

European Union The World Cities Project (2015-2018): *international cooperation in sustainable urban development policy*

Dr Ronald HALL

Chief Advisor, international cooperation Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy European Commission

EWRC, Brussels, 11 October 2017

Cohesion policy



The EU's World Cities project: Objectives

- To establish city pairings, EU with non-EU, for cities interested in promoting more sustainable urban development (approximately 16 + 16 = 32) in accordance with the EU Urban Agenda and the New Urban Agenda of the United Nations
- To facilitate the exchange of information and good practices on urban development policy and practice
- To identify pilot and concrete actions, for implementation in the short-term, in areas including urban innovation (smart-city) and green technologies (energy efficiency, low carbon development). Intervention areas will be decided by the involved cities/regions, with the support of the specialists in the technical assistance team, EU Delegations in non-EU countries, national authorities of the non-EU countries, REGIO.



World Cities: Objectives

- To promote multi-stakeholder approaches, notably, the so-called 'triple-helix cooperation' between governments, research and business
- To strengthen market opportunities and job creation while pursuing the sustainable economic development of the cities involved, thus fostering win-win cooperation.



The 12-point Urban Agenda of the EU (UAEU 2016)



SOLUTIONS



World Cities – Two Phases

European Parliament decision (2014-15): "World cities: EU third countries cooperation on urban development".

2015-2016

- ✓ EU China
- ✓ EU India
- ✓ EU Canada
- ✓ EU Japan

European Parliament (2016) to continue "World cities" but with new non-EU countries

2017 - 2018

- ✓ EU South Africa
- ✓ EU Indonesia
- ✓ EU Vietnam
- ✓ EU Australia
- ✓ EU South Korea





The World Cities Community – EU Cities







2015-2016

2017-2018

The World Cities Community – Non-EU Cities

Greenland Iceland weden Russia Canada United Kingdom Belarus Ireland Poland Ukrain Kazakhstan Mongolia Romania bekista Greece Turkey Turkmenistan Portugal Afghanistan Algeria Libya Egypt Western Sahara Saudi Arabia arto Pie Mauritania Mali Niger Sudan Yemer Chad Philippines Vietnam Nigeria South Sudan Ethiopia Venezuela Malaysia Somalia Kenva Indonesia DR Congo Papua New [anzania Brazi Реп Angola Zambia Mozambique Boliv Namihia Zimbabw Madagascar Botswan South Afr Argentina Zealand Google



World Cities II implementation: main phases

- Selection of EU and non-EU cities for implementing pairing schemes during 2017–2018 [√]
- First meeting: plenary session [√] followed by one-week working meetings in the non-EU country (five delegates from each participating EU city). Objective: obtain agreement in principle to cooperate on a limited number of urban development themes of shared interest. The working meetings will break out to include field and projects visits in the paired city.



World Cities II implementation: main phases

- Period of bilateral cooperation among the cities on the agreed themes followed by second working meetings in the European Union. The project covers four delegates from each non-EU city. The working meetings will be followed by field visits in which non-EU cities visit their European counterparts. Timing: October/November 2017.
- Project finale: Closing meetings to be held in the non-EU cities.
 Objective: stocktaking plus plans for further cooperation outside the World Cities project (possibilities include MoUs, Letters of Intent, joint pilot projects, exchange of personnel, etc). Timing: First-quarter 2018.

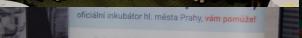


26-05-2017 15:11:3

M

SU. ABERE' & SMART

World Cities: views from the photo gallery



- Praktická školení a pomoc od zkušených expertů
- Pomoc s přípravou byznys plánu
- Setkání s úspěšnými podnikateli
 Propojování na spolupracu
- i zahraničí Zajišťování mezinárodn
- do celého světa Vystavování na prestíž
- TechCrunch Disru

원시 기후변화체험교육관 on Climate Change Education Center

- Ve



World Cities II (2017-2018)

- Cooperation with Australia, South Africa, South Korea, Indonesia and Vietnam since March/June 2017
- 16 City Pairs EU Cities cooperating with:
 - Indonesia: Sevilla, Zagreb
 - Vietnam: Kosice, Milan
 - South Africa: Belfast, Bilbao, Málaga, Graz
 - Australia: Katowice, Manchester, Hamburg, Prague
 - South Korea: Eindhoven, Tampere, Schottland Cities, Barcelona
- Six non-EU delegations in this session: 3 from South Africa (Ekurhuleni, Nelson Mandela Bay, Cape Town) and 3 from Australia (Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart)



World Cities II: Commission EU independent expert team

- **Stefanie Klein**, Project Director for EU cooperation with Vietnam, Indonesia and South Africa (GIZ International Services)
- **Raul Daussa**, Project Director for EU cooperation with Australia and South Korea (Ramboll)
- Pablo Gándara, Project Coordinator
- Juliana Izquierdo, Project Manager for GIZ
- Roxana Jensen, Project Manager for Ramboll
- Andreas Sieren, Senior Expert South Africa / South East Asia
- David Zeller, Communication Manager
- Ambassador Juan Prat y Coll, Senior Advisor
- **Prof Lars Coenen**, University of Melbourne (representing Bruce Wilson)
- Iñigo Bilbao, Urban Development Manager
- Felix Kalkowsky, Coordinator in South Korea (CityNet)
- **Prof Bruce Wilson**, Coordinator in Australia (RMIT Melbourne)
- **Prof. Ivan Turok**, Coordinator in South Africa (HSRC Cape Town)



Coming soon to city near you: the International



INTERNATIONAL URBAN COOPERATION

Across the world, the rate of urbanisation is increasing at a rapid pace. As the areas in which the majority of people live and work, cities are increasingly acknowledged as

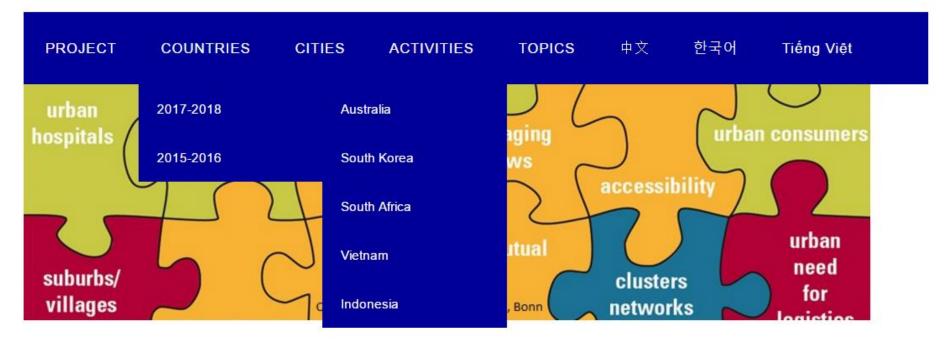






For more detailed information,

Please visit the project's website: www.world-cities.eu



Australia

Australia has a **federal system of government** comprising six states and two special territories. It is one of the **most urbanized countries** in the world and average incomes are high[1]. Three-quarters of Australians live in 18 major cities with populations over 100,000 (ABS, 2011). In **2014 89% of the population lived in an urban setting**, in settlements with more than a 1000 people^[1]. The majority of

Impressions





Thank you for your attention

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/cooperation/international



www.ec.europa.eu/inforegio



www.facebook.com/EuropeanCommission



www.twitter.com/@EU_Regional



DG REGIO collaborative platform www.yammer.com/regionetwork



www.flickr.com/euregional



plus.google.com/+EuropeanCommission

www.linkedin.com/company/1809



Sign up for our 'REGIOFLASH' www.inforegiodoc.eu

Cohesio