

New Priority Themes for the Urban Agenda for the EU

Online Workshop, 6 October 2021, 13:00-17:00 CEST

With the start of the Slovene Presidency, an open and informal process was launched to explore new priority themes for the Urban Agenda for the EU (UAEU). As part of this process, the EUKN, Eurocities and CEMR, with the cooperation of the CoR, worked on the first prototype of a Linking Matrix: a tool to validate the relevance of new suggested themes, to be consequently decided upon by DGUM.

Results of this process are four explorative proposals for four new UAEU priority themes, namely: **cities of equality, green cities, food, and sustainable tourism**. (Open the four explorative proposals here: <https://bit.ly/3ELnn93>)

These proposals and the linking matrix prototype will be presented at the UDG on 28 September. It is expected that a limited number, preferably two, of the proposed themes will be chosen for testing the process and establishing of new UAEU Thematic Partnerships in 2022. Agreed new themes and steps for the next generation UAEU will be included in the Ljubljana Agreement and Working Programme to be adopted at the Informal Ministerial Meeting for Urban Matters on 26 November 2021.

The Linking Matrix prototype needs to be tested by filling it with concrete content related to the four explorative proposals. This is why urban experts, practitioners, policymakers, UAEU coordinators and members, as well as cities interested in joining the UAEU family, are invited to participate in an online workshop organised by the Slovene Presidency in cooperation with the EUKN, Eurocities, and CEMR. This workshop has **three main objectives**:

- To enable a wider consultation on the four explorative proposals, allowing stakeholders to discuss, enrich, and validate the scope of the four proposals;
- To test the new Linking Matrix Prototype while using it as a framework for discussion (experts are invited to participate in two of the four thematic breakout sessions: please mark your preference in the registration form below);
- To propose a prioritisation of the four proposals for the DGUM.

Preliminary Agenda

13:00-13:05	Opening & Introduction by the Slovene Presidency
13:05-13:15	Presentation of the Linking Matrix Prototype by the EUKN
13:15 -14:30	Breakout Rooms - Part 1 Two parallel breakout rooms to discuss the explorative proposals on Green Cities and Food , co-moderation by EUKN, Eurocities, CEMR
14:30-14:45	Break
14:45-16:15	Breakout Rooms - Part 2 Two parallel breakout rooms to discuss the explorative proposals on Cities of Equality and Sustainable Tourism , co-moderation by EUKN, Eurocities, CEMR
16:15-17:00	Reporting & Closure
Register here	

To allow for a fruitful workshop, spots will be limited and we might not be able to accommodate all interested people. Therefore, we invite you to **register as soon possible and save your spot**. The confirmations of attendance and meeting details will be shared centrally on Friday 1 October.

For any queries, please send an email to PSEU21_prosto.mop@gov.si. We look forward to seeing you on 6 October.

Kind regards,
The Presidency Team