

INVITATION:

JPI URBAN EUROPE POLICY CONFERENCE

URBAN TRANSITIONING: A JOINT ADVENTURE

12th of February 2019: Policy conference including evening networking event

Venue: The European Committee of the Regions, Batiment Jacques Delors,
Belliardstraat 99-101, 1040 Brussels

Launch of the JPI Urban Europe SRIA 2.0 foregrounding dilemmas

Welcome to the fourth JPI Urban Europe policy conference with the main aim to launch the updated Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA 2.0) and to provide an arena for discussions and exchange on urban transitions.

The SRIA 2.0, with priorities for 2020-2026, has been refurbished with a view to issues and concerns in the wake of international policies such as UN Agenda 2030 SDG 11, UN-Habitat New Urban Agenda and Urban Agenda for the EU. In this light and to enhance urban transformation capacities and expertise, JPI Urban Europe has identified a need to foreground dilemmas in four transition areas and the wicked issues emerging in their pathways.

The SRIA 2.0 will be launched at the conference and made available at the JPI Urban Europe website. In conjunction with the conference, other events such as a workshop in Brussels and meetings within the Making Cities Work call, the Urban Europe Research Alliance and the Positive Energy Neighbourhoods Programme will be arranged.

Join the JPI Urban Europe community

We invite you to explore the dilemma-driven approach and define first steps towards implementation of the SRIA 2.0. Join urban practitioners, policymakers, researchers, European institutions and organisations and engage in discussions and networking. Listen to city leaders describing how experimentation, socio-technical innovation and stakeholder involvement can play an important role in local urban transition strategies. Together with other participants, apply your own knowledge and experience in interactive break-out sessions.

The conference is co-hosted by the European Committee of the Regions and European Commission DG RTD. Break-out sessions are set up in collaboration with partnerships of the Urban Agenda for the EU and other networks and organisations.



[Click here to register](#)

Vision of JPI Urban Europe

JPI Urban Europe establishes as the European platform to create, combine, discuss and make available knowledge and robust evidence for sustainable urban solutions by setting common research and innovation priorities, improving and aligning R&I instruments, moderating science-policy processes and supporting transnational collaboration for local capacity building.

Target group:

This conference welcomes all actors interested in sustainable urban transitions such as policy-makers, mayors, city administration, urban practitioners, urban experts and researchers, representatives from Member States, Brussels-based urban networks and European institutions.

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SIDE EVENTS

Monday 11 February - Walkshop in Brussels

Participants at the policy conference are welcome to join a walkshop in central Brussels starting at 13.00 and ending at 16.00. The walkshop will guide the group to three local initiatives that operate on a daily basis as an answer to the urban dilemmas addressed at the conference. The walkshop is open to a group of max 30 people, so make sure to register soon.

A detailed program for the walkshop will be published late December.

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Monday 11 February - Urban Europe Research Alliance (UERA) meeting

On 11 February, a UERA General Assembly Meeting will be hosted by the University of Antwerp. The theme is “Smart and Energy-Efficient Cities: the Integrated Perspective”. During the meeting, a new subgroup working on this topic under Thematic Working Group 2 “Urban Environmental Sustainability and Resilience” will be launched.

Invitation only; invitation and programme will be sent out soon.

Contact: Anne Ruas, IFSTTAR, anne.ruas@ifsttar.fr

Wednesday 13 February - Making Cities Work projects kick-off meeting

JPI Urban Europe invites all projects funded in the Making Cities Work call to a projects kick-off meeting in Brussels on 13 February, starting with a joint dinner on the evening 12 February. The meeting provides an opportunity for the project partners to meet and to share knowledge, present projects and engage in strategic discussions for future cooperation. Project partners are very welcome to take part in the policy conference.

Invitation only; invitation and programme will be sent out soon.

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Klara Broms Seving, IQS, klara.broms.seving@iqs.se**

Wednesday 13 February - PEN Programme stakeholder meeting

The meeting will be hosted by the PEN programme management and serves update and discussion of operational approaches and next steps among stakeholders involved in the process. Content issues of the breakout session at the JPI Urban Europe Policy Conference will be discussed in a strategic view.

Invitation only; invitation and programme will be sent out soon.

Contact: Christoph Gollner, FFG, christoph.gollner@ffg.at



JPI URBAN EUROPE POLICY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

09:00 – 10:00 **Registration and coffee**

10:00 – 11:30 **Plenary session I: Setting the scene foregrounding the dilemmas**

The first morning session sets the scene and invites cities to share their experiences of dilemmas in policy and practice and related knowledge needs.

Moderator: Amy Rader Olsson, Programme manager IQS

Welcome addresses by representatives from the hosts

European Committee of the Regions (TBC)

European Commission (TBC)

Mari Solerød, Acting Chair of JPI Urban Europe Governing Board

Case presentations from cities

Speakers: TBD

11.30-12.00 **Coffe break in the Foyer**

12.00-13.00 **Plenary session II: Future research priorities for the knowledge hub**

This session focuses on future research priorities and presents the main parts of the updated Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda. Building upon the city case presentations as well as JPI Urban Europe's achievements so far and future ambitions described in the SRIA 2.0, a panel with experts discusses research and policy cooperation in practical terms.

