



National Urban Policies for Transformative Power of Cities

WUF11 Session, 28 June 2022 14:30–16:00
Multifunctional Hall of ICC, Room 15, 1st floor

Event Concept & Description

The former Trio EU Council Presidency of Germany, Portugal and Slovenia is co-organising a networking event to highlighting the role of National Urban Policies in reinforcing an integrated approach to spatial planning, development, management and improvement of cities.

This session will elaborate on the respective National Urban Policies, incorporating principles of the New Leipzig Charter (2020) for transformative power of European cities. The New Leipzig Charter offers a policy framework to deliver global and European agendas such as the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement, New Urban Agenda and the European Green Deal at urban level. The document identifies three spatial levels (neighbourhood level, local authorities and functional areas) and three dimensions of European cities (just, green and productive) which, when combined, enable integrated approach in urban strategic and multi-sectoral planning and ensure a high quality of life for all.

Countries use various approaches in their National Urban Policies to enhance sustainable and responsive urban development for a common good. The event will be organised as a “show & discuss lab”, giving the opportunity for urban experts and policymakers to exchange their expertise and experiences on different approaches in national policymaking to enhance sustainable, responsive and resilient urban development.

In the first part of the session, National Urban Policies from Germany, Portugal and Slovenia will be showcased, highlighting the perspective of New Urban Agenda principles and standards for better planning, governance and implementation of urban policies. A moderated discussion will follow, allowing the participants to actively engage in the discussion.

In the second part of the event, a moderated discussion will aim at providing responses to questions such as:

- **Can National Urban Policies assist more responsive urban and territorial planning?**
- **What are the key ingredients of a successful national urban policy?**
- **What would be your advice to countries that are considering to implement/introduce a national urban policy? What are the potential pitfalls to look out for in the initial phase in your experience?**

The moderated discussion will include participants from a global perspective contributing their experiences and perspectives on the transformative power of urban policy guidelines.



Event Agenda

Introduction

14:30–14:33

Moderator: Adela Hankus, Communications and Policy Officer, EUKN

Welcome from session organisers

14:33–14:36

Aša Rogelj, Deputy Director General, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia

National Urban Policy in Germany

14:36–14:46

Dominique Breier, Policy Advisor, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany

National Urban Policy in Portugal

14:46–14:56

Elisa Vilares, Head of Division of Territorial Development and Urban Policy, Directorate General for Territory, Ministry of Territorial Cohesion, Portugal

National Urban Policy in Slovenia

14:56–15:06

Tomaž Miklavčič, Undersecretary,
Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia

Moderated discussion

15:06–15:50

Adela Hankus, Dominique Breier, Elisa Vilares, Tomaž Miklavčič,
Additional guests from India and Serbia

Closing and invitation for a networking coffee

15:50–16:00

Adela Hankus, Dominique Breier, Elisa Vilares, Tomaž Miklavčič

During the event, a small reception will be hosted by the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia.