EU Urban Agenda
What is it and why is it needed?

- **Objective:** Include urban dimension in policies
  - Involve cities in the design
  - Mobilise cities in the delivery

- **Output:** Action Plans for selected themes
  - Actions (better legislation, better funding, better knowledge)
  - Good projects to be scaled-up and transferred across the EU

- **Governance:** Work in partnership
  - EU (COM + EP + CoR + EESC)
  - Member States
  - Cities (e.g. Eurocities and CEMR)
  - Stakeholders (experts, NGOs, business, etc.)
What is the political context?

• **Support by Member States**
  – Riga Declaration (2015)
  – Pact of Amsterdam (foreseen May 2016) – *under consultation*
  – GAC conclusions endorsing Pact of Amsterdam (June 2016)

• **Support by the EP**
  – Regular meetings REGIO/ Urban Intergroup + MEPs

• **Support by the CoR**
  – Opinion (2015, Bas) + Opinion (2016, Dunger-Löper)

• **Support of EESC**
  – Opinion (2016, Haken)
What has been done so far? (1/2)

- **Increased interest in the Commission**
  - Project Group (Šefčovič and Katainen)
  - Regular inter-cabinets meetings
  - EU Urban Agenda is in briefings of many Commissioners
  - Strong links with the 'Juncker Priorities'
  - Strong links with the Sustainable Development Goals (UN)

- **Identification of 12 priority themes**

- **Agreement on governance (Partnerships)**
What has been done so far? (2/2)

• **Start of 4 pilot Partnerships**
  – Poverty, Migrants and refugees, Housing, Air quality
  – First results in May

• **Territorial Impact Assessment**
  – Methodology tested

• **Development of an Urban Data Platform**
  – Indicators, benchmarking
  – October 2016
Working with Civil Society in delivering the EU Urban Agenda

1. Transparency

2. Partnerships

3. Wider group of stakeholders
Three other ambitious initiatives

• **Mapping of EU urban initiatives**
  - Have a more coherent approach:
    = Reinforce complementarities, avoid bottlenecks, build on synergies
  - End 2016

• **One-stop-shop**
  - Single entry point for cities and stakeholders
  - Complete reliable and customised information

• **Urban Innovative Actions**
  - Urban Lab of Europe
  - Managed by COM and NPDC-Picardie
  - 1st call launched (80 Mio)
  - Projects start end 2016
ESIF for cities (2014-2020)

• **ERDF:** > half spent in cities (> € 100 B)
  → Article 7: € 15 B managed directly by cities

• **ESF:** € 1,2 B to sustainable urban development

• **URBACT:** € 96 Mio

• **Urban Innovative Actions:** € 370 Mio

• **INTERREG Europe:** € 425 Mio (a lot for cities)

• **ESPON:** € 49 Mio (part for urban studies)