



Deutscher Verband für Wohnungswesen,  
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# EUROPE'S CITIES FIT FOR FUTURE

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

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

Future-Proof Cities & Regions – What a New Leipzig Charter Wants to Contribute

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

Just, Green & Productive – Frontrunner Cities and their Approaches

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

Empowering Cities to Act – What EU Policies are Needed

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## ABOUT THE WEB CONFERENCE SERIES

2020 is an extraordinary year for towns, cities and regions in Europe. On the one hand, the COVID-19 pandemic turned most local development strategies upside down in a drastic and challenging way. On the other hand, 2020 still holds the opportunity to influence an important strategic course in the field of European urban development policy and thereby also to react immediately and resolutely to the experienced shortcomings. The regulations governing the EU Structural Funds for the next seven years will be approved. Further, Germany holds the EU Council Presidency from July to December. Together with the European Ministers responsible for urban matters, it will adopt a New Leipzig Charter at the end of 2020.

Against this background, the German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development and the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community invite municipalities, city practitioners, regional and national representatives and urban experts from all over Europe to take part in a series of web conferences under the title »**EUROPE'S CITIES FIT FOR FUTURE**«.

The events are organised by means of the National Urban Development Policy of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community. The European URBACT programme, promoting capacity building and knowledge transfer between cities, is closely involved in the preparation and realisation. Together with you, we would like to discuss current and future approaches for a successful integrated urban development in Europe alongside five web conferences:



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

Climate change, increasing social fragmentation, digitalisation, new economies, resilience to impacts of the globalisation: Cities are facing a number of different challenges. How to cope with them? And what can the New Leipzig Charter and its principles contribute? These questions are at the heart of the first event.



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

All over Europe, many neighbourhoods, cities and regions are yet implementing innovative approaches. What is to learn from them? This will be addressed in three stand-alone consecutive thematic sessions, presenting good practice examples on JUST, GREEN and PRODUCTIVE city strategies.



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

Neighbourhoods, cities and regions are the nucleus of innovative, integrative and inclusive development, and they are close to the citizens and their needs. At our final web conference, we will discuss what can be done on higher policy levels to empower cities to fulfil their decisive role in a future-proof development.

What should our future cities look like? We will discuss this together with high ranking politicians from the EU and national level, with urban practitioners and scientists: How can municipalities make better use of their transformative power? How should they be governed and what can they learn from each other? The conference language at all events will be English. Please choose the free web conferences you want to register for:

**REGISTRATION**



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KICK-OFF // THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD 2020

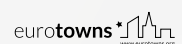


## FUTURE-PROOF CITIES & REGIONS – WHAT A NEW LEIPZIG CHARTER WANTS TO CONTRIBUTE

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

10h00	»	<b>INTRODUCTION BY THE MODERATOR</b>
10h05	»	<b>WELCOME STATEMENTS</b> <b>Michael Groschek</b> , President of the German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development <b>Volkmar Vogel</b> , Parliamentary State Secretary to the German Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community
10h25	»	<b>KEY NOTE:</b> OUR CITIES' FUTURE – WHAT'S AHEAD? <b>Dr. Niklas Maak</b> , Book Author and Writer for the F.A.Z. Feuilleton
10h50	»	<b>TALK:</b> THE LOCAL & THE GLOBAL: MAKING SENSE OF EUROPEAN SPATIAL POLICIES <b>Prof. Dr. Anna Geppert</b> , University Paris-Sorbonne
11h10	»	<b>STRETCHING LEGS</b>
11h20	»	<b>SHORT INPUTS:</b> CITIES' FUTURE CHALLENGES AND HOW TO ADDRESS THEM <b>Claudia Baranzelli, PhD</b> , Researcher at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission <b>Dr. Margit Noll</b> , Chair of the JPI Urban Europe Management Board <b>Wolfgang Teubner</b> , Regional Director of the European Secretariat of ICLEI
12h00	»	<b>TALK:</b> TOWARDS A NEW LEIPZIG CHARTER – UNLEASHING THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF CITIES <b>Prof. Dr. Silke Weidner</b> , Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus - Senftenberg <b>Tilman Buchholz</b> , Deputy Head of Unit, German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community
12h30	»	<b>CLOSING OF THE KICK-OFF WEB CONFERENCE</b> <b>Christian Huttenloher</b> , Secretary General, German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development

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TRANSLATE IT INTO ACTION // WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH 2020



## JUST, GREEN & PRODUCTIVE: FRONTRUNNER CITIES AND THEIR APPROACHES

### SESSION 1 - THE **PRODUCTIVE** NEIGHBOURHOOD, CITY & REGION

Just, green and productive: these three pillars combined contribute to the resilience of our cities and allow them to deal with social, economic and ecological challenges and to provide and guarantee a high quality of life.

With **PRODUCTIVE**, we refer to a diversified economy which provides jobs and assures a sound financial base for sustainable urban development. For this purpose, cities need a skilled workforce, social, technical and logistic infrastructure as well as affordable and accessible space – a challenging task when faced with the shifts towards digital, low-carbon and service-oriented economies that build on a knowledge society and cultural industries. Multifunctionality, new supply chains, share economy and shared places are new focal points we observe.

