

Urban Agenda for the EU

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What is the Urban Agenda for the EU?

➤ The Urban Agenda for the EU (UAEU) is a multi-level agreement, designed to improve the urban dimension in European law- and policymaking.

➤ It has three key objectives:

1. Better Regulation.
2. Better Funding.
3. Better Knowledge Exchange.

➤ Priority of the Netherlands EU-Presidency and was established on 30 May 2016 in the 'Pact of Amsterdam'.



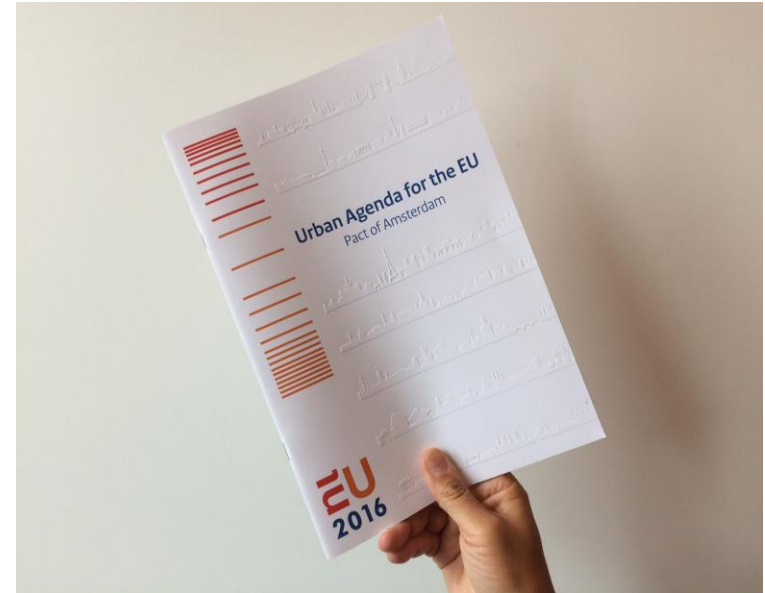
Informal Ministerial Meeting on 30 May 2016

- Broad support MS, EC, EP, EU organisations, representatives of cities, Habitat
- Unanimity declared at 13.06: Habemus Pactum!
- Council Conclusions on 24 June.
- Main challenges now: continuity of the UAEU after the Dutch Presidency



Pact of Amsterdam: launching the UAEU

- Operational framework for the Urban agenda for the EU.
- Lists 12 priority themes.
- Describes joint actions and multi-level governance.
- Introduces a new form of multi-level, bottom-up cooperation between all stakeholders through Thematic Partnerships.





Themes for the Partnerships

1. Urban poverty.

2. Housing.

3. Inclusion of migrants and refugees.

4. Air quality.

5. Sustainable use of land and Nature-Based solutions.

6. Circular economy.

7. Climate adaptation.

8. Energy transition.

9. Urban mobility.

10. Jobs and skills in the local economy.

11. Digital transition.

12. Innovative and responsible public procurement.



Cross-cutting issues and principles

1. Effective urban governance

2. Governance across administrative boundaries and inter-municipal cooperation

3. Sound and strategic urban planning

4. Integrated and participatory approach

5. Innovative approaches

6. Impact on societal change, including behavioural change

7. Challenges and opportunities of small- and medium-sized cities and policentric development;

8. Urban regeneration

9. Adaptation to demographic change and in- and out migration

10. Provision of adequate public services of general interest

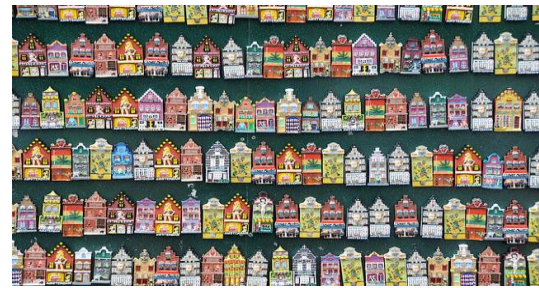
11. International dimension

Thematic Partnerships

- Key instrument of the UAEU.
- Focus on priority themes.
- Concrete, case based approach -> result oriented and open to every party that wants to make a concrete contribution.
- Membership: cities, member states, EC, other stakeholders.
- Formulation of proposals for better regulation, better funding, better knowledge exchange.



