

FROM THE LEIPZIG CHARTER TO THE SDGs

Integrated approach to sustainable urban development

Time and date: 9:30 to 11.00, 13th October 2017

Place: CEMR Conference Centre, Square de Meeûs 1, 1000 Brussels

BACKGROUND:

With almost 70% of the EU population living in urban areas, cities and regions are in heart of the development towards a more inclusive and sustainable future. Facing challenges such as the impacts of climate change, demography or economic growth they are also hubs and catalysts for innovation, job creation and sustainability.

Achieving success in policy making, policy implementation and in delivering results to the citizens substantially depends on the ability to tackle these challenges at the local level. This can only be achieved by fostering integrated strategies involving all stakeholders and different levels of governance to enhance sustainable urban development.

The aim of this event is to provide an overview of the progress in the field of integrated sustainable urban development in Europe, identify and explore the links between Cohesion Policy and the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting the central role of the local authorities in promoting and implementing sustainable development policies.

AGENDA:

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcoming words, Angelika Poth-Mögele, CEMR Executive Director European Affairs

Setting the scene

Findings of the study “Ten years after the Leipzig Charter”

Lea Scheurer, European Urban Knowledge Network

➤ **EU Cohesion Policy and the 2030 Agenda**

Judit Torokne Rozsa, Head of Unit, Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, DG REGIO, European Commission

➤ **The Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities**

Delphine Gaudart, French Ministry of Territorial Cohesion

➤ **Localising the SDGs in Flanders – a pilot project**

Karliën Gorissen, Staff member, international department (Association of Flemish cities and municipalities)

10:30 Discussion with the audience

11:00 Conclusion

The event will be followed by a RFSC training to a number of pre-selected cities, jointly organised by the RFSC and the Urban Development Network.

