



EUROCITIES

“THE” network of major European cities

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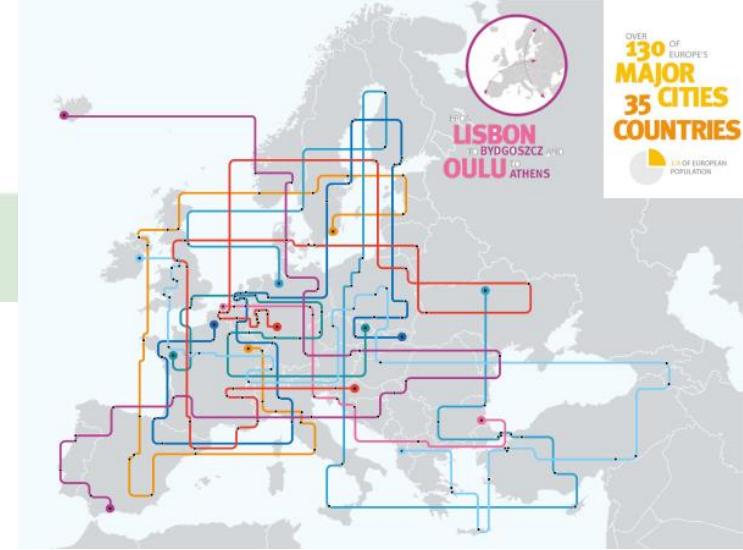


Who are we?

- The GO-TO network for urban issues
- 30 yrs political and technical drive
- Influencing, networking, visibility
- Over 180 cities..3500 politicians/experts
- More than 40 urban issues covered
- Prime partners of the EU Urban agenda

YET.....

The role of cities in the current institutional framework remains weak





Why do we need to reinforce the role of cities?

- Increasing urbanisation (75% population)
- 85% of EU GDP
- Closer to citizens and local needs
- The challenges for the EU are concentrated in cities
- Urgent need for reality check
- Build bridges across levels of government, better regulation
- Need to scale up innovation to reinforce the EU
- Disconnection between politics, big institutions and people

RESPONSE TO THE EUROPEAN CRISIS



How can current arrangements be improved?

- Initiatives that strengthen bottom up approaches to policy making should become a priority
- Recognition of the input of cities
- Stronger EU parliamentary support
- Recognition of urban agenda in the better regulation and access to funding by cities
- Participation in experts groups + Urban impact assessments
- Policy coordination (still on an awareness level..)
- We all have to work differently on how to close the gap



Practical commitments from cities

Mayors Summit 7 March 2017 committed to rethink the
European project:

Cities4Europe

Europe for citizens campaign

THANK YOU &

WORK WITH US!

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Better coordination

EU Partnerships

Building capacity

Knowledge sharing

Cities as drivers of quality jobs and sustainable growth

Entrepreneurial environment

Urban innovation and governance in cities

Education and skills

Partnerships across metropolitan areas

Managers of social cohesion

Green, free-flowing and healthy cities

Inclusive, diverse and creative cities

Better quality of life

Leading the transition to a low carbon and resilient economy

Empowering smart citizens

Smarter cities

Efficient mobility solutions



TRANSVERSAL WORKING GROUPS

Chaired by the city of Stockholm

Culture Forum

Chaired by the
city of
Birmingham



Economic Development Forum

Chaired by
the city of
Vienna



Environment Forum

Chaired by
the city of
Amsterdam



Knowledge Society Forum

Chaired by
the city of
Eindhoven



Mobility Forum

Chaired by
the city of
Sofia



Social Affairs Forum

Chaired by
the city of
Barcelona



EUROCITIES priorities



New and better local partnerships for culture
Culture for cities and regions
Cultural heritage



Jobs creation
Cities' attractiveness and branding
Sharing economy
Cities' long term public investment



Sustainable, affordable energy
Clean air
Circular economy
Healthy, green city



Access to technologies
Data
Standards



Urban dimension in EU transport strategies
Clean, connected and autonomous mobility
Planning and financing sustainable urban mobility



Social cohesion and integration of refugees
Inclusive labour markets
Tackling deep-seated poverty and homelessness