



European Urban Forum

**International conference on perspectives of urban
development in the region of the UN Economic
Commission for Europe**

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Welcome and opening addresses

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Goals

- Meeting to discuss about ways **how to effectively reach the commitments in international documents** on housing and urban development issues, approved in 2015 and 2016.
- Sharing experiences and visions, looking for **possible synergies** of activities in strengthening the intergovernmental cooperation (UN, EU).

Session One - Efficient implementation of the UN and EU urban agendas – possible synergies and cooperation



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Session Two - Strategic role of cities and municipalities in urban and housing development



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Session Three - Strategic approach, resources and tools for future territorial and urban development/Cohesion Policy of the EU



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A few ideas from the participants of the event ...

- More intensive cooperation among **Regional Economic Commissions** and with the **UN-Habitat** to facilitate the „**New Urban Agenda**“ as well as the SDGs of the „**2030 Agenda**“.
- Not only **Goal 11** of the „Agenda 2030“; also e.g. **Goal 3** – „healthy lives and well-being for all ages“, or **Goal 7** „affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all“.



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- Deeper cooperation with the **European Union** – e.g. urban dimension in future Cohesion Policy for 2020+.
- **Smart cities, integrated instruments** for urban development and shared responsibilities, **smart specialization**, no mono-functional areas.
- **New phenomena and challenges** – digital economy and platforms, sharing economy, global processes (migration, mobility, security), transport – public networks, autonomous cars ...



“No one is as clever as we all together ...”
Japanese proverb



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