



INTERNATIONAL URBAN COOPERATION (IUC) PROGRAMME

1ST CITY-TO-CITY EVENT

Venue: Lord Jenkins Room - Charlemagne Building
Rue De La Loi 170, Brussels

Date: 10 November 2017

08:30 – 09:15 Registration

Participants register and collect their welcome package. The group of participants attending the event via webstreaming at the Residence Palace is accompanied to the premises.

09:15– 09:45 Welcome and opening

Moderated by: *Hilde Hardeman*, Director of European Commission Service for Foreign Policy Instruments

Welcome: *Lotte Knudsen*, Managing Director Human rights, global and multilateral issues, European External Action Service

09:45– 11:15 Sustainable urban development through integrated action planning

Moderated by: *Ronald Hall*, Principal Adviser for International Relations, Directorate General for Regional Policy, European Commission

Key-note: *Nicola De Michelis*, Head of Cabinet for Regional Policy Commissioner Corina Crețu

Followed by a joint presentation from a few of the newly launched IUC city-to-city cooperation pairings:

- *Yang Yunfeng*, Director General, Economy Development Bureau of Liangjiang New Area, City of Chongqing, China + *David Linse*, Head of IIRR, City of Mannheim, Germany
- *Veronique Lamontagne*, International Relations Advisor, City of Montréal, Canada + *Richard Elliot*, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Research, City of Manchester, United Kingdom
- *Kimihiko Kuromizu*, Executive Director for Climate Change Policy Headquarters, City of Yokohama, Japan + *Wiebke Fiebig*, Director of the Municipal Energy Agency, City of Frankfurt, Germany

Follows a moderated discussion, open to the audience.



11:15– 11:45 Coffee break

11:45– 13:00 Accelerating climate action through local and regional commitment

Moderated by: Eero Ailio, Deputy Head of Unit Retail Market: Coal and Oil, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission

Key-note: *Tom Van Ierland, Head of Unit, Strategy and Economic Assessment, Directorate General for Climate Action, European Commission*

Followed by inspiring examples of local climate action of Global Covenant of Mayors cities from across the world:

- Asia – *Datuk Seri Ir. Hj. Idris Bin Hj. Haron, Chief Minister for Malaka, Malaysia +Choi Gilseong Section Chief, International Climate and Environment Center (ICEC) of Gwangju City*
- Latin America – *Mónica Fein, Mayor of Rosario, Argentina + Mario de Lacerda Werneck Neto, Environment Secretary for Belo Horizonte, Brazil*
- Europe – *Valeria Stacchini, Department Research, Innovation and Management of EU Projects, Metropolitan City of Bologna, Italy*
- North America – *Marica Clark, Program Manager, Natural Systems and Environmental Protection, City of Ottawa, Canada*

Follows a moderated discussion, open to the audience.

13:00– 14:30 Lunch

All participants are invited to join the networking lunch at the Charlemagne.

14:30– 15:45 Financing sustainable development & promoting innovation

Moderated by: Béatrice Taulegne, Deputy Director, Committee of the Regions

Key-note: *Eugenio Leanza, Head of Mandate Services, European Investment Bank*

- Innovative green financing schemes – *Trevor Graham, Head of the Sustainable Unit , City of Malmö, Sweden*
- Funding climate action through cooperation with the financial sector – *Gilberto Perre, Executive Secretary of National Front of Mayors (FNP), Brazil + André Fraga, Secretary of Sustainable City and Innovation, Salvador, Brazil*
- Driving innovation through regional specialization – *Omar Saucedo, Undersecretary of Innovation and Economic Development, Government of the State of Chihuahua, Mexico + Ingrid Salamanca, Project Coordinator, Vice Presidency of Competitiveness and Shared Value, Bogota Chamber Of Commerce, Colombia*
- Financing the New Urban Agenda – *Paulius Kulikauskas, Chief (Ag) of the Office for Europe and European Institutions, UN Habitat*

Follows a moderated discussion, open to the audience.



15:45– 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 18:00 Knowledge exchange in practice

Participants will be asked to engage in a series of discussions by grouping around 4 cluster points where a moderator will lead the participants in providing input, ideas, concerns, best practices, etc. based on their own experiences.

The four clusters will follow the topics addressed in the previous sessions, but will specifically focus on the main issues raised during the conversation and presentations.

18:00 – 18:15 Final remarks

Closing: Ronald Hall, Principal Adviser for International Relations, Directorate General for Regional Policy, European Commission

18:15 - 18:30 Wrap-up and conclusions

18:30 – 20:00 Networking cocktail at Residence Palace

The event will be live webstreamed in the Passage room at the Residence Palace.

The evening cocktail will also take place at the Residence Palace premises.

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