



European Committee  
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# CITIES & REGIONS

## FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Local and regional partnerships for sustainable  
urban development

BRUSSELS, 4-5 FEBRUARY 2019

### Forum Agenda



European Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors (JDE) building  
Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 101, 1040 Bruxelles/Brussels

#### MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019

08:00-09:00	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>
09:00-09:45	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p><b>Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ</b>, President of the European Committee of the Regions  <b>Neven MIMICA</b>, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission  <b>Souad BEN ABDERRAHIM</b>, Mayor of Tunis, Tunisia  <b>Peter KURZ</b>, Mayor of Mannheim, Germany, and member of the European Committee of the Regions</p> <p><u>Chair</u>: <b>Laurent THIEULE</b>, Director of Legislative work, European Committee of the Regions  <u>Venue</u>: Rooms 62, 51 and 52  <u>Interpretation</u>: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Arabic and Ukrainian</p>
09:45-10:45	<p><b>International policy framework for urban/local sustainable development</b></p> <p><b>François Albert AMICHIA</b>, President of the Council of the Territorial Communities, West African Economic and Monetary Union  <b>Carla MONTESI</b>, Director of Directorate for Planet and Prosperity, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), European Commission  <b>Franco IACOP</b>, Member of the European Committee of the Regions and Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Council  <b>Joaquim OLIVEIRA MARTINS</b>, Deputy-Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD  <b>Victor KISOB</b>, Assistant-Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat</p> <p><u>Moderator</u>: <b>Sascha GABIZON</b>  <u>Venue</u>: Rooms 62, 51 and 52  <u>Interpretation</u>: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Arabic and Ukrainian</p>
10:45-11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Successful partnership initiatives between cities and regions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Partnership Phnom Penh - Paris: Nuon PHARAT</b>, Vice-Governor of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and <b>Elodie CUENCA</b>, International Relations General Delegation, City of Paris, France</li> <li>• <b>Nicosia Initiative for Libyan municipalities: Abdhraouf BEITELMAL</b>, Mayor of Tripoli, and <b>Saqr BUJWARI</b>, Mayor of Benghazi, Libya</li> <li>• <b>Partnership Buenos Aires - Madrid: Francisco MUGABURU</b>, General Director, International Cooperation of the Buenos Aires City Government, and <b>Antonio ZURITA CONTRERAS</b>, Director General, International Action and Global Citizenship, City of Madrid, Spain</li> <li>• <b>Ukraine-EU Peer-to-Peer Cooperation: Arnoldas ABRAMAVICIUS</b>, Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Deputy Mayor of Zarasai Municipality, Lithuania, and <b>Oleksander SOBAN</b>, Head of Chemerivtsi AH, Ukraine</li> <li>• <b>PLATFORM Awards laureates Dogbo - Roeselare: Vincent ACAKPO</b>, Mayor of Dogbo, Benin, and <b>Henk KINDT</b>, Deputy Mayor of Roeselare, Belgium</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u>: <b>Sascha GABIZON</b>  <u>Venue</u>: Rooms 62, 51 and 52  <u>Interpretation</u>: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Arabic and Ukrainian</p>

12:30-12:50

### First call for proposals on Local authorities: Partnerships for sustainable cities - Main features

**Paolo CICCARELLI**, Head of Unit Cities, Local Authorities, Digitalisation, Infrastructures, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Moderator: **Sascha GABIZON**

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12:50-13:00

### Quick introduction of the afternoon session

13:00-14:00

### Lunch break

Venue: Atriums 5 and 6

14:00-18:00

### Open space discussions on partnerships for sustainable urban development

Coffee will be served during this open space session

The debates aim at generating policy recommendations for the EU institutions. Participants will discuss relevant topics on partnerships for sustainable urban development, identified by them under the 5 Ps. Below are some examples of subtopics to be discussed.

#### **PARTNERSHIP**

(Strengthening urban governance at various levels of administration):

Integrated urban planning  
Public finance management  
Land management  
Rural-urban and primary and secondary cities linkages  
E-governance, databases, municipal digitalisation  
Territorial approach to Local Development

#### **PEACE** (Inclusive and safe cities):

Inequalities and social exclusion  
Local/Regional authorities cooperation in contexts of state fragility  
Urban violence  
Gender equality and women empowerment

#### **PROSPERITY** (Prosperous and innovative cities):

The role of private investments in urban sustainable development  
Investment climate at local level  
Boosting business development and job creation locally and regionally

Moderators: Team of facilitators

Venue: Introduction in Room 62 for English speakers, Room 52 for French speakers and Room 51 for Spanish speakers

#### **PEOPLE**

(Social dimension of urban development):

Urban poverty  
Forced displacement and migration  
Education and training  
Food security/Territorial food policy

#### **PLANET** (Green and resilient cities):

Urban mobility  
Energy efficiency and transition  
Water and waste services  
Environmental protection

17:00-18:00

### The private sector as catalyst for sustainable development

*Participants from all the open space groups are free to continue their discussions up to 18:00 or join this session*

**Markku MARKKULA**, First Vice-President, European Committee of the Regions

**Sergio PIAZZARDI**, Policy Officer, Competitive Cities and Innovation, Private Sector, Trade, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), European Commission

