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Conference moderated by **Eddy Adams**

Time	Session	Lang
09:00 – 09.30	**Registration and welcome coffee**	
09:30 – 09:40	**Welcome by** • **Corina Creţu**, *Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission*	*EN, FR, DE, BG*
09:40 – 10:00	**Keynote speech** • **Maroš Šefčovič**, *Vice-President of the European Commission*	*EN, FR, DE, BG*
10:00 – 11:30	**High level panel: next steps towards the EU urban agenda** • **Corina Creţu**, *Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission* • **Markku Markkula**, *President of the Committee of the Regions* • **Kaspars Gerhards**, *Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia* • **Johanna Rolland**, *Mayor of Nantes, France and President of Eurocities* • **Yorgos Kaminis**, *Mayor of Athens, Greece* • **Kerstin Westphal**, *Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur on the EU urban agenda* • **Joost van Iersel**, *President of the Section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion, European Economic and Social Committee*	*EN, FR, DE, BG*
11:30 – 12:00	**Coffee Break & Urban showcases – exhibition**	
12:00 – 13:15	**PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**	*EN*

WORKSHOP 1: Green cities (sustainable urban environment)	WORKSHOP 2: Inclusive cities (socially integrated cities)
Moderator: **Peter Ramsden** Panellists: • **Nicholas Banfield**, *Head of Unit, DG for the Environment, European Commission* • **Humberto Delgado-Rosa**, *Director, DG for Climate Action, European Commission* • **Dejan Crnek**, *Deputy-Mayor of Ljubljana, SLovenia* • **Claire Roumet**, *Executive Director of Energy Cities, France* • **Birgit Georgi**, *Project Manager 'Regional vulnerability and adaptation', European Environmental Agency*	Moderator: **Ivan Tosics** Panellists: • **Nicola De Michelis**, *Director, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission* • **Stefan De Keersmaecker**, *Deputy Head of Unit, DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission* • **Freek Spinnewijn**, *Director, European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)* • **Thomas Fabian**, *Deputy Mayor of Leipzig*

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WORKSHOP 3: Smart cities	WORKSHOP 4: Cities in a regional context (urban-rural linkages)
Moderator: Professor **Michael Parkinson** Panellists:	Moderator: **Darinka Czischke** Panellists:
• **Magda Kopczyńska**, *Director, DG for Mobility and Transport, European Commission* • **Jarmo Eskelinen**, *President, European Network of Living Labs, CEO Forum Virium Helsinki, Finland* • **Anna Lisa Boni**, *Secretary General of Eurocities* • **Bas Verkerk**, *Mayor of Delft and CoR rapporteur on "Towards an integrated urban agenda"*	• **Normunds Popens,** *Deputy Director-General*, *DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission* • **Joaquim Oliveira Martins,** *Head of the Regional Development Policy Division*, *Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)* • **Mihail Dumitru**, *Deputy Director-General, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission* • **Christa Standecker**, *Managing Director, Nuremberg Metropolitan Region, Germany* • **Carel Nobbe**, *Director region Nordeast Brabant, partner in AgriFoodCapital* • **Mart Grisel,** *Director EUKN EGTC*

13:15 – 14:30	**Lunch**

14:30 – 16:00	**High level panel: who should do what for the EU urban agenda?** *EN, FR, RO, BG* • **Walter Deffaa,** *Director-General of DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission* • **Myriam El Khomri,** *Secretary of State in charge of Urban and Social Development, France* • **Jan Olbrycht**, *Member of the European Parliament, President of the URBAN Intergroup* • **Lubomir Hristov,** *Deputy Mayor for Transport and Transport Infrastructure, Sofia, Bulgaria* • **Mark Frequin,** *Director-General for Housing and Building, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, the Netherlands* • **Carola Gunnarsson,** *Councillor of the Municipality of Sala, Vice-President of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions, Member of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)* *EN, FR, DE, BG*
16:00 – 16:20	**Cities as engines of innovation by David Altabev,** *Senior Programme Manager, Nesta*
16:20 – 16:40	**Launch of the Urban Innovative Actions** *EN, FR, DE, BG* • **Walter Deffaa**, *Director General of DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission* • **Rudy Elegeest**, *Vice-President of the Nord- Pas de Calais Region, France*
16:40 – 17:00	**Closing of the conference by Corina Creţu**, *Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission*
17:00 – 18:30	**Cocktail reception and urban showcases**

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