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

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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)
World Cities – Two Phases


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

2017-2018

2015-2016
The World Cities Community – Non-EU Cities

2015-2016

2017-2018
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.
World Cities: views from the photo gallery
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 (Ekurhaleni, Nelson Mandela Bay, Cape Town) and 3 from Australia (Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart)
World Cities II: 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)
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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
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
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