Pilot peer review workshop

Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategies

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'We hope this will create a community of practice between cities, experts, and Commission!'  
Judit Törökne Rózsa,  
Head of Unit DG REGIO

'We are very interested in these kinds of experiences where we can share our problems and find solutions'  
Juan Espadas Cejas,  
Mayor of Sevilla

'We believe in the learning by doing principle...It is a mutual learning exercise. Not just learning from each other, but learning together'  
Ruslan Rakhmatullin, JRC

'A strategy needs to be highly problem-related, to have a clear focus, to be creative about the funding, be participative through all the phases, and be cyclical'  
Peter Ramsden, urban expert

'The regions have learned an enormous amount from each other! The exercise may seem challenging, but the rewards are rich!'  
John Bensted-Smith,  
Director DG JRC
'One of our next goals is to link the RIS3 strategy with the urban functional area. And get all citizens on board!'  
Hans Verdonk, Rotterdam

'It is really interesting to get confirmation that other cities are facing the same challenges...Networking is absolutely fundamental and thank you very much for this, because you give us the chance to get in touch with other contexts and build a concrete dialogue, not only here, but also in the future.... We can go back home being sure we are following the right path'  
Chiara Testoni, Reggio Emilia
SHARING AND LEARNING WORKSHOPS AND PLENARIES

'For us, it has been a very important experience to have suggestions from other cities...It has been a very good exercise of reflection!'
Modesta Hoyuela Díaz, Sevilla

'You have to understand the role of the area in the city. You cannot and should not change it fundamentally'
Ivan Tosics, urban expert

'Let us build something that collectively we can shape and use. That knowledge will be available for all your peers, even those that are not here today'
Alessandro Rainoldi, Head of Unit DG JRC