

## Invitation to JPI Urban Europe's AGORA Dialogue:

# Urban Community Transitions: Linking local actions with European ambitions

### Date:

21<sup>st</sup> of October, 18.00-20.00 UTC+1: Social event and networking  
22<sup>nd</sup> of October, 10.00-16.30 UTC+1: AGORA Dialogue

**Venue:** Online via Zoom

**Social innovators, urban community associations, NGOs, SMEs, neighbourhood initiatives, social entrepreneurs, activist groups and civil society organisations... all of these (local) initiatives and communities play an important role in creating sustainable neighbourhoods and cities. However, we feel that they are not sufficiently represented in European debates and research programmes. For that reason, JPI Urban Europe invites you to join this AGORA workshop to reflect on the role of local (community) actions for sustainable urbanisation and how we can strengthen the link between local community actions and research and innovation? Your contribution will help us to shape a research programme that offers more and better opportunities for engaging (local) community initiatives.**

Since the early days of JPI Urban Europe, local initiatives, civil society organisations and change makers experimenting with novel approaches and ideas have been part of JPI Urban Europe's community. Especially the **SEISMic** project (2013-2016 - funded by the European Commission) provided a framework to allow for vivid exchange, synthesis of knowledge and transdisciplinary discussions. JPI Urban Europe is now preparing its programme for the years 2021 to 2027 with the **ambition to build upon these experiences and strongly involve and support all urban actors**. This is why we are reaching out to you to exchange on potentials and barriers for local community initiatives to engage in and benefit from research and innovation. You are invited to join the discussions on how we can strengthen the cooperation of your initiatives and research and tap the full potential of local experimentation.

### What you can expect from participating in the event

- Meet likeminded actors and initiatives across Europe and exchange your experiences and knowledge with peers
- Connect your work to the European and global ambitions on sustainability
- Contribute to co-designing instruments for engaging local initiatives and communities better in research and innovation
- Promote your initiative, project or organisation via JPI Urban Europe's channels



## Registration and preparation

In the registration process, you will be asked to submit an abstract / summary which describes out your initiative / project / organisation. We will collect all contributions in a booklet which will be circulated in advance of the AGORA workshop to make yourself acquainted with the activities of the other participants. Additionally, the booklet will be disseminated via JPI Urban Europe's website, extracts of it via our social media channels and other forms of communication. Your contribution should be between 400 and 1000 words long.

[Click here to register](#)

## Draft Programme

21 October 2020	
18.00-20.00	<b>Pre-Event</b> Getting to know each other and getting inspiring by Ignite Presentations
22 October 2020	
10.00-12.15	<b>Session: Linking local action and European ambitions</b> This session aims at identifying thematic links between the participants' work and priority themes on European level
12.15-14.15	<b>Lunch and Reflections</b> During an extensive lunch break, participants are asked to individually identify ways that research and innovation could be useful for their initiatives and what support would be required
14.15-16.30	<b>Session: Moving on up</b> Sharing of the individual reflections and identifying measures/ instruments for supporting and engaging local community initiatives.

All times are UTC+1 (Paris, Berlin, Warsaw, etc.).

Registered participants will receive a detailed programme in due course before the workshop

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