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LJUBLJANA AGREEMENT for the Urban Agenda for the EU – the Next Generation

URBANIntergroup

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PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES

Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

1. Resilience, Recovery and Strategic Autonomy of the EU

- PANDEMIC & CYBER RESILIENCE
- STRATEGIC AUTONOMY
- ECONOMIC RECOVERY, GREEN TRANSITION & DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

2. Conference on the Future of Europe

3. Union of the European Way of Life, Rule of Law and Equal Criteria for All

4. A Credible and Secure European Union, Capable of Ensuring Security and Stability in its Neighbourhood



TERRITORIAL COHESION

Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Priorities

1. CONTINUATION OF THE TERRITORIAL AGENDA 2030 IMPLEMENTATION AND PROMOTION

- Support the Pilot Actions implementation and new PA identification
- Communication and promotion of TA2030: TA web site, events, tasks of the communication group

National focus

2. TERRITORIAL QUALITY OF LIFE, ESPON policy brief
3. Enhancing linkages between Territorial agenda 2030 and New Leipzig Charter

URBAN MATTERS

Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Priorities

1. LJUBLJANA AGREEMENT

MINISTERIAL MEETING: Agreement on the further development and implementation of the Urban Agenda for the EU

National focus

2. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE “GREEN” URBAN AGENDA PARTNERSHIPS ON BETTER REGULATION
3. AFFORDABLE HOUSING



PATH TO THE LJUBLJANA AGREEMENT

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Background

- Intensive urbanization in Europe;
- Spatial Planning and urban development in a national competence;
- EU Policies and EU legislation influence on development of European cities;
- Urban governance effects a successful implementation of EU policy goals;
- Joint ministerial agreements for sustainable urban development in EU:

*2007: **Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities** for common principles and strategies for urban development policy.*

*2015: **Riga Declaration** as an initiation of the EU Urban Agenda.*

*2016: **Urban Agenda for the EU - Pact of Amsterdam** on concrete steps for multilevel and multi stakeholder cooperation and inclusion of cities in preparation of EU development policies.*

*2019: **Bucharest Declaration** on continuation of cooperation on Urban Agenda for the EU.*

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Following discussions and documents prepared during DE and PT Presidencies

The New Leipzig Charter - the transformative power of cities for the common good | November 2020

Document 'Implementing the New Leipzig Charter through multi-level governance' | November 2020

Four input papers from DGUM | May 2021

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Drafting of the Ljubljana Agreement | June - November 2021

INTENSIVE - INCLUSIVE - CO-CREATIVE PROCESS

All UAEU stakeholders included

Member States | European Commission | CoR | CEMR | Eurocities | EIB | EESC
| EUKN | URBACT | JPI UE | ECTP | representatives of cities

6 drafts prepared and discussed

Urban Development Group meetings and written procedures
Directors-General meeting and written procedures

Open online workshop on new Priority Themes of the Urban Agenda for the EU

LJUBLJANA AGREEMENT

Structure

1. Declaration part: LJUBLJANA AGREEMENT

- Ministerial statement of support for continuation and further development of Urban Agenda for the EU.
- Introducing new approaches for strengthening UAEU.
- Emphasising the role of small and medium sized cities.

2. Annex: MULTIANNUAL WORKING PROGRAMME for the Urban Agenda for the EU - the Next Generation

- Operational framework for the cooperation in 2021 – 2026.
- Governance of the process | Priority Themes | Up-grading the Working method of the Partnerships and Other forms of Cooperation.



LJUBLJANA AGREEMENT

Content (I)

Preamble

Reaffirmations | Acknowledgements | Recognitions

- Important documents for the development and implementation of the UAEU
- Link UAEU to current EU and global strategies, programmes, initiatives
- Importance of cities of all sizes to pursue the common interest of all citizens
- Importance of different parties, work done and their contributions in the UAEU process
- Work done in the UAEU Partnership
- 14 Priority Themes of UAEU as a thematic framework of the UAEU

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Content (II)

Main agreements

- Pact of Amsterdam remains valid operational framework for the UAEU
- Multiannual Working Programme 2022 - 2026 for planning, implementation and monitoring of the UAEU is annexed
- Three pillars - better regulation, better funding, better knowledge - remain the focus of the UAEU
- 4 new themes are added to the list of UAEU Priority Themes

Cities of Equality | Food | Greening Cities | Sustainable Tourism

- UAEU Priority Themes and cross-cutting issues should be revised in 2023 by linking to New Leipzig Charter, EU policy, previous UAEU work, global agendas, other urban trends

LJUBLJANA AGREEMENT

Content (III)

Main agreements

- Other forms of cooperation as an UAEU delivery mode besides Thematic Partnerships
- All parties involved will explore possibilities to allocate resources to the UAEU | The European Commission and Member States are invited to support the work and involvement of urban authorities in the UAEU
- Start establishing a set of pilot Partnerships in 2022 on themes:
 - Greening Cities
 - Sustainable Tourism

