JRC scientific support to the Leipzig Charter

Knowledge Centre for Territorial Policies (JRC – DG REGIO)

- Evidence base, scenario modelling, hosting of platforms

Community of Practice on Cities (COP-CITIES)

- Open network for information exchange, discussion & best-practices
- First collaborative project Future of Cities report 2019
- COVID-19 perspective

...towards an Urban Observatory
The Just City

Cities need to be more accessible and inclusive to all ages

By 2070, a European citizen will live 8 years longer. This ageing population will require adaptations, especially in spatial infrastructure.

Almost half of all buildings in Europe are over 70 years old.

Frequently, people living in the capital are younger, but this is not always the case...

In **Brussels**, people are on average 6 years younger than in the rest of Belgium.

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In **Lisbon**, people are on average 3 years older than in the rest of Portugal.

Optimising public space is crucial to increase sustainability and quality of life in cities.

Challenges:
- Social segregation
- Health disparities
- Ageing
- Affordable housing
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- CiTown project on affordable housing (citylab in the CoP-CITIES)
- New project on migrants
- Exploring homelessness in cities
- EC Green paper on ageing
- Brief on Shrinking Cities
The Productive City

Challenges:

- Supporting innovation & creativity
- Appropriate use of technology
- Changing nature of work
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- Brief ‘Cities fit for the digital age’
- Urban food systems brief (importance of local food production)
- Mixed-use neighbourhoods brief
- Tourism&Cities (from shock to recovery)
The Green City

Challenges:
- Use of public & green spaces
- Climate change
- Urban/rural interface
- Mobility
- Building stock renewal
The Green City

- Urban-rural interactions brief
- Brief on circular economy
Next steps

Building the Urban Observatory:

- Systematic publication of Briefs by CoP-Cities/KC-TP
- Consolidation of Urban Data Platform +
- Data and knowledge exchange with and for cities
- Training and peer-learning activities
- City-labs as dedicated pilots
- Scaling-up of urban solutions
Thank you

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