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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)



INCLUSION OF
MIGRANTS & REFUGEES



AIR QUALITY



HOUSING



URBAN POVERTY



CIRCULAR
ECONOMY



CLIMATE
ADAPTATION



ENERGY TRANSITION



URBAN
MOBILITY



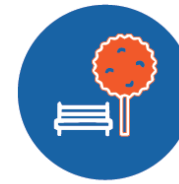
DIGITAL TRANSITION



PUBLIC
PROCUREMENT



JOBS & SKILLS
IN LOCAL ECONOMY



SUTAINABLE USE
OF LAND AND
NATURE-BASED
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

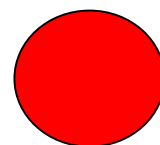
2017 – 2018

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

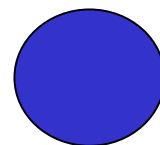


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The World Cities Community – EU Cities



2017-2018



2015-2016





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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.



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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: 2 from South Africa (**Cape Town, eThekwin**), 2 from Indonesia (Semarang, Makasssar) and 2 from Vietnam (**Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City**)

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
- **Giulia Torresi**, Senior Expert EU Cities
- **Iñigo Bilbao**, Urban Development Manager
- **David Zeller**, Communication Manager
- **Roxana Jensen**, Project Manager for Ramboll
- Ambassador **Juan Prat y Coll**, Senior Advisor
- **Prof Lars Coenen**, University of Melbourne (representing Bruce Wilson)
- **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





World Cities

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For more detailed information,
Please visit the project's website: www.world-cities.eu

PROJECT	CITIES	ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	TOPICS	한국어	BAHASA	TIẾNG VIỆT	中文
	2017-2018		EU – INDONESIA					
	2015-2016		EU – KOREA					
			EU – VIETNAM					
			EU – SOUTH AFRICA					
			EU – AUSTRALIA					

PROJECT

World Cities is a project of the **European Union** managed by the **General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)** of the **Commission**. The project originates in a Preparatory Action of the **Parliament** to promote the exchange of experience and best practice between the **European Union** and non-EU countries on the theme of territorial development, with particular reference to urban development, urban-rural partnership and cross-border cooperation.

The project facilitates the exchange of information and good practice on urban development policy issues. Cooperation is based on the

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ETHEKWINI

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