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A network of European local and regional authorities

- Brings together nearly 250 cities and regions from 17 EU member States,
- Only European network dedicated to **fostering discussion**, **cooperation and support among local and regional authorities** in the field of **crime prevention and urban security**
- **Direct exchange** with our members and partners
- **Agile responses** to persistent and emerging urban security related challenges



Security, Democracy and Cities Declaration

22 October 2021

We, elected officials and representatives of the local and regional authorities that are members of Efus adopt the following resolution as a result of the Security, Democracy and Cities international conference held in Nice on 20-22 October 2021, on the basis of the consensus established within

our network.





Security, Democracy and Cities Declaration

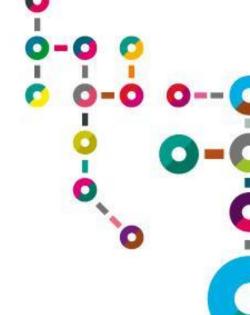
- Central role of cities in designing and implementing transverse security policies
- **Investing in prevention**, mobilizing the most adequate and agile tools and partnerships
- One of the **central figures**: the **Mayor**
- Co-producing urban security
- Multilevel governance and the URBAN Intergroup as a key partner

Source: https://efus.eu/activities/advocacy/declaration-security-democracy-and-cities/



The way forward Security, Democracy and Cities Declaration asks for:

- Financial and technical support
- Hearings in front of the relevant Parliamentary Commissions
 - → to discuss how to **co-implement** the mentioned actions
 - → Share Efus' expertise and echo the concerns, suggestions and feedback of local authorities at the EU level



Thank you for your attention

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Efus' actions and initiatives

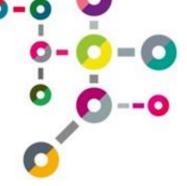


Holistic approach & Cross-cutting topics

Efus promotes a **holistic approach to urban security**, which involves all local actors and citizens in the co-production of policies.

It implies that the European Forum for Urban Security:

- affirms the central role of local elected representatives, the guarantors of democratic principles;
- considers security to be a fundamental right
- chooses prevention as a rational and strategic approach
- <u>Cross-cutting and joint topics on interest with the URBAN</u>
 <u>Intergroup</u>: social aspects of urban policies (social exclusion, aging of the population), environment, transportation, housing, to mention a few



Our activities



Building knowledge on a specific issue

- > Resources (publications, policy recommendations...)
- >Thematic working groups



Facilitating the exchange among peers

- >Access to a European wide network
- >Organisation of conferences (on and off-line) and field visits
- >Access to a collaborative platform



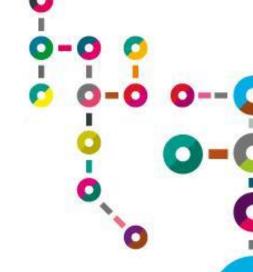
Supporting the design, implementation and evaluation of local policies

- > Information on and assistance in obtaining European grants
- > Implementation and management of cooperation projects



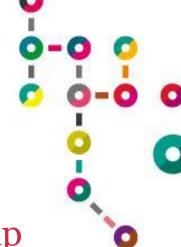
Representing our members before national and European authorities





Partnership on Security in Public Spaces of the Urban Agenda for the EU

- Co-led by Efus, the City of Nice and the City of Madrid
- Set up in 2019, one of the 14 thematic Partnerships
- 3 priorities
- 6 Actions

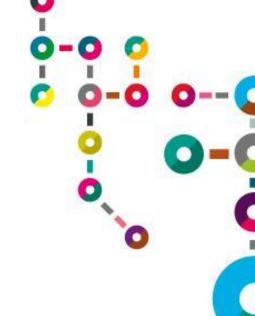


Cooperation with the URBAN intergroup

On topics of joint interest:

- environment and energy efficiency;
- · urban transport;
- · housing;
- · social aspects (social exclusion, migration, ageing of the population).

Potential tool → Pilot Projects of the European Parliament



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