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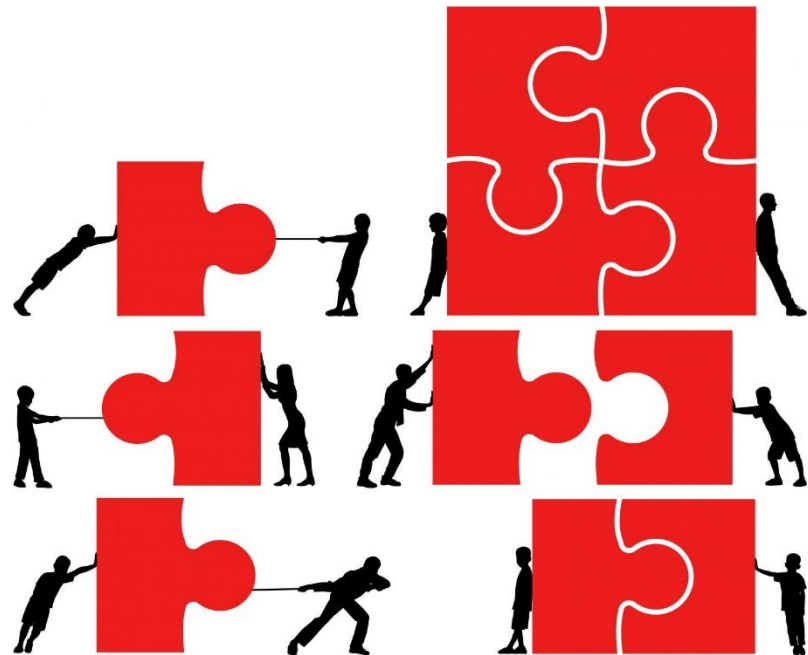
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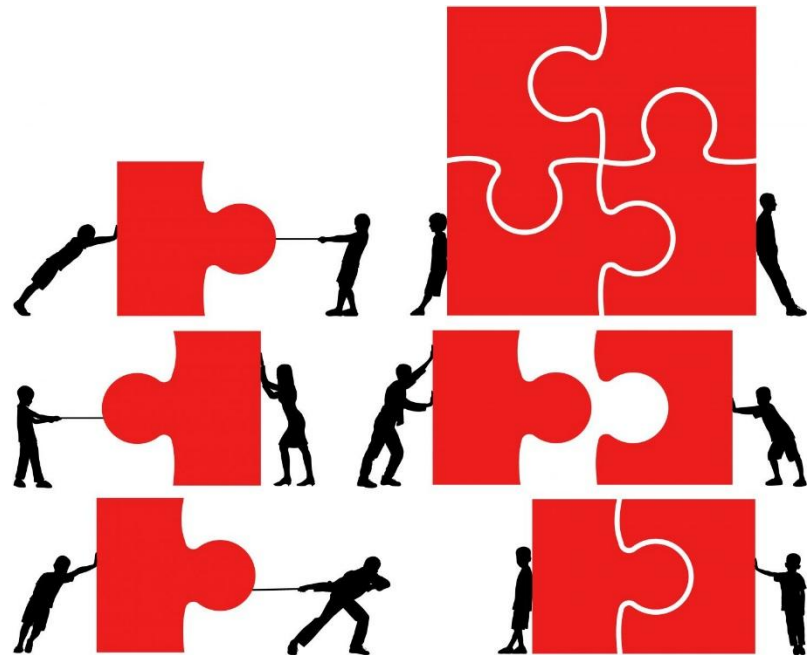


