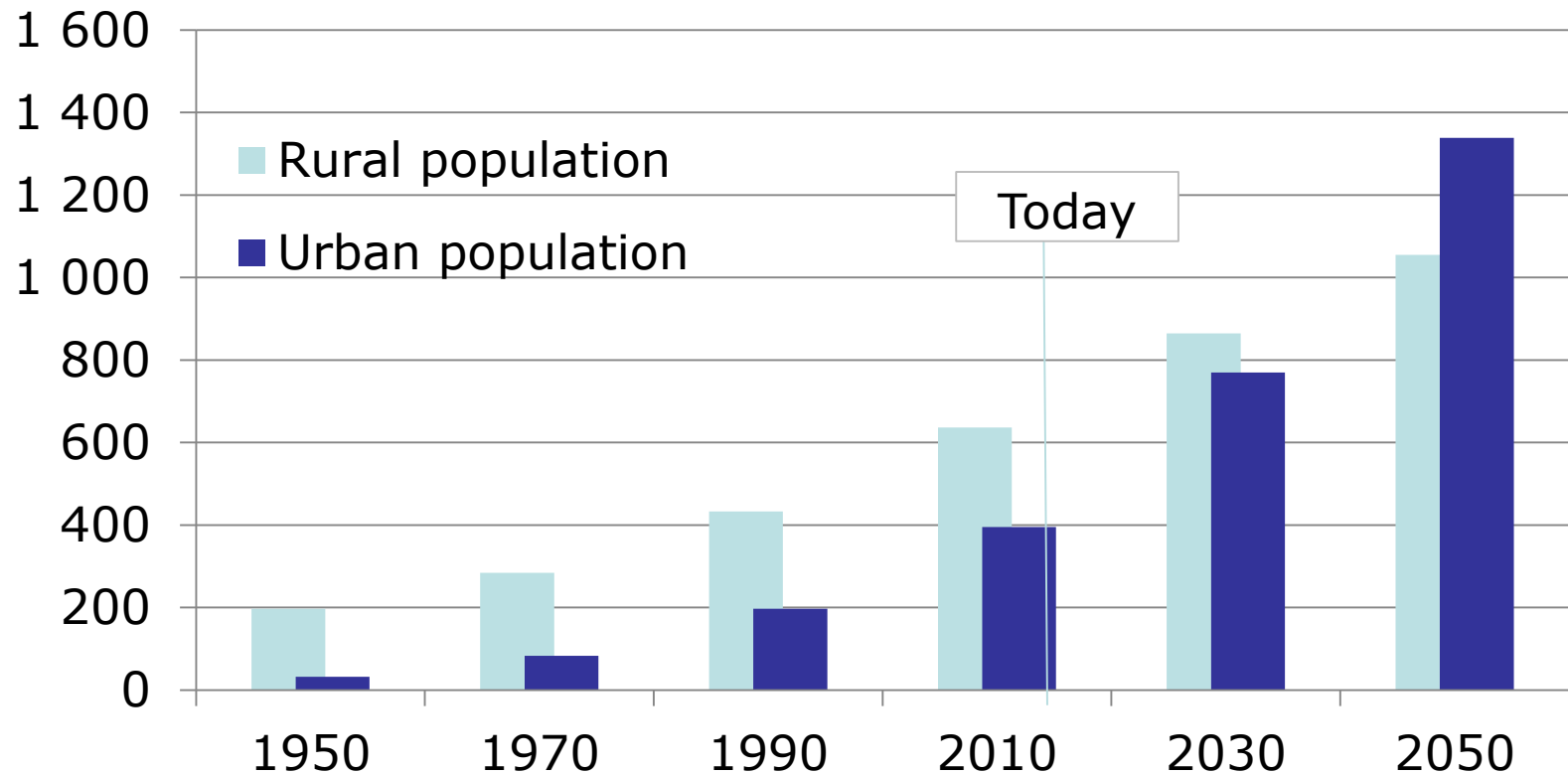
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## **DRIVERS FOR URBAN FOCUS**

- **The world is becoming urban**
- **Concentration of challenges, many environmental:**
  - **Providing basic municipal services**
  - **Concentration of energy consumption and emissions**
  - **Increased exposure to disasters**
  - **Traffic congestion**
  - **Air quality**
  - **Solid waste management - local authority responsibility**
- **But also essential element of structural transformation, economic development**

# Africa's Urban Boom

*Population and urban population growth trends in Africa, 1950-2050*



Source: OECD

# Urban as opportunity

- **Dense cities allow more cost effective provision of services**
- **Cities are becoming actors of change**
- **Smart cities – digitalisation presents new opportunities for effective solutions**

# THE NEW POLICY CONTEXT / URBAN FOCUS

## Global Framework

- The **2030 Agenda** / [SDG 11](#)
- The **New Urban Agenda** – [2016](#)
- **Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework**

## EU Policy Framework

- The **new European Consensus** on Development [2017](#)
- Staff working Document May 2018 – Council conclusions

**ACP-EU joint Parliamentary Resolution of Solid Waste,  
July 2018**

➔ **Paradigm shit**

# ENGAGEMENT WITH/SUPPORT TO CITIES

**Four main pathways for supporting sustainable urban development**

- **The European External Investment Plan (EIP)**
- Allocation for **Local Authorities (CSO-LA under DCI)**
- **Thematic multi-country facilities**
- **National and Regional Envelopes**

# European External Investment Plan

## ***Sustainable cities:***

- *AECID/WB – on resilient cities*
- *AfD – intermediary lending – local banks to LA*
- *EIB – layered funds – broad urban scope*
- *+ EBRD under energy window with city focus*



# Support to Local Authorities and Cities



**Empowerment of  
Associations of Local  
Authorities at the regional  
and global level**



**Supporting Local Authorities  
in making human settlements  
inclusive, safe, resilient and  
sustainable**

- **Call for proposals - 2018-20**
- **Core element: City to city partnerships**
- **Regional lots**



## **MULTI-COUNTRY THEMATIC FACILITIES**

**Targeting specific urban challenges in a range of countries, often providing support to development of strategies, project preparation etc.**

- Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme**
- Mobilise Your City – Sustainable mobility**
- City Resilience**
- CICLIA**
- SWITCH**

# National and Regional Envelopes

- **A number of countries having urban projects under the NIP/RIP**
  - **Solid waste, Water supply/sanitation, Urban mobility**
  - **Very few on Urban Development**

## Next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)

- **Aim: move towards integrated urban development**

# What we like to achieve at this session

A sensitisation to the importance of the urban dimension in effectively addressing the environmental challenges – be it local as well as global

To start a dialogue on how we/DEVCO effectively can take this engagement and dialogue with cities forward