Forum Agenda

MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019

08:00-09:00  Registration and welcome coffee

09:00-09:45  Opening

Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, President of the European Committee of the Regions
Neven MIMICA, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
Souad BEN ABDERRAHIM, Mayor of Tunis, Tunisia
Peter KURZ, Mayor of Mannheim, Germany, and member of the European Committee of the Regions

Chair: Laurent THIEULE, Director of Legislative work, European Committee of the Regions

Venue: Rooms 62, 51 and 52
Interpretation: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Arabic and Ukrainian

09:45-10:45  International policy framework for urban/local sustainable development

François Albert AMICHIA, President of the Council of the Territorial Communities, West African Economic and Monetary Union
Carla MONTESI, Director of Directorate for Planet and Prosperity, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), European Commission
Franco IACOP, Member of the European Committee of the Regions and Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Council
Joaquim OLIVEIRA MARTINS, Deputy-Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
Victor KISOB, Assistant-Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat

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10:45-11:00  Coffee break

11:00-12:30  Successful partnership initiatives between cities and regions

- Partnership Phnom Penh - Paris: Nuon PHARAT, Vice-Governor of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Elodie CUENCA, International Relations General Delegation, City of Paris, France
- Nicosia Initiative for Libyan municipalities: Abdraouf BEITELMAL, Mayor of Tripoli, and Saqr BUJWARI, Mayor of Benghazi, Libya
- Ukraine-EU Peer-to-Peer Cooperation: Arnolds ABRAMAVICIUS, Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Deputy Mayor of Zarasai Municipality, Lithuania, and Oleksander SOBAN, Head of Chemerivtsi AH, Ukraine
- PLATFORMAwards laureates Dogbo - Roeselare: Vincent ACAKPO, Mayor of Dogbo, Benin, and Henk KINDT, Deputy Mayor of Roeselare, Belgium

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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

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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

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

**PEOPLE** (Social dimension of urban development):
- Urban poverty
- Forced displacement and migration
- Education and training
- Food security/Territorial food policy

**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

**PLANET** (Green and resilient cities):
- Urban mobility
- Energy efficiency and transition
- Water and waste services
- Environmental protection

**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

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  
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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  
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12:45-14:00  |  **Lunch and end of the Forum**  
**Venue:** Atriums 5 and 6
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- 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

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- **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

- **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

- **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

- **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 and naiarazaragoza@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