Introduction to JPI Urban Europe SRIA 2.0

Margit Noll, Chair of the JPI Urban Europe Management Board

Panel discussion

Panelists:

Representatives from cities (TBD)

Sigrun Kabisch, Chair of JPI Urban Europe Scientific Advisory Board

Anna-Lisa Boni, Secretary General of EUROCITIES

Representative from URBACT (TBD)

Wolfgang Teubner, Regional Director Europe of ICLEI (TBC)

13:00 – 14:00 **Standing lunch in the Atrium**

14.00-15.30

Break-out sessions: First steps towards implementation

1. Digital Transitions in Urban Governance
2. From Urban Resilience to Robustness
3. Sustainable Land-use and Urban Infrastructures
4. Inclusive Public Spaces for Urban Liveability
5. Positive Energy Neighbourhoods

15.30-16.00

Coffee break in the Foyer

16.00-17.00

Plenary session III: Teaming up to accelerate urban transitioning

Session to present results from breakout sessions and discuss the role of JPI Urban Europe in a future landscape of partnerships and within Horizon Europe, the ninth European Research and Innovation framework under preparation.

Reporting Back from the Break-out Sessions led by the Moderator

Information on research and innovation initiatives targeting cities

Speakers (TBC)

Panel Discussion

Panelists:

Kieran McCarthy, member of the European Committee of the Regions (TBC)

Wallis Goelen Vanderbrock, Head of Unit Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, European Commission, Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy (TBC)

Magda de Carli, Head of unit Sharing Excellence - Country Intelligence, European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

Angelika Poth-Moegle, Executive Director European Affairs of CEMR (TBC)

Margit Noll, Chair of JPI Urban Europe Management Board

Final words from the Moderator Amy Rader Olsson

17:00-18.30

Networking with snacks and drinks in the Atrium

10:00 – 17:00

Registration opens 09:00,
please be in time to go through security

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Break-out sessions: Detailed programme

Digital Transitions in Urban Governance

How can cities exploit the potential of rapid digitalisation for urban planning and governance while avoiding the risks of new inequalities and exclusion as well as addressing the consequences for jobs, value chains and privacy?

- The sociotechnical scope of digitalisation
- Urban public innovation governance
- Urban digitalisation and challenge-driven co-creation
- Digitalization of urban planning

Chair: James Taplin (TBC), Innovate UK, JPI Urban Europe Funding Agencies Working group

Co-chair: Mika Rantakokko (TBC), Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership Digital Transitions

From Urban Resilience to Robustness

How can cities get prepared for unexpected, non-linear events and at the same time ensure highest liveability for its inhabitants?

- Integration of climate change adaptation/mitigation in urban transition plans
- Sustainable production-consumption and circular economy
- Role of functional areas and urban-rural relations

Chair: Vicky Crossley (TBC), Innovate UK, Member of the JPI Urban Europe Governing Board

Co-chair: Håkon Sandven Jentoft, Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership Circular Economy

Sustainable Land-use and Urban Infrastructures

How can cities answer to the demand for densification and infrastructure provision under the constraints of scarce resources, financial limitations, accessibility and affordability for all?

- Intersecting infrastructures and Nature Based Solutions
- Integrated urban infrastructures planning
- Liveable, carbon neutral infrastructures
- Urban equity in sustainable urbanisation

Chair: Arjan van Binsbergen (TBC), Member of the JPI Urban Europe Management Board

Co-chair: Marta Bystrowska (TBC), Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership on Sustainable Land-use

Inclusive Public Spaces for Urban Liveability

How can cities provide multi-functional public spaces that serve the purposes of all groups of society within the given ownership situations, stakeholder interests, security concerns or densification needs?

- Place-making in times of strong urbanisation
- Urban communities and public space to enhance liveability
- Accessibility for all

Chair: Mari Solerød, NRC, Acting Chair of JPI Urban Europe Governing Board

Co-chair: Sabina Kekic, Urban Agenda for the EU partnership on Inclusion of migrants and refugees

Positive Energy Neighbourhoods for Sustainable Urban Development

The fifth break-out session presents the “Positive Energy Neighbourhoods” (PEN) initiative that is to be launched in Spring 2019 through joint efforts between JPI Urban Europe and the SET-plan initiative. The aim of this session is to raise awareness on the topic of PENs and together with city representatives discuss interests, experiences and barriers for implementation. Good practice cases will be presented and future possibilities elaborated.

The session is co-hosted by EERA JPSC and ERRIN.

Chair: Hans-Günther Schwarz, Member of the JPI Urban Europe Governing Board

Co-chairs: Annemie Wyckmans, NTNU, Programme Coordinator of EERA Joint Programme Smart Cities
Representative from ERRIN (TBC)