

URBAN Intergroup meeting

**27.10.2011
Strasbourg, N 3.1**

09:00 - 10:30

Minutes of the meeting

Members present: S. Auconie, C. Gutierrez-Cortines, J. Hibner, J. Kozlowski, R. Manescu, I. Matula, L. van Nistelrooij, J. Olbrycht, M.T. Sanchez Schmid, R. Trzaskowski, O. Vlasak, J. Zeller

Partners and guests present: P. Kaleta (EPP advisor), S. Dupas (Energy Cities), Laura Vanhue (CDC)

Chair: Jan Olbrycht

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting 22.06.2011

The minutes were adopted without changes.

3. Urban dimension in the legislative package for cohesion policy after 2013.

Members were informed about the provisions concerning cities in single regulations from the legislative package for cohesion policy 2014-2020 (extract of the legal texts from the regulations on common and general provisions, on the ERDF, on the ESF and on the territorial cooperation was provided for the members). Mr. Olbrycht presented briefly all the relevant articles; Mme Manescu, Mme Sanchez-Schmid and Mr. van Nistelrooij commented on the legal texts in their capacity of rapporteurs or shadow rapporteurs for EP reports. The presentation was followed by the first exchange of views between members. The main points of the discussion included such issues as: list of cities (criteria for selection of cities in MS, definition of city, city <-> metropolitan area/agglomeration), models for the integrated approach, multi-fund OPs, PPPs, financial instruments.

Participants of the discussion: C. Gutierrez-Cortines, J. Olbrycht, R. Manescu, L. van Nistelrooij, R. Trzaskowski, M.T. Sanchez-Schmid, L. Vanhue (CDC), O. Vlasak

4. Urban related issues in EP committees' works - roundtable discussion

- REGI: legislative package for cohesion policy post 2013
- REGI: INI report: Urban re-development as contribution to economic growth
- IMCO: Rühle report on the modernisation of public procurement was voted on Tuesday, October 25th in the plenary

5. Organisational matters - decisions of the URBAN Bureau

The Bureau has decided that the schedule of the Intergroup's meetings will be as follows: monthly meetings during each plenary session on Thursdays in Strasbourg, meetings with partners in Brussels.

6. Presentation of the URBAN website www.urban-intergroup.eu

Mr. Olbrycht presented the Intergroup's website. The information about the website will be sent both to the members and partners.

7. Upcoming meetings

Upcoming URBAN meetings

- URBAN Intergroup meeting in Strasbourg - presentation of EMI Knowledge and Research Agenda on "Sustainable Urban Mobility" - **November 17th, 10:30-11:30**, N 2.1
- URBAN meeting with partners in Brussels - presentation of the report "Cities of tomorrow" and discussion about the urban dimension in the legislative package for cohesion policy post 2013 in presence of the representatives of the European Commission - **December 6th, 15:00-18:00**, ASP 3E2

Upcoming URBAN events

- IMAGINE seminar "Energy Roadmap 2050: A means towards local energy transition?" - **November 9th, 9:00-17:00** in Brussels: House of Cities, Municipalities and Regions, 1 square de Meeûs
- Seminar on "Local Development as a key pillar of EU integrated territorial policies post 2013" - **November 29th, 9:00-12:30** in Brussels: European Parliament ASP 1E1
- Seminar on "Railway station districts enhancing urban development in mid-sized cities" - **December 8th, 9:00-12:30** in Brussels: European Parliament 6Q1
- Conference on "Non-City, Next-City? From urban sprawl to urban soul in Europe" - **January 11th 2012, 15:00-17:30** in Brussels: European Parliament 5E2
- Conference on urban programmes with international organisations and enterprises - **February 7th 2012** in Brussels

Moreover, participants were provided with a list of selected urban relevant conferences and events.

8. Any other business

Members were informed about following recent publications:

- Handbook on multilevel urban governance
- Report "Cities of tomorrow"
- EESC opinion on Metropolitan Areas and City Regions in Europe 2020
- Eurocities background paper "Cities cooperating beyond their boundaries: evidence through experience in European cities"

Texts or short information about the recent publications were included in the meeting documents.

9. Next meeting: 17.11.2011

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