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Local and regional partnerships for sustainable urban development

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Open Space
Session outline



Date, time and venue: Tuesday 4 February 2019 from 14:00 to 18:00 pm, Rooms 62 (EN), 51 (ES) & 52 (FR) + 5th and 6th floor

Objective(s)

Create a space of dialogue among participants to discuss a range of topics linked to local and regional partnerships fostering sustainable urban development, more specifically:

- **Generate policy recommendations** for EU institutions to improve their policies and programmes on decentralised cooperation partnerships fostering urban development
- **Feed the European Commission's proposal for the Annual Action Plan Local Authorities for 2019**, including the Call for Projects for cities and local authorities (2019-2020)
- **Identify current priorities, needs and challenges, as well as existing solutions and good practices**, in the areas of twinning and matchmaking between local and regional authorities in the EU and partner countries in the field of sustainable urban development

Expected Results

- **Collect Strategic policy recommendations** in the field of sustainable urban development to be conveyed to the EU institutions
- **Collect concrete inputs** to contribute to the 2019 edition of the European Commission thematic programme for civil society organisations and local authorities
- New Local and Regional Authorities from the North and the South are engaged in **matchmaking, partnership and twinning** initiatives to localise the sustainable Development Goals, notably SDG 11 "Making cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable".

Methodology

The goal of an Open Space meeting is to create time and space for people to engage deeply and creatively around issues of concern to them.

The central question of the session:

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What are the burning issues and questions you would like to discuss and present to the EU Institutions?

- ✓ The Open Space will be introduced in 3 rooms, each room will work in one of the 3 languages: English, French or Spanish.
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- ✓ The participants create their own agenda of topics to be discussed in 5 different domains: Partnership, People, Peace, Planet and Prosperity.
- ✓ The ones who will propose to discuss a topic will become “topic owners”
- ✓ The conversations take place in breakout spaces on the 5th and 6th floor in 3 rounds of one hour. We expect to have 40 conversations going on for each round for a total of around 120 conversations
- ✓ At 5 pm participants can decide to go for a 3rd round of discussions or join the session “the private sector as catalyst for sustainable development”.
- ✓ Topics owners make a report of the session using a specific template (harvesting sheet) and bring it to the Press Room. to hand them to the assistants of the rapporteurs
- ✓ Reports of the sessions are
 - collected by the assistants of the rapporteurs who will type/analyse/ and sum up documents clustered under the 5 Ps.
 - printed out and hung on the news wall for reading during the conference
 - The assistants will make a synthesis of all sheets clustered under the same P in one page synthesis document (sheets for the Rapporteurs) which will be handed to the 5 rapporteurs (one per P) at the end of the evening. These syntheses will represent the basis of the rapporteurs’ interventions the following morning.
 - The rapporteurs will present the synthesis first to the participants, who can comment and suggest to fine-tuning (session from 9:00 to 10:30) then to the EU Institutions (session from 10:45 to 12:15)

For your information: The 120 breakout sessions’ documents and the final syntheses of the rapporteurs will be available for download after the conference in the Conference’s website

Timing

Introductions by the facilitators & creating the agenda	50 min
Three rounds of discussions of 1 hour each, including time to move and personal breaks	190 min
Total	240 min

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