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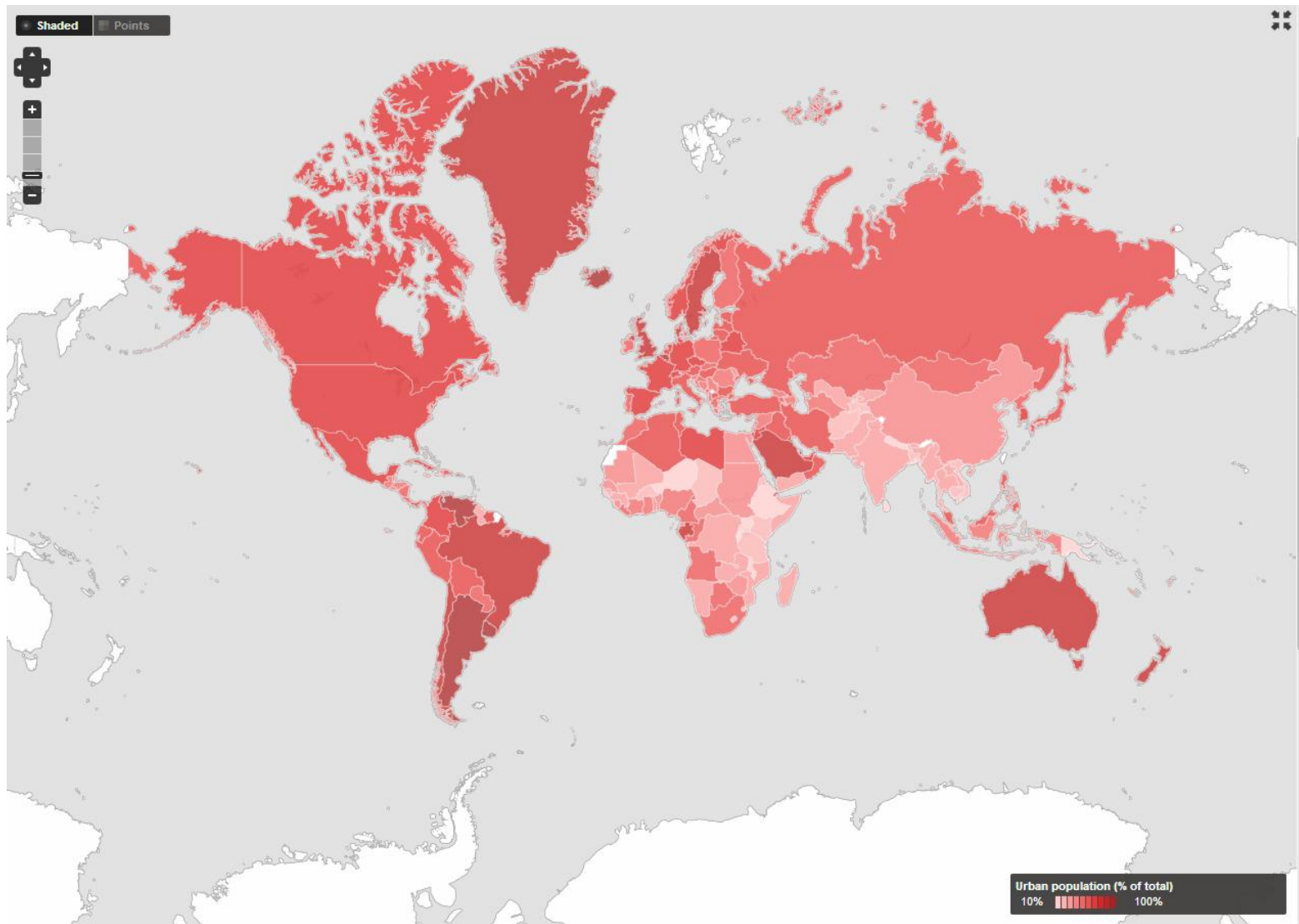
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A “decentralising” world



An “urban” world



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- **Development policy**

- *“The primary and overarching objective of EU development cooperation is the eradication of poverty in the context of sustainable development, including pursuit of the **Millennium Development Goals**.”*

(European Consensus on Development, 2005)

- *Good governance at **local level** is necessary to achieve sustainable development. It creates the conditions for inclusive, responsive and effective development processes.*

(2013 Communication on Empowering Local Authorities...)

