What is Urban Agenda for the EU?

- Joint effort to strengthen the urban dimension in EU policy making
- 70 per cent of EU population live in Urban areas
- Make European regulation and resources more adapted to the cities
Three dimensions

- Improve regulations
- Create more workable financial instruments
- Create European platforms for urban inspiration and knowledge sharing
Partners Circular Economy

Commission representatives of the relevant DGs
- EC - DG REGIO
- EC - DG ENV
- EC - DG CLIMA
- EC - DG GROWTH
- EC – DG RTD

Urban Authorities European associations
- EUROCITIES
- CEMR (Confederation of European Municipalities and Regions)
- Managing Authorities of ESIF (European Structural & Investment Funds)
- EIB (European Investment Bank)
- ACR+ (Association of Cities and Regions)
- URBACT (European exchange and learning programme promoting sustainable urban development)
- Experts (e.g., Universities etc.)
Timeframe

2017
- Stocktaking
- Develop scoping fiches based on the topics chosen
- Identifying bottlenecks and possible actions

2018
- Draft Action Plan
- Public consultation and feedback
- Final Action Plan

2019
- Implementation of the Action Plan
- Evaluation of the Partnership
Set of six criteria

To choose among several potential actions, a set of six criteria function as guidelines:

1. Cities’ needs
2. Fit the concept of the Circular Economy
3. Potential for improvement
4. Reality check
5. Expertise
6. Added value
Scope: Four themes to investigate

- Circular business enablers and drivers
- Circular consumption
- Urban resource management
- Governance
Phase 1: Startup
January – February 2017

1st Partnership Meeting
- Discuss scope and deliverables
- Decide on main themes
- Discuss resources and responsibilities

Deliver Orientation Paper

Outputs
- Orientation paper

Phase 2: Stocktaking
March – September 2017

2nd Partnership Meeting
- Discuss scope and barriers under the themes “Governance” and “Circular Business enablers and drivers”

3rd Partnership Meeting
- Discuss scope and barriers under the theme “Circular Consumption”

4th Partnership Meeting
- Discuss scope and barriers under the theme “Urban Resource Management”

Outputs
- 11 Scoping fiches

Phase 3: Preparatory actions
October – November 2017

5th Partnership Meeting
- Status on progression of Partnership
- Presentation of Preparatory Actions
- Initiating first draft Action Plan

6th Partnership Meeting
- Status on the first group of Preparatory Actions
- Presentation of second group of Preparatory Actions
- Further work on draft Action Plan

Outputs
- First draft Action Plan
- Set of preparatory Actions

Phase 4: Define deliverables
December – January 2018

Development of Preparatory Actions in separate working groups

7th Partnership Meeting –
- Agreement of final actions in the draft Action Plan

Revision of draft Action plan and agreement on final document for Public Consultation

Outputs
- Draft Action Plan

Process
A city where residents and entrepreneurs do not think in terms of waste, but in terms of resources.

European legislation entices local authorities, companies and investors to make the most of all types of waste.

The knowledge and experience from other cities is shared with others through an interactive Circular City Portal.

There are also accessible tools that guide the city through the different funding possibilities.
Draft Action plan, part I

Better Regulation

Better Funding

Better Knowledge

- Waste legislation
- Water legislation
- Circular City Funding Guide
- Mainstreaming Circular Economy as an eligible area in post 2020 Cohesion Policy and corresponding Fund
- Circular City Portal
- Urban Resource Centres
- Roadmap for Urban Resource Management
- Knowledge pack Collaborative Economy
Better Regulation

- Waste legislation
- Water legislation
Action:
Help make *waste legislation* support the circular economy in cities

- In-depth assessment of the ways that current waste legislation is applied in practice
- Assess the need for setting up a regulatory framework that better fits the requirements of using secondary resources

Example:
- Introduction of so-called ‘beginning of waste’ criteria
Action:
Help make *water legislation* support the circular economy in cities

- Improvement of current water sector legislation to encourage and facilitate for water re-use
- Call for a shift in European policy to better fit with the circular economy with regards to better water management and re-use of water
- Develop a position paper and provide input to ongoing legal processes within water sector legislation
Better Funding

Circular City Funding Guide

Mainstreaming Circular Economy as an eligible area in post 2020 Cohesion Policy and corresponding Fund
Action:
Prepare a *Circular City Funding Guide* to assist cities in accessing funding for circular economy projects

- Preparation of a guide to funding and financing sources for circular initiatives and projects in cities
- Assessment of existing needs and identify existing guides and resources on funding (for fund-seekers)
- Include guidance for public and private investments in circular city projects (for funders)
- Should have a practical and implementation orientated focus, using case studies and best practices for funding/financing solutions
Action:
Mainstreaming circular economy as an eligible area into post 2020 Cohesion Policy and corresponding Funds

- Ensure that the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) post 2020 support the shift towards a circular economy at urban level
- Provide a detailed set of legislative options and alternative recommendations to the Commission planning the European Cohesion Policy post 2020 which promote circular economy in cities
Better Knowledge

- Circular City Portal
- Urban Resource Centres
- Roadmap for Urban Resource Management
- Knowledge pack Collaborative Economy
Action:
Prepare a blueprint for a *Circular City Portal*

- Prepare a central point of access to information dedicated to the promotion of circular economy in cities
- Online platform providing a point of entry for additional information on the subject
- Facilitate for the sharing and development of information, tools, guidance and know-how between cities
- ‘Do-it-yourself’-guidance
Action:
Promote *Urban Resource Centres* for waste prevention, re-use and recycling

- Facilitate for physical centres promoting and exercising waste prevention, re-use and recycling in urban areas
- Build on existing experience to put a focus on waste prevention in cities through exchange of knowledge in a network and also through peer-to-peer exchange
- Map existing barriers, funding and legislative obstacles to the establishment of these centres
Action:
Develop a ‘Circular Resource Management’ Roadmap for cities

• Establish a practical roadmap which enables cities to develop urban resource management plans

Main elements of the roadmap:
• Mapping resources and resource flows in cities
• Establish brokerage facilities to bridge the gap between supply and demand of resources
• How to monitor results
Action:
Develop a *Collaborative Economy Knowledge Pack* for cities

- Initiate a field research on the different typologies of Collaborative Economy and circular initiatives
- Assessment of the typology of collaborative circular initiatives in five EU cities
- Co-create collaborative conference and disseminate findings
- Communication and implementation of findings
Want to provide input?

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Thank you for your attention!

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