

Together towards an Urban Agenda for the EU

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What is the Urban Agenda for the EU?

➤ The Urban Agenda for the EU (UAEU) is a multi-level agreement, designed to improve the urban dimension in European law- and policymaking.

➤ It has three key objectives:

1. Better Regulation.
2. Better Funding.
3. Better Knowledge Exchange.

➤ It is a priority of the Netherlands EU-Presidency and was launched on 30 May 2016 with the Pact of Amsterdam.



Towards the Pact of Amsterdam

- First proposal in 2013, intensified negotiations over the past half year. Consultations with 40 parties. Urban Envoy on the road.
- Three preparatory meetings at the Presidency venue.
- Main events on 30 May:
 - Informal ministerial meeting, sealing the Pact.
 - Forum on the EU Urban Agenda (Committee of the Regions).
 - City Makers Summit.



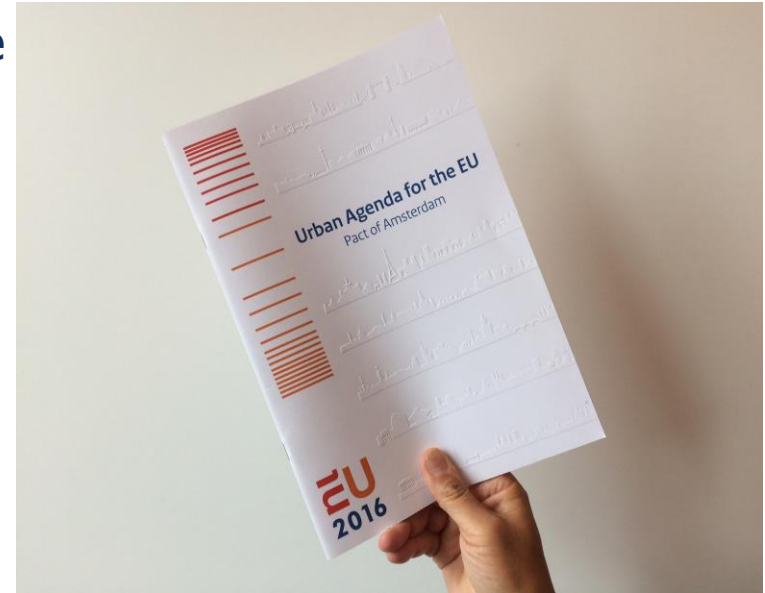
Informal Ministerial Meeting on 30 May 2016

- Broad support and general praise for the Presidency.
- Unanimity declared at 13.06: habemus Pactum!
- Main challenges now: continuity of the UAEU after the Dutch Presidency, and establishing Council Conclusions on 24 June.



Pact of Amsterdam: launching the UAEU

- Operational framework for the Urban agenda for the EU.
- Lists priority themes.
- Describes joint actions and multi-level governance.
- Introduces a new form of multi-level, bottom-up cooperation between all stakeholders through Thematic Partnerships.

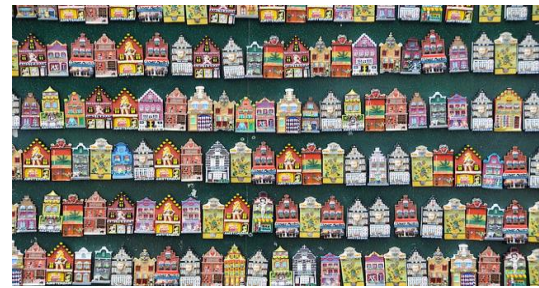


Thematic Partnerships

- Key instrument of the UAEU.
- Focus on priority themes.
- Concrete, case based approach -> result oriented and open to every party that wants to make a concrete contribution.
- Membership: cities, member states, EC, other stakeholders.
- Formulation of proposals for better regulation, better funding, better knowledge exchange.



Partnership 1: Housing



Coordinator: Slovakia

The objectives are to provide affordable housing of good quality. The focus will be on public housing, state aid rules and general housing policy.

Partners

- Urban areas: Vienna, Scottish City Alliance, Riga, Madrid, Poznan.
- MS: Slovakia, Slovenia, Latvia, Luxembourg, The Netherlands.
- Others: European Commission (DG Regio, DG Housing and DG Energy), Housing Europe, Aedes, Eurocities, European Investment Bank & International Union of Tenants, URBACT.