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Content (IV)

Main agreements

- Connection between UAEU and intergovernmental cooperation on Urban Matters to be maintained
- The main governance structure of the UAEU remain DGUM | monitoring and advisory body UDG | support structure UATPG
- The Commission will continue to support the UAEU through the European Urban Initiative (EUI)
- Key messages of the UAEU Partnerships or other forms of cooperation to be discussed regularly, when relevant at a higher level



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Content (V)

Main agreements

- Inclusion of small and medium-sized urban authorities in the UAEU processes should be further stimulated and supported
- Discussion on communication and dissemination of the UAEU in the next two years
- The National Contact Points should be defined and established based on an individual decision of the Member State
- The linkages between the UAEU and the Territorial Agenda 2030 will be further explored and strengthened | one joint session per Trio

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Content (I)

Introduction

- From the Pact of Amsterdam to the Ljubljana Agreement
- Three pillars of the UAEU

Strengthening the pillars, especially Better Regulation pillar

- Small and medium-sized cities and towns

Stimulate and support their participation in the UAEU processes and multi-level cooperation

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Content (II)

1. Governance of the Urban Agenda for the EU

I / Delivering of the UAEU

Contributions and support to UAEU from all parties involved

II / Urban Agenda Technical Preparatory Group (UATPG)

Mandate | Composition | Workflow

III / Monitoring and reporting

Partnerships/OFC report on progress | **Exchanges with EP committees and the Urban Intergroup with the UDG/DGUM should be organised jointly.**

IV / Outreach, communication and dissemination of the UAEU

Activities | National Contact Points

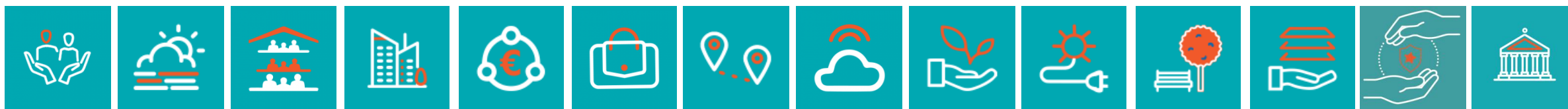
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Content (III)

2. Priority Themes

The 14 UAEU priority themes remain valid



4 new themes are added to the list of UAEU Priority Themes

- Cities of Equality
- Food
- Greening Cities
- Sustainable Tourism

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Content (IV)

3. Working method of the Partnerships and Other Forms of Cooperation

I / Ex-ante assessment (EAA)

To help optimise focus, timing and activities of the multi-level cooperation

II / Selection of partners

Open call for Urban Authorities | Criteria

III / Other Forms of Cooperation (OFC)

