

# Eurocities seminar for the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye

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# Agenda



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# Mission & Vision

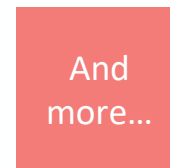
Eurocities is the leading network of major European cities, working together and with other stakeholders to make cities places where everyone can enjoy a good quality of life and a sustainable future.

We strive for a Europe where cities are at the heart of European, national and regional decision-making to create a sustainable and inclusive future for all.

# Goals

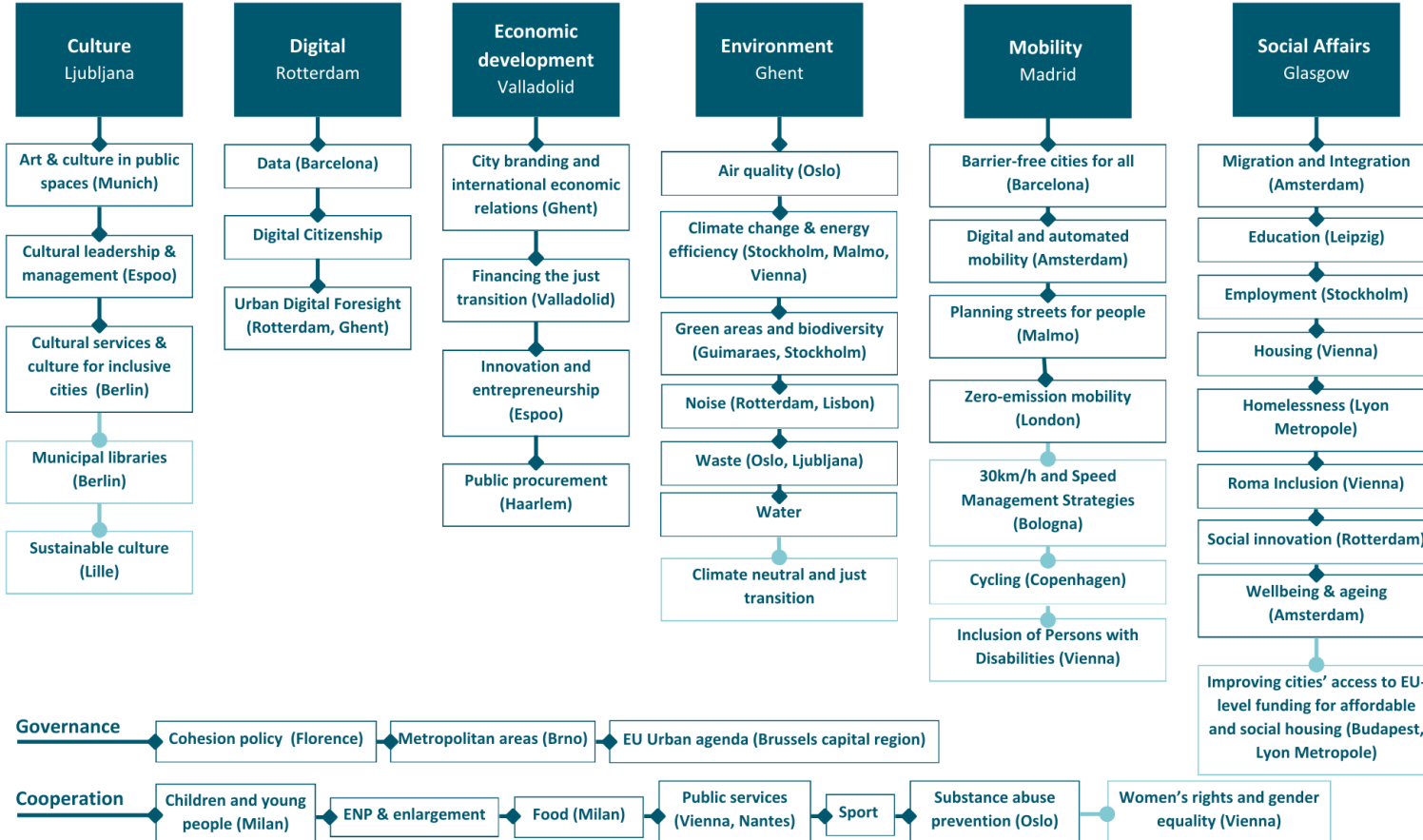


# How we work?



# Eurocities Forums, Working Groups and Task Forces

Legend: Forum — Working Group — Task Force/Informal Group







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How to get involved?



