

#InnovatingCities

21 March 2019 | 14:00-17:30
European Parliament
Room ASP 3E2

EU Research and Innovation for Cities of the Future

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The URBAN Intergroup of the **European Parliament** and the **European Commission, DG Research and Innovation** are jointly organising an event to show¹ how EU Research and Innovation actions are driving Sustainable Urban Development to address major urban challenges. The event will take place on **21 March**, at the European Parliament from 14:30h to 17:30h (preceded by a welcome coffee), in the room ASP 3E2.

It seeks to **mobilise R&I communities, the Members of the European Parliament, City Leaders and policy makers, academia, private sector, industry, innovation firms, NGOs, civil society, European Institutions representatives and UN agencies.**

The objectives of the event are to:

- Present the main highlights of the draft **High-Level Expert Group**² report on “**Innovating Cities**” and invite participants for comments;
- Inform the participants on the substantial contribution by EU funded³ Research and Innovation projects/initiatives/actions to knowledge base and innovative solutions for sustainable cities;
- Support knowledge transfer towards sustainable urban transition, tapping into the existing EU funding instruments.

¹ Through the different themes of the Seventh EU Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7), the EU has invested approximately EUR 1.9 billion on research addressing urban and cities relevant challenges and issues. Horizon 2020, the EU’s current research and innovation (R&I) programme for the period 2014-2020 continues investing on urban relevant R&I with a further EUR 3.1 billion.

² The Commission High Level Expert Group on Innovating Cities was inaugurated on 12 June 2018. The mandate of this Group is to deliver a vision report to help the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation to formulate its future priorities for the R&I for cities.

³ EU R&I investments (in the framework of FP7 and Horizon2020)

Participants will have the opportunity to interact during the welcome coffee at 14:00h in the premises of the European Parliament.

The event is structured around 3 sessions, including inspirational talks, panel discussions and representative case studies from Horizon 2020 ongoing demonstration projects.

This event will also set the scene for the main Cities event that will be held during the European Research and Innovation days in September 2019.



Thursday 21 March 2019

Draft Agenda

14:00-14:30

Registration and arrival of participants

Welcome coffee in the European Parliament Room ASP 3E2

14:30-15:40

How EU R&I supports innovating Cities in their transition to sustainability?

EU R&I emerging findings, challenges and opportunities

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Opening (30 min)

- **Jan Olbrycht**, *MEP, President of the URBAN Intergroup (European Parliament)* (10 min)
- **Patrick Child**, *Deputy Director-General (Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission)* 'Opportunities for Urban R&I under Horizon Europe' (10 min)
- **Charles Landry**, *Chair of the Commission High-Level Expert Group on 'Innovating Cities': Highlights of the draft report on 'Innovating Cities'* (10 min)

Panel discussion (30 min)

Chair: **Jan Olbrycht**, *MEP, President of the URBAN Intergroup (European Parliament)*

- **Anna König Jerlmyr**, *President of Eurocities and Mayor of Stockholm*
- **Lina Liakou**, *Director, 100 Resilient Cities, Europe and Middle East, Member of the Commission High-Level Expert Group on 'Innovating Cities'*
- **Jean-Francois Aguinaga**, *Head of Unit DG RTD.H.2 'Surface Transport', (Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission)*
- **Daniela Melandri**, *Senior Manager, Future Cities Catapult, Innovate UK, Coordinator co-fund H2020 ERA-NET SUGI*
- **Frédéric Saliez**, *UN Habitat, Coordinator H2020 Urban Maestro*

Open Discussion (10 min)

15:40-16:15

EU-funded R&I for and with cities

Chair:

- **Lambert van Nistelrooij**, *MEP, Vice-president of the URBAN Intergroup (European Parliament)*

Overview of EU Research & Innovation for Cities by Arnas Milukas, *Head of Unit B2, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)* (10 min)

H2020 Cities experiences (25 min)

- **Manchester-Wroclaw: Johnny Sadler**, *Coordinator of the H2020 GROW GREEN project*
- **Skopje-Lisbon-Bologna: Toni Masevski**, *Advisor for Strategy and Development to the Mayor of Skopje, H2020 ROCK project*
- **Berlin-Ville de Lome (Togo): Ina Säumel**, *Coordinator of the H2020 EdiCitNet project*
- **Hamburg-Sfântu Gheorghe (RO): Thomas Jacob**, *Senate Chancellery of City of Hamburg and Coordinator of the H2020 Clever Cities project*
- **Françoise Guaspere**, *Chargée de politiques européennes, Senior Adviser Communication, Île de France; Observer in the High-Level Expert Group on Innovating Cities*
- **Salerno-Rijeka: Suzana Belošević**, *Senior Adviser to the Mayor of the City of Rijeka, H2020 CLIC project*

16:15-17:10

Current opportunities for EU support for cities to engage in transition pathways to sustainability

Chair:

- **Luis Delgado Sancho**, *Acting Director of Directorate B - Growth and Innovation- JRC (Joint Research Centre of the European Commission)* (5 min)

Urban dimension of the EU cohesion policy (10 min) by Pia Laurila, *Senior Policy Officer, DG REGIO (Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, European Commission)* (10 min)

Panel discussion (25 min)

- **Carine Saloff-Coste**, *Director of Economic Development and Employment of the City of Paris*

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- **Jens Bartholmes**, *Senior Policy officer, DG ENER C2, (Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission)*
 - **Margit Noll**, *Chair of JPI Urban Europe Management Board*
 - **Jenny Koutsomarkou**, *Partnership Officer Urbact Secretariat*
 - **Ignacio Calleja**, *Senior Adviser for Circular Economy and Recycling; EIT Raw materials KIC*

Open discussion (10 min)

17:10-17:30

Closing session

Q&A - Open Debate with city leaders, city associations, practitioners etc. (from private and investment sector)

Chair: Jan Olbrycht, *MEP, President of the URBAN Intergroup (European Parliament)*

Concluding remarks:

John Bell, *Acting Director, Directorate I – Climate Action and Resource Efficiency; Director, Directorate F - Bioeconomy, (Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission)*

