



# ***European Union***

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

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## Kick-Off Meeting in Melbourne, May 2017 – keynote by (then) EU Ambassador Sem Fabrizi



## 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 diverse areas including urban innovation (smart-city), green technologies (energy, low carbon) and circular economy (waste and water management).
- 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



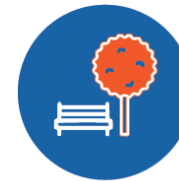
DIGITAL TRANSITION



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

## World Cities II – Non-EU cities

- ✓ Cooperation of EU cities with cities from Australia, South Africa, South Korea, Indonesia and Vietnam since March/June 2017
- ✓ Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart are part of a selected group of non-EU cities, working in 16 city pairs including
  - ✓ South Africa: Cape Town, Durban, Port Elisabeth, Ekurhuleni
  - ✓ South Korea: Seoul, Busan, Gwangju, Suwon
  - ✓ Indonesia: Semarang, Makassar
  - ✓ Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), Hanoi

## World Cities II – EU cities

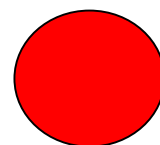
- ✓ The 16 EU cities involved in the cooperation 2017-2018 are:

City	EU Country	City	EU Country
Hamburg	Germany	Tampere	Finland
Katowice	Poland	Barcelona	Spain
Prague	Czech Republic	Scottish Cities	UK
Manchester	UK	Eindhoven	NL
Sevilla	Spain	Málaga	Spain
Milan	Italy	Graz	Austria
Kosice	Slovak Republic	Belfast	UK
Zagreb	Croatia	Bilbao	Spain

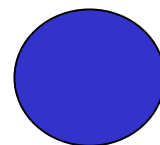


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## The World Cities Community – EU Cities



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 with Australia (1)

- Selection of EU and Australian cities for implementing pairing schemes during 2017–2018 [✓]
  - Open competition in the EU and Australia
- 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 broke out to include field and projects visits in the paired city.
- Time period: May 2017 (just 10 months ago!)

## First meeting in Australia (May 2017) - Impressions



# World Cities II implementation: main phases (2)

- Period of bilateral cooperation among the cities on the agreed themes
  - Coordination calls between both sides
  - Support through the pairing managers
  - Adjusting topics based on the feasibility of the proposals
- Second working meetings in the European Union happened in **August – October 2017**
  - The project covered four – five delegates from each Australian city to visit their city pairs and to participate at the European Week of Cities and Regions in Brussels.
  - High visibility for Australian cities in the EU scene (largest relevant event in Europe).

## Second meeting in Europe (August to October 2017) - Impressions



## Mid Term Review in Brussels – EUWCR Oct 2017



# World Cities II implementation: main phases (3)

- Project finale: Closing meetings being held in Australia.
  - 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).
  - Time: 19 – 23 March 2018
    - Manchester visited Adelaide already early March (due to time constraints for this week)
- Results:
  - Roadmaps for collaboration (partly LoIs under preparation)
  - Involvement of partners from public authorities, universities, business community and the civil society (*quadruple-helix*)
  - Vast portfolio of pilot projects (see cities pairings presentations)

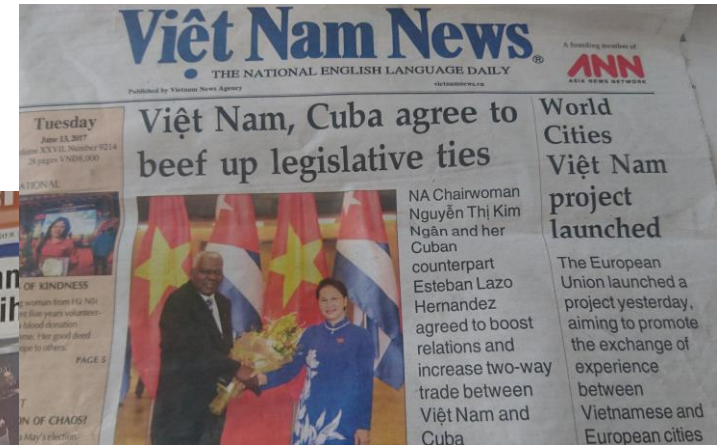


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## World Cities: views from the photo gallery



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# World Cities

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2017 – 2018

2015 – 2016

CETREGIO (2011 – 2014)

MEETING IN INDONESIA  
01/2018

WORK MEETING IN EU (2)  
11/2017

WORK MEETING IN THE EU (1) –  
11/2017

WORK MEETING IN THE EU –  
10/2017

WORK MEETING IN THE EU –  
08/2017

WORK MEETING IN VIETNAM

WORK MEETING IN INDONESIA

WORK MEETING IN AUSTRALIA

WORK MEETING IN SOUTH  
AFRICA



ADELAIDE IN MANCHESTER

EKURHULENI IN GRAZ

HOBART IN KATOWICE

NELSON MANDELA BAY IN  
MALAGA

MELBOURNE IN HAMBURG

## Work Meeting in Australia

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TO SHARE BEST PRACTICES

**Melbourne, 08.05.2017:** Four Austr  
Melbourne – are being paired with f  
Kathleen (Doland), Manchester, UK

ra, Hobart and  
urg (Germany),  
of the World

sions



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