



# CITIES Forum 2020

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Organised by the **European Commission**,  
Directorate-General for Regional and Urban  
Policy and hosted by the city of Porto

Moderator: **Sally Kneeshaw**

Venue:

**CENTRO DE CONGRESSOS  
DA ALFÂNDEGA DO PORTO**

Rua Nova da Alfândega

## 30 JANUARY

09:30 - 10:00 **REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE**

PILLAR ROOM

10:00 - 12:00 **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

### PORTO INNOVATION HUB

Workshop TECH4SDGs – best practices about the implementation of tech solutions in Porto (Porto Innovation Hub)

### VIVEIRO/TREE NURSERY

Workshop on climate change mitigation and environment issues in Porto (Viveiro/Tree nursery)

### DESPACHANTES HALL

URBACT City Lab  
“Cities & balanced territorial development”  
A contribution to the Leipzig Charter (main venue Alfandega)

### NOBLE HALL

Session for the Urban Innovative Actions cities (main venue Alfandega) - closed session for UIA only

12:00 - 13:30 **Lunch**

PILLAR ROOM

13:30 - 13:45 **OPENING THE PLENARY SESSION**

ARCHIVE HALL

13:45 - 15:15 **POLITICAL OPENING AND KEYNOTE SPEECHES**

ARCHIVE HALL

- Welcome word by **Rui Moreira**, *Mayor of Porto, PT*
- “The urban dimension of Cohesion Policy”, by **Elisa Ferreira** *Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms*
- Video message by **Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, *Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)*
- **Danijel Žamboki**, *Assistant Minister for European Union Project and Programmes and International Cooperation in Croatia*
- **Anne Katrin Bohle**, *State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community of Germany*
- **Ahmed Aboutaleb**, *Mayor of Rotterdam, NL*
- **Nelson de Souza**, *Minister of the Ministry of planning, Portugal (PT)*

15:15 – 16:30	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION “HOW WILL THE EUROPEAN URBAN INITIATIVE SUPPORT CITIES?”</b> Introduction by <b>Normunds Popens</b> , Deputy Director General of DG REGIO (European Commission) Panellists of this session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Ricardo Rio</b>, Mayor of Braga (PT)</li> <li>■ <b>Pia Pakarinen</b>, Deputy Mayor of Helsinki (FI)</li> <li>■ <b>Laia Bonet</b>, Deputy Mayor of Barcelona (ES)</li> <li>■ <b>Inga Bērziņa</b>, Mayor of Kuldīga (LV) and Member of the European Committee of the Regions</li> <li>■ <b>Dario Nardella</b>, Mayor of Florence and Vice-President of EUROCITIES (IT)</li> <li>■ <b>Ana Abrunhosa</b>, Minister for Territorial Cohesion of Portugal (PT)</li> </ul>	ARCHIVE HALL
16:30 – 17:30	<b>NETWORKING AT THE URBAN MARKET PLACE: MEET AND GREET URBAN ORGANISATIONS AND NETWORKS HOSTING STANDS</b>	ARCHIVE HALL
17:30 – 18:45	<b>PANEL DEBATE “SHAPING TOGETHER THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU”</b> Keynote statements from <b>Anna Lisa Boni</b> , Secretary General of EUROCITIES and <b>Daniel Balinski</b> , Director at the Polish Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy Panellists of this session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Normunds Popens</b>, Deputy Director General of DG REGIO (European Commission)</li> <li>■ <b>Charlina Vitcheva</b>, Acting Director-General of the Joint Research Centre (European Commission)</li> <li>■ <b>Anna Lisa Boni</b>, Secretary-General of Eurocities</li> <li>■ <b>Kieran McCarthy</b>, Member of the European Committee of the Regions and Councillor of the city of Cork, IE</li> <li>■ <b>Daniel Balinski</b>, Director at the Ministry of Investment and Economic Development, PL</li> <li>■ <b>Hans Verdonk</b>, Brussels office Managing Authority West NL</li> </ul>	ARCHIVE HALL
18:45 – 18:50	<b>Closure first day and introduction to the next day</b>	ARCHIVE HALL
19:00 – 21:00	<b>DINNER</b>	PILLAR ROOM
21:00 – 23:00	<b>Networking, evening entertainment</b>	PILLAR ROOM

## 31 JANUARY

08:30 – 09:00	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; WELCOME COFFEE</b>				PILLAR ROOM
09:00 – 10:30	<b>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</b>				
	<b>ARCHIVE HALL</b>	<b>PILLAR ROOM</b>	<b>NOBLE HALL</b>	<b>DESPACHANTES HALL</b>	
	Discussion on the outcome of the assessment study of the Urban Agenda for the EU	Showcase of good urban practises within Cohesion Policy presented by cities	Cities as guardians of fundamental rights. Ensuring equal access to quality services for all	Cities engaging on the right to housing	
	<b>Working corner meeting on Involving citizens through a Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) and the EU Green City Accord: Cities becoming leaders for the environment</b>				PILLAR ROOM
10:30 – 11:50	<b>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</b>				
	<b>ARCHIVE HALL</b>	<b>PILLAR ROOM</b>	<b>NOBLE HALL</b>	<b>DESPACHANTES HALL</b>	
	Signature ceremony – “Boosting sustainable digital transformation in Europe’s cities and communities”	Showcase of good urban practises within Cohesion Policy presented by cities	Jobs and Skills in the Local Economy: Challenges and potential solutions by the city of Porto	Scaling up the transition towards a circular economy in cities	
	<b>Working corner: Urban governance at national level</b>				PILLAR ROOM

11:50 – 12:25 **Coffee break** PILLAR ROOM

12:25 – 13:25 **MAYORS DEBATE** ARCHIVE HALL

- How can we deal with the huge increase of tourism in European cities?
- Affordable housing – how can we ensure that all city inhabitants have access to an affordable and decent home?
- What role do cultures play in the way we live together? How do they contribute to social cohesion?
  - Mayor Rui Moreira, Porto (PT)
  - Mayor Päivi Laajala, Oulu (FI)
  - Mayor Dario Nardella, Florence and Vice-President of EURO CITIES (IT)
  - Mayor Juan Espadas Cejas, Sevilla and member of the Committee of the Regions (ES)
  - Mayor Pilar Díaz Romero, Esplugues de Llobregat, Deputy Councilor for Barcelona Provincial Council and International Relations Delegate (ES)
  - Vice Mayor Begoña Villacís Sánchez, Madrid (ES)
  - Deputy Mayor, Heli Leinonkoski, Jyväskylä (FI)
  - Mayor Gergely Karácsony, Budapest (HU)

13:25 – 13:50 Closing debate with **Elisa Ferreira**, *European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms*, **Jan Olbrycht**, *Member of the European Parliament* and **Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, *President of the European Committee of the Regions* ARCHIVE HALL

13:50 – 15:00 **Lunch** PILLAR ROOM

15:00 – 18:00 **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS (CLOSURE TIME MAY DIFFER BETWEEN WORKSHOPS)**

Networking at the urban market place: urban organisations and networks hosting stands  
Meetings schedule at stands are available online.

ARCHIVE HALL

**PILLAR ROOM**

15:00 – 18:00

Urban Agenda for the EU: state of play of the actions

**DESPACHANTES HALL**

15:00 – 17:00

Working together to deliver Sustainable Development Goals at EU and global level

**NOBLE HALL**

15:00 – 17:30

European Urban Initiative Expert Working Group