









THE WEB CONFERENCE SERIES ACCOMPANYING THE RENEWAL OF THE LEIPZIG CHARTER DURING THE GERMAN EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY

KICK-OFF // SEPTEMBER 3RD 2020 // 9H30 - 12H30

TRANSLATE IT INTO ACTION // SEPTEMBER 9TH 2020 // 9H45 - 18H15 (3 x 2H30)

SET THE RIGHT FRAMEWORK // SEPTEMBER 18TH 2020 // 9H30 - 12H30

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

The German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development and the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community invite all actors shaping Europe's cities and regions to take part in the web series "Europe's Cities Fit for Future": five online sessions spread over three days during the **GERMAN EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY**. The COVID-19 pandemic turned most local development strategies upside down in a drastic way. However, 2020 still holds the opportunity to influence an important strategic course in the field of European urban development policy and thereby to react immediately and resolutely to the experienced short-comings. The regulations governing the EU Structural Funds for the next seven years will be approved. Further, the adoption of the **NEW LEIPZIG CHARTER** is foreseen end of 2020. Together with you, we want to discuss in our European web series, what the New Leipzig Charter and the EU cohesion policy contribute to resilient cities and regions that are fit for future.

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EMPOWERING OUR CITIES TO ACT – WHAT EU-POLICIES ARE NEEDED

WHAT'S TO EXPECT FROM DAY 3?

Neighbourhoods, cities and regions are the nucleus of innovative, integrative and inclusive development, close to the citizens and their needs. At our final web conference, we will discuss what can be done on EU level to **EMPOWER CITIES AND REGIONS** to be fit for future. We will hear Normunds Popens from the EU Commission's DG Regio, insights from the URBACT programme on empowerment through **KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE** as well as an input from the German EU Council Presidency on the implementation of the New Leipzig Charter and its link to the **URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU**.

Further formats will be a wrap-up discussion on findings of the good practice cities from the "Translate it into Action"-session as well as a panel debate on the **RIGHT FRAMEWORK AT THE EUROPEAN LEVEL**. For more information see the detailed agenda below.

REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

REGISTRATION

















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EMPOWERING CITIES TO ACT – WHAT EU POLICIES ARE NEEDED

Moderator: Dorothea Palenberg, Managing Partner, blue! advancing european projects

10h00	>>	WELCOME WORDS BY THE MODERATOR
10h05	»	INPUT STATEMENTS:
		IMPLEMENTING THE NEW LEIPZIG CHARTER Dr. Susanne Lottermoser, Deputy Director-General for Urban Development at the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community
		FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD TO REGION – HOW BERLIN GETS FUTURE-PROOF Wenke Christoph, Permanent Secretary for Housing, City of Berlin
		HOW THE EU EMPOWERS OUR CITIES TO ACT Normunds Popens, Deputy Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy at the EU Commission
10h50	»	WRAP UP ON CONFERENCE NO 2: DERIVIATIONS FROM FRONTRUNNER-CITIES Eddy Adams, URBACT Programme Expert / AE Consult Marcelline Bonneau, URBACT Programme Expert / Resilia Solutions Nils Scheffler, URBAN EXPERT
11h05	»	STRETCHING LEGS
11h15	»	KEY NOTE: AN EU GOVERNANCE THAT EMPOWERS CITIES AND REGIONS Peter Simon, Former Member of the European Parliament
11h30	»	EMPOWERING CITIES THROUGH KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE Nuala Morgan, Head of Unit Capitalisation & Communication, URBACT Programme
11h45	»	POLITICAL PANEL DEBATE: HOW THE EU CONTRIBUTES TO FUTURE-PROOF NEIGHBOURHOODS, CITIES & REGIONS Moderator: Mart Grisel, Director, European Urban Knowledge Network
		Kieran McCarthy, Member of the European Council of Regions / City Councillor Cork City South-East Emmanuel Moulin, Head of Secretariat, URBACT Programme Gustav Hemming, Elected Board Member of Stockholm Region / Representative of METREX Lanfranco De Franco, Vice President of Eurotowns / Deputy Mayor for Housing and Quality of Environment of Reggio Emilia (IT)
12h30	»	CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE SERIES Christian Huttenloher, Secretary General, German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development

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