Partnership 2: Air Quality



Coordinator: The Netherlands

The objective is to realise systems and policies to ensure a good air quality for human health. This will cover: legislative and technical aspects linked to a wide range of polluting sources such as cars, industries, agricultural activities.

Partners

- Urban areas: London (UK), Helsinki (FI), Utrecht (NL), Milano (IT), Constanta (RO).
- MS: Netherlands, Croatia, possibly Luxembourg and Czech Republic.
- Others: European Commission (DG Regio, DG ENVI, DG Research, DG Move & DG Grow), Eurocities, HEAL.

Partnership 3: Urban Poverty



Coordinators: France and Belgium

The objectives are to reduce poverty and to improve the inclusion of people in poverty. The focus will be on: spatial concentration of structural poverty in deprived neighbourhoods and child poverty.

Partners

- Urban areas: Lille (F), Kortrijk (B), Birmingham (UK), Daugavpils (LV), Keratsini (GR), Timisoara (RO).
- MS: France, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Greece.
- Others: European Commission (DG Regio & DG EMPL), Regions of Brussels (B) & Ile de France (FR) & URBACT, EUKN, EAPN (tbc). Observers: UN HABITAT, Eurochild, FEANZA.



Partnership 4: Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees

Coordinator: the City of Amsterdam



The objectives are the integration of migrants and refugees, and to provide a framework for their inclusion. This will cover: housing, integration, provision of public services, social inclusion, education and labour market measures.

Partners

- Urban areas: Amsterdam, Berlin, Helsinki, Barcelona (Metropolitan Area) and Athens.
- MS: Greece, Portugal, Italy and Denmark.
- Others: European Commission (DG Regio, DG Home, DG EMPL), Eurocities , CEMR, EIB & European Council on Refugees and Exiles.



‘Europa decentraal’: better regulation project

- ‘Europa decentraal’ is a centre for European law and information that exclusively advises local and regional authorities (for free).
- Project commissioned by NL Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. Aim: mapping themes and challenges regarding European law and legislation for local and regional authorities.
- Result: 9 concrete examples of situations and project where EU-legislation leads to unnecessary administrative, legal and financial burdens.



Better regulation project (2)

- The final report was presented at the informal ministerial meeting on 30 May 2016 and can be downloaded on www.urbanagenda.nl.
- It includes a quantitative analysis of Europa decentraal's database of EU-legislation cases over the past 12 years.
- Results may be used as input for:
 - Better Regulation (through REFIT).
 - Thematic Partnerships.
 - Other (results are public).



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The screenshot shows the homepage of the EU Urban Agenda website. The browser address bar displays <http://www.urbanagenda.nl>. The website header includes the logo "EU Urban Agenda" and navigation links for "Home", "Pact of Amsterdam", "News", "Events", and "Partnerships". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main banner features a large image of a modern building interior with a glass and metal facade, overlaid with the text "Towards an EU Urban Agenda" and "Working together on the future of European cities". Below the banner, there is a section titled "Recent articles, publications or blogposts" with two article cards. The first card is titled "Participants of the four partnerships" and dated February 8, 2016. The second card is titled "Interview with Nicolaas Beets - 'Cities should have more influence on European Policy'" and dated February 1, 2016. On the right side, there is an "Events" calendar widget showing dates from May 30 to April 11, with corresponding event titles and times. Below the events is a "Follow us on Twitter" section with a tweet from the account @EUUrbanAgenda.

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Participants of the four partnerships
February 8, 2016
The participants of the four partnerships (January 2016). For each of the four partnerships an overview is given on which participants there are in the partnerships, split into

Interview with Nicolaas Beets - "Cities should have more influence on European Policy"
February 1, 2016
The EU Urban Agenda is one of the four top priorities of the Dutch Presidency of the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. Nicolaas Beets is the Dutch Urban

Events

- May 30: Ministerial conference EU Urban Agenda 9:00 - 16:00
- Mar 16: EU Urban Agenda Working Group March 16 - March 16
- Apr 07: Urban Development Group April 07 - April 07
- Apr 11: Economic Development Forum EURO CITIES April 11 - April 13

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