

An Era of New Beginnings

Dream – Act – Lead – Together



Programme

Wednesday, 8 June 2022

An Era of New Beginnings is the future-oriented theme of the conference, and with the sections Dream – Act – Lead – Together we will guide the network into an interactive learning journey to future cities, co-creation tools and climate leadership.

Time	Programme	Location
12.00–19.00	Registration open	Dipoli conference centre
14.30–17.00	Study visits: Sustainable Espoo	Around town
17.15–18.30	Side event: UN Agenda 2030 in European Cities	To be confirmed
19.00–21.00	Welcome reception	Espoo Cultural Centre

Thursday, 9 June 2022

DREAM – What kind of cities do we and the future generations want to live in? What creates the value of future European cities? Participants will be invited to share ideas and together co-create how commitments made in the Agenda 2030 and the European Green Deal can catalyse change and make a difference.

Time	Programme	Location
7.00–7.30	Morning Walk	Radisson Blu Hotel Espoo
8.00	Registration opens	Dipoli conference centre
9.00–9.30	Official opening Jukka Mäkelä , Mayor of Espoo Eurocities secretary general – tbc	Dipoli conference centre
9.30–10.30	Opening session Intervention from Tytti Tuppurainen , FI Minister for European Affairs and Ownership Steering Keynote by Jyrki Katainen , former EU Commissioner, President of Sitra Keynote Dubravka Šuica , Vice-President for democracy and demography, European Commission	Dipoli conference centre
10.30–11.00	Coffee break	Dipoli conference centre
11.00–12.30	Participatory session <i>City of the future</i> Small group discussions led by future mentors	Dipoli conference centre
12.30–13.30	Lunch	Dipoli conference centre

ACT – Dreams do not come true unless we take action. Cities play a key role in shaping a more sustainable and inclusive Europe. Cities are ever-changing, diverse and complex political, ecological and social ecosystems. They host a myriad of actors ranging from universities, research institutions, companies, start-ups and creative industry operators, which contribute to the development of next generation solutions. Leading a complex ecosystem towards common goals requires an ability to make the most of the diversity, the capacities, and the networks. It also requires an ability to co-create a culture of trust. In this session we invite cities to share their solutions and challenges for the co-creation of a sustainable city.

Time	Programme	Location
13.30–14.30	Keynote on co-creation, Mariya Gabriel , Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth (online) Keynote on co-creation Antti Vasara , President and CEO VTT (Technological Research Center Finland) and Chair of EARTO (European Association of Research and Technology Organisations) – tbc Mayors panel debate about Public-private partnership	Dipoli conference centre
14.30–17.00	Co-creation sessions <i>How to create a sustainable city?</i> in five breakout sessions	Around town
14.30–16.30	Mayors' Meeting (private political session)	Dipoli conference centre
19.00–22.30	Gala dinner & Eurocities Awards ceremony	Dipoli conference centre





Friday, 10 June 2022

LEAD TOGETHER – Climate change is the biggest challenge of our lifetime. The European Union is committed to climate neutrality by 2050 and the cities are essential allies in reaching this goal. The leadership of cities in finding new solutions to reduce GHG emissions and inspiring communities, companies, R&D actors to cooperate for the same goal is key to achieving the targets set in European Green Deal. Many cities around the continent have committed to climate neutrality by 2030 and in this session the focus is on the solutions and challenges on the road to climate neutrality in cities and on the dialogue between the European Commission and the cities.

Time	Programme	Location
9.00–10.30	Plenary session <i>Climate neutral cities</i> Keynote by Frans Timmermans , Executive Vice-President of the Commission Mayors panel debate about Climate Neutral Cities, with participation of Matthew Baldwin , Mission manager, 100 Climate neutral and smart cities	Dipoli conference centre
10.30–11.00	Coffee break	Dipoli conference centre
11.00–12.00	Speednetworking sessions on climate neutral cities	Dipoli conference centre
12.00–12.45	Eurocities General Assembly	Dipoli conference centre
12.45–13.00	Closing Session: <i>Youth participation on local level in Europe</i> Keynote by Apostolos Tzitzikostas , President of the European Committee of the Regions - tbc	Dipoli conference centre
13.00–14.00	Lunch and goodbye	Dipoli conference centre
14.30–18.30	Side event: Visit for the beautiful archipelago in Espoo, tickets: 43,40 €	Dipoli conference centre

