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 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)
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 – 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:

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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 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
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 constrains 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)
World Cities: views from the photo gallery
Press coverage – selected articles
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World Cities Interactive Community – The interactive thematic clusters as a way forward

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...possible next steps: the International Urban Cooperation programme

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