European Urban Forum

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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
Session Two - Strategic role of cities and municipalities in urban and housing development
Session Three - Strategic approach, resources and tools for future territorial and urban development/Cohesion Policy of the EU
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
Thank you for your attention.

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