

Urban Transitions Pathways Symposium 2018

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The JPI Urban Europe *Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda* (SRIA)² is refurbished during 2018. Some may have noticed the public consultation.³ Others the Agora event in Bucharest April 2018. There are also national consultations coming up in the latter half of 2018. These are managed by the member states participating in JPI Urban Europe.⁴

The update is made 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, we have identified a need to foreground dilemmas in certain areas and wicked issues emerging in their pathways. We also identify a need to revise and sharpen the thematic priorities in the loose (epistemological) community emerging around the *Urban Transitions Pathways Symposium* (UTPS).⁵

The symposium aims to capture the complexities and relational ramifications in a ‘dilemma-driven’ approach to the urban societal challenge of sustainable and liveable cities and urban areas (yet in an accessible format): how do we ask the questions? What types of urban R&I are relevant to tackle the challenge? If possible, indications of ways or ‘requirons’ needed to steer towards synergies: what kinds of re-thought understandings of how the urban works would it require? What kinds of ‘impossibililites’ present obstacles against turning friction into traction?

¹ See <<http://www.vila-lanna.cz/galerie/>>

² See <<https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/app/uploads/2016/05/JPI-Urban-Europe-SRIA-Strategic-Research-and-Innovation-Agenda.pdf>>.

³ See <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sria2>>.

⁴ See <<https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/governance/governing-board/>>.

⁵ See UTPS 2017 <<https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/news/a-community-of-practice-to-enhance-urban-transformations-in-between/>> and UTPS 2016 <<https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/connecting-the-dots-by-obstacles-friction-and-traction-ahead-for-the-sria-urban-transitions-pathways/>>.