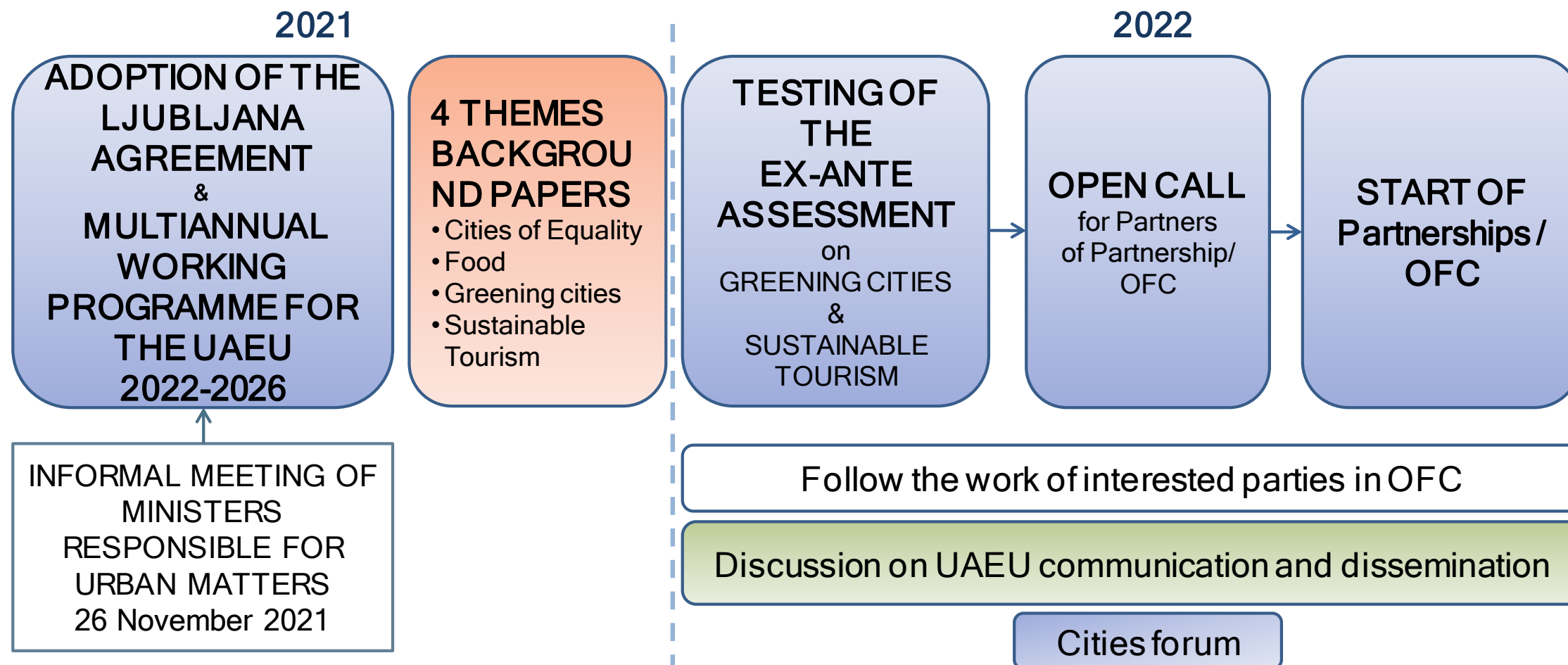
Flexible operational framework

IV / Support to Partnerships and Other Forms of Cooperation

Required and other elements of technical support

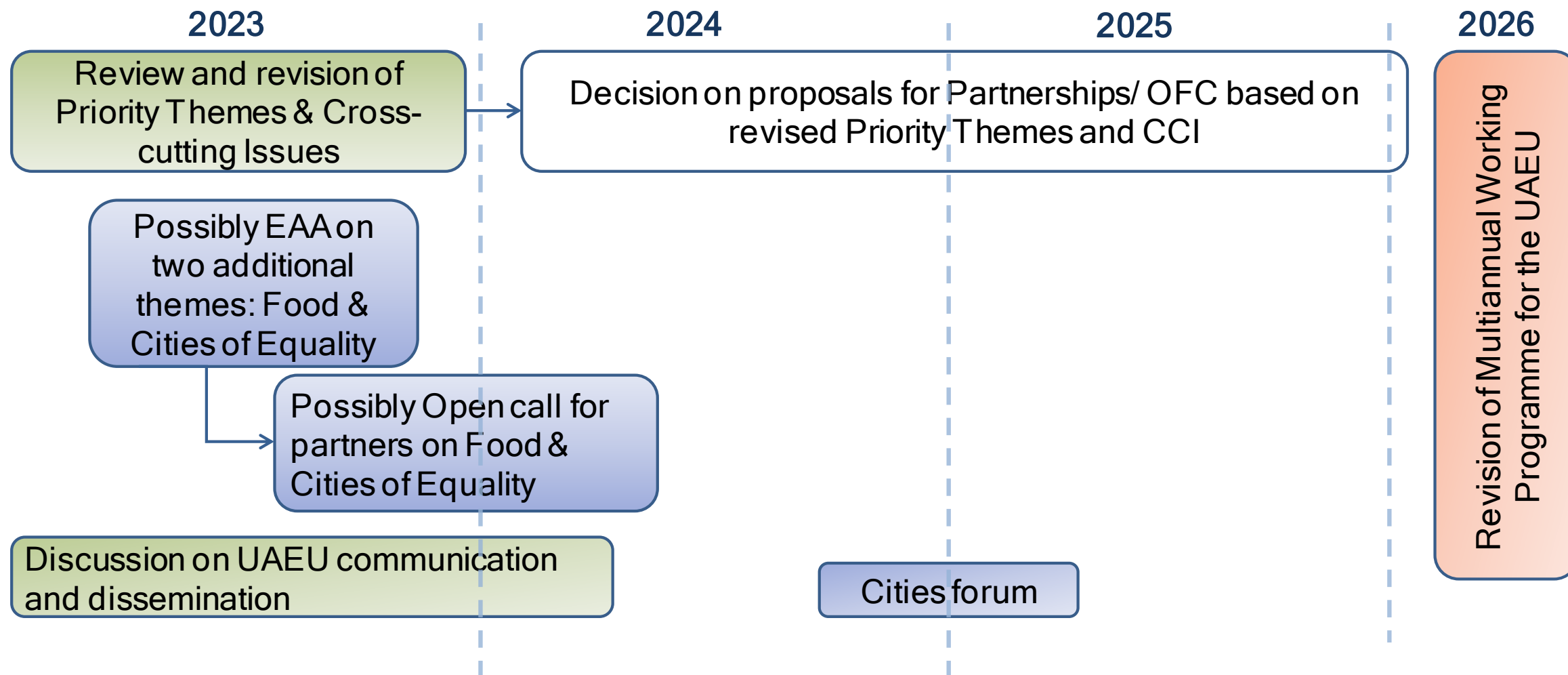
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Roadmap 2022-2026



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