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# Executive Committee



Burkhard Jung  
Mayor of Leipzig  
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Mayor of Nantes



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Mayor of Oslo



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Mayor of Sofia

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DEPUTY MAYOR OF  
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ROTTERDAM  
DIGITAL



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Carabante Muntada**  
DEPUTY MAYOR OF MADRID  
MOBILITY

# Who we are: Eurocities team





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## Areas of work

- Forum and working groups
- Cross-cutting groups
- Policy and advocacy
- Projects
- Project development

# Environment

leads urban sustainability by focusing on



Environmental health



Circular economy



Energy transition



Climate resilience (mitigation and adaptation)

It also strives for a pollution-free environment to enhance citizens' health and well-being.



Ghent

Chair



Bologna

Vice Chair

# Environment

Working groups



Air quality

Oslo



Climate change and energy efficiency

Stockholm, Malmo,  
Vienna



Waste

Oslo, Ljubljana



Green areas and biodiversity

Guimaraes, Stockholm



Noise

Rotterdam, Lisbon



Water



# Policy & Advocacy

- European Green Deal
  - Fit for 55 package
  - Climate Law
  - Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Performance of Buildings Directives
  - Energy Governance Regulation
  - Waste Water Directive
  - Construction Products Regulation
  - Waste Framework Directive
  - Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive
  - Nature Restoration Law
  - Air Quality Directive
  - 2040 Climate targets
- 100 Climate Neutral & Smart Cities Mission

# Policy & Advocacy

- Develop policy positions with members, usually via Working Groups
- Develop and advocate for amendments
- Form alliances and work with other organisations
- Input into Eurocities election manifestos

# Projects





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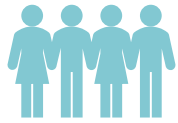
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# Types of membership

Full/Associate member

Partner city

Cities



Preferably  
>250,000



Democratically  
elected city  
government and  
urban structure

Metropolitan areas



>400,000



Legally established  
political structure

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>50,000



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# Why join



A **strong**  
network

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A voice in

**Europe**  
**e**

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International

**expertise**

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**funding**

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and finance

Year-round



**support**

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# Insights

e.g. SWAP Programme



Anticipating, monitoring and reporting back to cities the forthcoming and latest EU developments, funding opportunities and trends that affect them.



# Training

e.g. Women city leaders' Mentorship Programme



Capacity building to tackle current and future urban challenges,  
e.g.

- mutual learning
- EU advocacy training
- Eurocities Winter School

# Funding opportunities

e.g. Partners search tool



- Maximise EU funding opportunities for cities
- Training, info webinars and brokerage events
- Funding briefs and partner search on dedicated members' area

# Advocacy

e.g. Nature Restoration Law



Representing the voice of cities at the EU and the national level, to ensure the urban reality is considered in policy, legislation and funding, bringing about change on the ground.

Influence policy work on strategic themes, e.g.

- Green deal
- AMIF
- NRRPs

And more

# Networking

e.g. Cooperation Platform



Bringing together over 6,000 city experts via Eurocities collaboration space.

Facilitating the exchange of knowledge, experience, mutual learning, and policy transfers between cities to inspire and scale up effective urban solutions.

# Visibility

e.g. Generators of Hope campaign



- [International campaigns](#)
- International and EU-level events at political and technical level
- Cities' stories published on Eurocities website and social media

# Become a member

1

introduction



2

Membership application



3

Application review



4

onboarding



Membership applications should include approval of the 'Values that unite us' signed by the Mayor



# Eurocities key events in 2025





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# Where To find us

Reach out!



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**Thank you!**