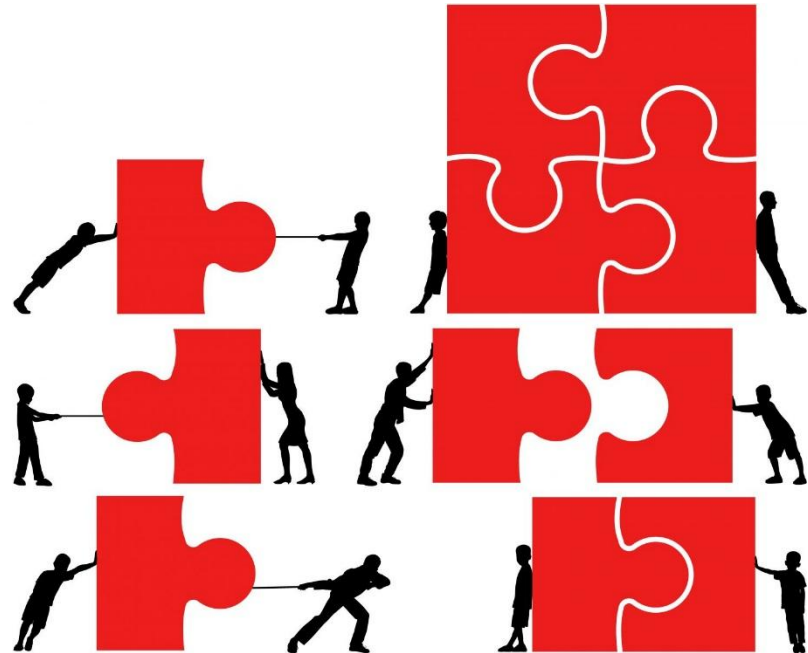
EU vs. Local public policy



- 60% of local public policy is influenced by European decision-making

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Local and regional authorities speaking as *one voice*

- **European level**
 - CEMR
 - The case of *PLATFORMA*
- **Global level**
 - UCLG
 - The case of the *Global Taskforce for Post 2015 Development*

Local and regional authorities speaking as *one voice* in Europe



**Local & Regional
Europe**

Local and regional authorities speaking as *one voice* in Europe

- **Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)**
 - 57 associations from 41 countries
 - Covering 150,000 local and regional authorities in Europe
 - 2 missions:
 - Influencing European legislation
 - Promoting cooperation and exchange of experiences
 - 5 working themes:
 - Democracy, citizenship and enlargement
 - Resource efficiency and environment
 - Cooperation, partnership and world affairs
 - Economic, social and territorial cohesion
 - Local and regional governments as employers and service providers

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PLATFORMA

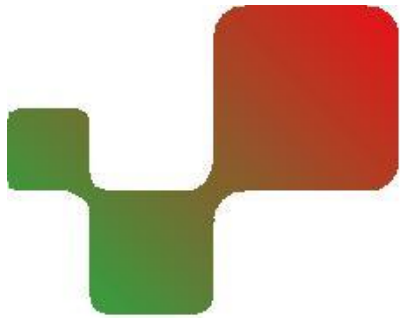
The European voice of **Local** and
Regional authorities for development

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- **PLATFORMA**

- Voice of European local and regional governments in **development cooperation** since 2008
- **24 partners:** local and regional authorities and their national, regional and global associations (incl. VVSG)
- **3 objectives:**
 - Coordinate their positions towards the European institutions (*e.g. influence EU regulations for the 2014-2020 financial framework*)
 - Strengthen their participation to European development programmes (*e.g. dissemination of funding opportunities*)
 - Facilitate exchange of experiences (*e.g. European Development Days, etc.*)

Local and regional authorities speaking as *one voice* globally

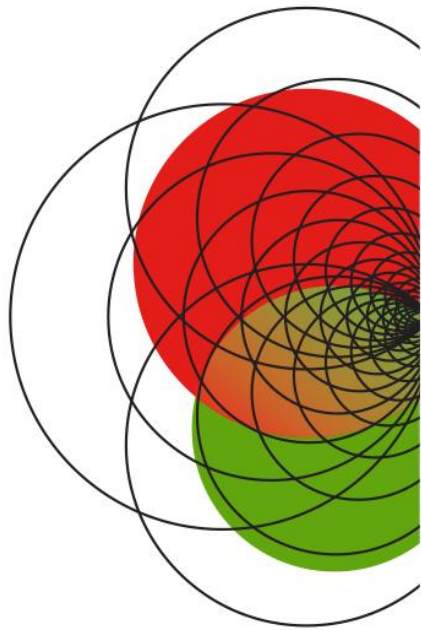


United Cities and Local Governments
Cités et Gouvernements Locaux Unis
Ciudades y Gobiernos Locales Unidos

Local and regional authorities speaking as *one voice globally*

- **United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)**
 - Represents local and regional authorities and advocates for democratic local self-government on the **world stage** (UN, etc.)
 - Founded in 2004
 - World Secretariat based in Barcelona
 - 8 sections (6 geographical and 2 thematic)
 - CEMR is European section

