

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON AN EU URBAN AGENDA

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Europe continues to be faced with challenges related to the economy, the climate, the environment, and society at large. Most of these challenges have a strong urban dimension. But although cities' role for economic, social and cultural development, and their potential for a more resource efficient habitat, have long been recognised, the policy response at European and national level has been slow and piecemeal, with many but poorly integrated sectoral initiatives. A growing number of voices argue that cities need to be adequately involved in the conception and implementation of EU policies, and that EU policies need to be better adapted to the urban realities where they will be implemented. This is expressed by calls for an EU urban agenda coming from a range of stakeholders at the EU, national and local level. The purpose of this consultation is to widen debate to all stakeholders and to reach relevant stakeholders and to gather their ideas and further clarifying the need for an EU urban agenda, what its objectives should be and how it could function.

[More detail on the consultation](#)

## Section I - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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## Section II - Reflections on an EU urban agenda

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1. What are the main rationales for an EU urban agenda? Where can EU action bring most added value? What elements of urban development would benefit from a more concerted approach between different sectors and levels of governance?

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EU action will bring added value: EU level coordination, exchange of best practices (platform); however one should not forget the role of local authorities.

Elements that would benefit: social innovation, Neighborhood plans, Incentive strategies, historic preservation, infrastructure planning.

2. Should an EU urban agenda focus on a limited number of urban challenges? Or, should an EU urban agenda provide a general framework to focus attention on the urban dimension of EU policies across the board, strengthening coordination between sectoral policies, city, national and EU actors?

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General framework: strengthen coordination between sectoral policies, cities, national and EU actors. Common policy on Environmental Strategic Studies and Environmental Impact Studies. This approach will bring better communication, help to share best practices in social innovation, urban planning and climate proof environment /infrastructure.

3. Is the European model of urban development as expressed in "Cities of Tomorrow" a sufficient basis to take the work on the EU urban agenda further?

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Key issues:

1. safety and security from floods
2. Less dependency on fossil fuels
3. Well-being of citizens
4. "Walkable" urbanism

Long lasting environment

Fire safety in densely populated areas and built areas

4. How can urban stakeholders better contribute to the policy development and implementation processes at EU level? Do cities need to be more involved in policymaking at regional, national and EU level? How?

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Urban agenda planning , transport is a complex system and responsibilities spread among regional, national and EU levels. Local, regional governments should be consulted according to the principle of subsidiarity. Local authorities may have more knowledge on some specific issue than Brussels.

5. What are the best ways to support a stronger urban and territorial knowledge base and exchange of experience? What specific elements of the knowledge base need to be strengthened in order to better support policymaking?

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Create platforms to share best practices

Increase stakeholder participation

Framework for communication and joint decision making

EU standards to be referred as basic knowledge

6. What should be the roles of the local, regional, national and EU levels in the definition, development and implementation of an EU urban agenda?

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EU: general framework, coordination and monitoring

Regional, local: implementation, however to be consulted during policy making when it is necessary (e.g. geographical characteristics).