In this session we will hear frontrunner cities that are yet on the right track. With a short input and a moderated discussion, representatives of Aveiro (PT), Preston (UK), Rotterdam (NL) and Mouans Sartoux (FR) show us their innovative approaches to **BE PRODUCTIVE AND GET FIT FOR FUTURE!**

Moderator: Eddy Adams, URBACT Programme Expert / AE Consult

10h00	»	<b>WELCOME WORDS OF THE MODERATOR</b>
10h05	»	<b>THE PRODUCTIVE CITY – INTRODUCTION &amp; LINK TO THE NEW LEIPZIG CHARTER</b> <b>Jonas Scholze</b> , Executive Secretary, German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development
10h15	»	<b>MODERATED DISCUSSION &amp; INPUTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOOD PRACTICES FROM ALL OVER EUROPE:</b>  <b>AVEIRO TECH CITY</b> <b>André Cester Costa</b> , City of Aveiro <hr/> <b>INNOVATIVE PUBLIC INVESTMENT &amp; PROCUREMENT</b> <b>Tamar Reay</b> , City of Preston <hr/> <b>BRIDGE: MATCHING LABOUR MARKET SUPPLY &amp; DEMAND</b> <b>Hendrik Jan Bosch</b> , City of Rotterdam <hr/> <b>LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS &amp; SUPPLY CHAINS</b> <b>Nathan Begoc &amp; Gilles Perole</b> , City of Mouans-Sartoux
12h15	»	<b>END</b>

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## JUST, GREEN & PRODUCTIVE: FRONTRUNNER CITIES AND THEIR APPROACHES

### SESSION 2 - THE GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD, CITY & REGION

Just, green and productive: these three pillars combined contribute to the resilience of our cities and allow them to deal with social, economic and ecological challenges and to provide and guarantee a high quality of life.

With **GREEN**, we refer to a contribution of cities in combatting global warming and to high environmental quality regarding air, water, soil and land use. Therefore, cities must develop quality urban environments, including adequate accessibility to green and recreational spaces. The use of climate-neutral energy supply, renewable resources and carbon-neutral buildings will contribute to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Further, waste management, climate adaptation and coping with weather extremes are big tasks for cities, as well as the transition to multi-modal and low-carbon mobility systems for all.

In this session we will hear frontrunner cities that are yet on the right track. With a short input and a moderated discussion, representatives of Umeå (SE), Stuttgart Region (DE), Ghent (BE) and Wrocław (PL) show us their innovative approaches to **BE GREEN AND GET FIT FOR FUTURE!**

Moderator: Marcelline Bonneau, URBACT Programme Expert / Resilia Solutions

13h00	»	<b>WELCOME WORDS OF THE MODERATOR</b>
13h05	»	<b>THE GREEN CITY – INTRODUCTION &amp; LINK TO THE NEW LEIPZIG CHARTER</b> <b>Christian Huttenloher</b> , Secretary General, German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development
13h15	»	<b>MODERATED DISCUSSION &amp; INPUTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOOD PRACTICES FROM ALL OVER EUROPE:</b>  SUSTAINABLE ÅLIDHEM IN UMEÅ <b>Johan Sandstrom</b> , City of Umeå <b>Thomas Olofsson</b> , Umeå University <b>Albert Edman</b> , Rise Research Institute  STUTTGART REGION'S GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND CHALLENGES FOR FUNDING AND POLITICAL SUPPORT <b>Thomas Kiwitt</b> , Verband Region Stuttgart  CAR FREE GHENT <b>Merijn Gouweloose</b> , City of Ghent  NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS FOR HEAT AND FLOODING <b>Malgorzata Bartyna-Zielinska</b> , Sustainable Development Department, City of Wrocław
15h15	»	<b>END</b>

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## JUST, GREEN & PRODUCTIVE: FRONTRUNNER CITIES AND THEIR APPROACHES

### SESSION 3 - THE **JUST** NEIGHBOURHOOD, CITY & REGION

Just, green and productive: these three pillars combined contribute to the resilience of our cities and allow them to deal with social, economic and ecological challenges and to provide and guarantee a high quality of life.

With **JUST**, we refer to a city that provides equal opportunities and environmental justice for all, regardless of gender, socioeconomic status, age and origin – leaving no one behind. A just city offers opportunities for everyone to fully participate in society. The challenges are to provide equal access to services of general interest, including social services, health care and culture as well as adequate, safe and affordable housing and energy supply. Further, socially balanced neighbourhoods promote integration and equal access to education. Lifelong learning empowers all ethnic and social groups to cope with fast changing labour markets, for example due to digitalization.

In this session we will hear frontrunner cities that are yet on the right track. With a short input and a moderated discussion, representatives of Brussels (BE), Athens (GR), Barcelona (ES) and Gdansk (PL) show us their innovative approaches to **BE JUST AND GET FIT FOR FUTURE!**

Moderator: Nils Scheffler, URBAN EXPERT

16h00	»	<b>WELCOME WORDS OF THE MODERATOR</b>
16h05	»	<b>THE JUST CITY – INTRODUCTION &amp; LINK TO THE NEW LEIPZIG CHARTER</b> <b>Heike Mages</b> , Project Manager, German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development
16h15	»	<b>MODERATED DISCUSSION &amp; INPUTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOOD PRACTICES FROM ALL OVER EUROPE:</b>  CALICO: COMMUNITY LAND TRUST IN BRUSSELS <b>Arthur Cady</b> , Community Land Trust Brussels  SYNATHINA: ONLINE PARTICIPATION <b>Dina Ntziora &amp; Haris Biskos</b> , SynAthina, Athens  HABITAT3: AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE <b>Natalia Martínez</b> , Hàbitat3, Barcelona  SOCIAL INNOVATION AND INCLUSION <b>Magdalena Skiba</b> , City of Gdansk
18h15	»	<b>END</b>

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## EMPOWERING CITIES TO ACT – WHAT EU POLICIES ARE NEEDED

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

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

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