Partnership 1: Housing



Coordinator: Slovakia and Vienna

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

Partners

- Urban areas: Vienna, Scottish City Alliance, Riga, Madrid, Poznan.
- MS: Slovakia, Slovenia, Latvia, Luxembourg, The Netherlands.
- Others: European Commission (DG Regio, DG Housing and DG Energy), Housing Europe, Aedes, Eurocities, European Investment Bank & International Union of Tenants, URBACT.

Partnership 2: Air Quality



Coordinator: 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.

Partners

- Urban areas: London (UK), Helsinki (FI), Utrecht (NL), Milano (IT), Constanta (RO).
- MS: Netherlands, Croatia, possibly Luxembourg and Czech Republic.
- Others: European Commission (DG Regio, DG ENVI, DG Research, DG Move & DG Grow), Eurocities, HEAL.



Partnership 3: Urban Poverty



Coordinators: France and Belgium

The objectives are to reduce poverty and to improve the inclusion of people in poverty. The focus will be on: spatial concentration of structural poverty in deprived neighbourhoods and child poverty.

Partners

- Urban areas: Lille (F), Kortrijk (B), Birmingham (UK), Daugavpils (LV), Keratsini (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, EUKN, EAPN (tbc). Observers: UN HABITAT, Eurochild, FEANZA.



Partnership 4: Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees

Coordinator: the City of Amsterdam and DG Home

The objectives are the integration of migrants and refugees, 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, Berlin, Helsinki, Barcelona (Metropolitan Area) and Athens.
- MS: Greece, Portugal, Italy and Denmark.
- Others: European Commission (DG Regio, DG Home, DG EMPL), Eurocities , CEMR, EIB & European Council on Refugees and Exiles.





Urban Agenda for the EU and ESPON

- Better use of existing knowledge platforms
 - Contribution of specific research activities ESPON to UAEU
 - ESPON observer in UDG/DG meetings
 - ESPON possible member of Partnerships
- explore contribution ESPON contribution to Partnerships

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The screenshot shows the website www.urbanagenda.nl in a browser window. The page features a blue header with the logo and navigation links: Home, Pact of Amsterdam, News, Events, and Partnerships. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header is a large banner image of a modern building interior with a glass and metal facade, overlaid with the text "Towards an EU Urban Agenda" and "Working together on the future of European cities".

Below the banner, there is a section titled "Recent articles, publications or blogposts" with two article cards:

- Participants of the four partnerships**
February 8, 2016
The participants of the four partnerships (January 2016). For each of the four partnerships an overview is given on which participants there are in the partnerships, split into
- Interview with Nicolaas Beets – "Cities should have more influence on European Policy"**
February 1, 2016
The EU Urban Agenda is one of the four top priorities of the Dutch Presidency of the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. Nicolaas Beets is the Dutch Urban

On the right side, there is an "Events" calendar widget showing a list of upcoming events:

- May 30: Ministerial conference EU Urban Agenda 9:00 - 16:00
- Mar 16: EU Urban Agenda Working Group March 16 - March 16
- Apr 07: Urban Development Group April 07 - April 07
- Apr 11: Economic Development Forum EURO CITIES April 11 - April 13

Below the events list is a "Follow us on Twitter" section with a Twitter icon and the text: "CoR: EU #UrbanAgenda web documentary is live in NL/EN with focus on @EU2016NL. Check it out: <https://t.co/SyxcFfN67> <https://t.co/SyxcFfN67> about 16 minutes ago".