Local and regional authorities speaking as *one voice globally*



GLOBAL TASKFORCE

OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS

FOR **POST-2015** DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

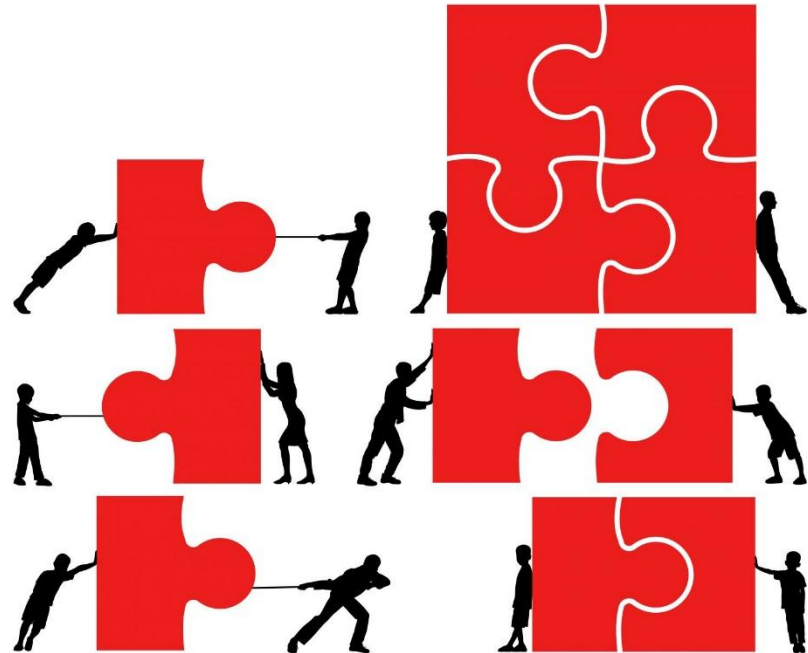
TOWARDS **HABITAT III**

Local and regional authorities speaking as *one voice globally*

- **The Global Taskforce** (of Local and Regional Governments for Post 2015 Development and Towards Habitat III)
 - Created in 2013
 - Gathers key global & regional networks of local and regional authorities and partners
 - Global: UCLG, ICLEI, CLGF, AIMF
 - Regional: CEMR, UCLG Africa, Metropolis, etc.
 - Partners: UNICEF, UN Habitat, UNDP, etc.
 - Defines common positions on **international policy** related to the **post 2015** development agenda, the **climate change** negotiations and the global **urban** agenda (Habitat III)

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What is “decentralised cooperation”?

- **Many names:** twinning, international municipal cooperation, development partnerships, sister cities, etc.
- **One principle:** Willingness of two municipalities to collaborate to address a particular issue (e.g. waste, youth engagement, urban planning, raising finances, etc.)
- **Expected outcome: stronger administration**
 - Local development is managed in a better, more effective way
 - Better public services
 - Greater engagement of citizens
 - Decentralisation movement is stronger

Why “decentralised cooperation”?

- Local authorities are the **closest to the citizens**
 - Decentralised cooperation is anchored in **people’s *needs*** and demands
- Local authorities are the **best placed to help colleagues** facing similar challenges
 - Greater ***trust*** between us
 - Not donor-driven; ***bottom-up*** approach
- Local authorities have the **capacity to mobilise** and support a wide range of local actors (civil society, private sector, etc.)

How is “decentralised cooperation” funded?

- **Own** resources **only** (Spain and Italy)
- **Own** resources **complemented** by **national** funds for regions and local governments (France)
- **National** funds channelled directly to regions or municipalities (Germany, Denmark, UK)
- Funds partly channelled from **national** government to local or regional governments **associations** and partly channelled directly to municipalities or regions (Flanders, Sweden)
- National government channels funds to local government **associations** (The Netherlands, Finland)
- **EU** funds and programmes – covering almost all non-European countries

New opportunities

- **Post-2015 Agenda and “Sustainable Development Goals”**
 - Millennium Development Goals are ending in 2015
 - New framework under negotiations – new themes
 - Greater focus on cities, towns and municipalities – “Urban SDG campaign”
- **EU funding for 2014-2020**
- **Strategic partnership between European Commission and CEMR-PLATFORMA**

Děkuji!

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