

About the Urban Agenda's Partnership on Security in Public Spaces

The Partnership on Security in Public Spaces, set up in 2019, is one of the 14 thematic Partnerships of the Urban Agenda for the EU.

As ensuring the security of public spaces and improving the feeling of security for citizens is a priority for all local and regional players regardless of their size, the Partnership brings together capital cities, large and small cities but also regions and ministries. We present below the Partnership's governance structure and main roles and configurations.



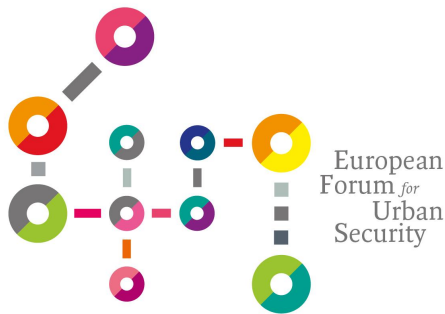
The Partnership is coordinated by Efus and the city of Nice (FR) and the Madrid City Council (ES) and is composed of:

- Local authorities: City of Helsinki (FI); City of Mechelen (BE); Métropole Européenne de Lille (FR); Union of Romagna Faentina (IT); Regione Toscana (IT); Brussels-Capital Region (BE); Riga City Council (LV);
- National authorities: Ministry of Transport (CZ); Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning (HR)
- Furthermore, the Partner's activities are supported by other participants such as the European Commission (DG REGIO, DG HOME, JRC, DG CONNECT, DG EMPL, ...) and the European Investment Bank (EIB). Finally, other actors and observers include Eurocities, the URBACT secretariat, the City of Toruń (PL); UN Habitat and the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).

Through this partnership, local authorities, Member States and European institutions work together to strengthen the role of cities in European security policies, to increase the sharing of knowledge and good practices, and to advocate legislative reform and new funding, more agile and adequate frameworks at the European level.

Three priorities and six concrete actions

Under the broad objective of “providing concrete European responses to real needs identified at the local level, encouraging the exchange and dissemination of good and innovative practices and allowing better targeting of interventions as far as legislation or funding instruments are concerned” the Partnership defined the following three priorities: urban planning and design to create safer cities; technology for smart,



sustainable and safe cities; managing security and sharing public spaces in urban and peri-urban areas.

In light of these three priorities six concrete actions were jointly elaborated by the partners. These actions are equally in line with the pillars of the Urban Agenda for the EU, namely: better regulation, better funding and better knowledge.

The six actions, that have all been implemented are the following:

1. Developing a framework for a self-assessment tool that urban authorities can use to evaluate their local security context (better knowledge)
2. Recommendations on the EU's Security Strategy as well as on multi-level, participatory and innovative governance and funding (better funding and better regulation)
3. Evaluating the application and inclusiveness of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies (better regulation)
4. Developing a capacity-building training scheme for local and regional authorities and their local partners on the different aspects of the holistic, integrated and sustainable approach to urban security (better knowledge)
5. Measuring the impact of social cohesion and inclusion on the security in public spaces in urban and peri-urban areas (better knowledge)
6. Developing guidance for urban security through spatial design and planning (security by design) (better regulation).

In its final stage the Partnership organizes an official closing event and analyses the strengths and weaknesses of the implemented actions while discussing the way forward to make these actions sustainable.

- [Link towards the Action Plan](#)
- [Link towards the deliverables](#)