**Ben WHITE**, Co-Founder of VC4A Venture Capital Platform

**Hala BUGAIGHIS**, Co-Founder of Jusoor, MENA Young Leader 2017

Moderator: **Silke TÖNSHOFF**, Head of Unit, CIVEX Commission, European Committee of the Regions

Venue: Room 62

Interpretation: English, French and Spanish

18:00-18:30

**Keynote speech on Development and Migration: Future demographic challenges for African cities**

**Stephen SMITH**, Professor of African Studies, Duke University

Venue: Rooms 62, 51 and 52

Interpretation: English, French and Spanish

18:30-20:00

**Networking Reception**

Venue: Atriums 5 and 6

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**TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2019**

09:00-10:30

**Discussion among participants on the recommendations stemming from the open space exchanges**

Rapporteur on Partnership: **Jean-Pierre ELONG MBASSI**, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments Africa (UCLG-A)

Rapporteur on Prosperity: **Rosa BALAS TORRES**, Director-General for External Action, Regional Government of Extremadura, Spain, Alternate Member of the European Committee of the Regions

Rapporteur on Planet: **Frédéric VALLIER**, Secretary General, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

Rapporteur on People: **Christophe ROUILLON**, Mayor of Coulaines, France, and Member of the European Committee of the Regions

Rapporteur on Peace: **Marie Alexa LOUIS**, Director of External Relations, Municipality of Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Moderator: **Katrina SICHEL**

Venue: Rooms 62, 51 and 52

Interpretation: English, French and Spanish

10:30-10:45

**Coffee break**

10:45-12:15

**High-level debate between local and regional authorities and EU institutions building on the participants' recommendations**

**Linda McAVAN**, Chair of the Committee on Development, European Parliament

**Hans JANSSEN**, Member of the European Committee of the Regions

**Stefano MANSERVISI**, Director-General of the Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), European Commission

**Normunds POPENS**, Deputy Director-General for Implementation, DG REGIO, European Commission

Moderator: **Katrina SICHEL**

Venue: Rooms 62, 51 and 52

Interpretation: English, French, Spanish, German, Romanian and Arabic

12:15-12:45

**Closing**

**George CIAMBA**, Minister Delegate for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romanian Presidency

**Barbara DUDEN**, Chair of the CIVEX Commission, European Committee of the Regions

**Carla MONTESI**, Director of Directorate for Planet and Prosperity, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), European Commission

Moderator: **Katrina SICHEL**

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12:45-14:00

**Lunch and end of the Forum**

Venue: Atriums 5 and 6

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ALONGSIDE THE FORUM

**Networking area** allowing representatives and practitioners from local and regional authorities and EU institutions to meet and match their interests

*European Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors (JDE) building, VIP Room next to the Atrium, 5<sup>th</sup> floor*

**Stands** presenting relevant decentralised cooperation initiatives

*European Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors (JDE) building, Foyer 6<sup>th</sup> floor*

- Conseil des Collectivités Territoriales de l'Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine (CCT-UEMOA)
- The Covenant of Mayors
- European Association of Development Agencies (EURADA)
- The Global Village City Hall
- The IntegriCities project
- International Urban Cooperation (IUC)
- The Nicosia Initiative
- UNDP

**Associated events** organised by partners

**Green-blue infrastructures for urban resilience - Partnerships to turn policy into urban resilience practice, organised by Wetlands International**

*5 February 2019, 14.00 - 16.30, Aloft Brussels Schuman, Room Tactic 2, Place Jean Rey*

*To register: [lea.appulo@wetlands.org](mailto:lea.appulo@wetlands.org)*

**The European Decentralised Cooperation - An unlocked potential. Presentation of the book "The European Decentralised Cooperation: Acting for development, engaging local authorities and civil society", organised by ALDA**

*5 February 2019, 14:30 - 15:30, European Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors (JDE) building,*

*Documentation centre, 1st floor. To register: [francesco.pala@aldaintranet.org](mailto:francesco.pala@aldaintranet.org)*

**Cooperate around Migration organised by CGLU-Africa [English & French]**

*5 February 2019, 15.00 - 18.00, Institut International des Sciences Administratives (IISA), Rue du Commerce 96, Salle C121. To register: [claire.mandouze@gmail.com](mailto:claire.mandouze@gmail.com)*

**A New Way for Cooperation Policy in More Developed Countries - Technical Cooperation on Decentralized Policies to Promote Innovation and Competitiveness co-organised by EURADA and INFYDE [English & Spanish]**

*5 February 2019, 16.00 - 17.30, EURADA, Rue Montoyer 24. To register: [infyde@infyde.eu](mailto:infyde@infyde.eu) and [naiara.zaragoza@eurada.org](mailto:naiara.zaragoza@eurada.org)*

**Dinner with the screening of the documentary inspired from 2018 PLATFORMAwards laureates, Dogbo and Roeselare, and their project: No child without birth certificate! organised by PLATFORMA**

*5 February 2019, starting at 19:00, Thon Hotel EU, 75, Rue de la Loi. To register: [Olivier.Baumard@ccre-cemr.org](mailto:Olivier.Baumard@ccre-cemr.org)*