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CITYLAB ON METROPOLITAN GOVERNANCE

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***Managing metropolitan areas/city-regions
across boundaries and frontiers***

Context

Nation-states, regions, counties and cities, are more and more dependent on decisions out of their direct control. International flows of goods, capital, knowledge, people, geared by private and public networks, transform and destabilize the territorial dynamics at local and national levels. The only certainty left in the global era is the key role played by expanding cities also known as metropolitan areas which have become indispensable nodes of the world economy.

However, urban poles have a competitiveness and resilience that does not solely depend on their capacity to **connect to the international grid of cities** sharing command functions. They must also address more **local issues** such as urban sprawl, mobility, social polarization and spatial segregation, energy efficiency and cosmopolitanism. The failure to manage these growing urban regions can be a source of economic collapse, social conflicts and environmental problems. The problem is not only to find a balance between the economic growth, the human factor and the concern for the planet at a local scale but also to contemplate a territorial inclusiveness agenda in the fragmented urban sphere.

Citylab main questions

- How do cities deal with the complexity of managing both the morphological and functional city regions which are cleaved by national, regional and administrative boundaries?
- What types of innovative arrangements do they develop in order to overcome the resulting political, financial and/or administrative divisions?
- How does the citizen remain engaged and the system maintain legitimacy in increasingly complex governance arrangements?
- Which models of governance are best suited to tackling the great urban challenges of the 21st Century (climate change and resource depletion, demographic change and migration, globalisation, competitiveness and social cohesion) ?

Six URBACT projects are working on the question of managing across boundaries.

- **Joining forces** takes a thematic approach to examine how models of governance can work in a range of sectoral contexts. [JOINING FORCES](#)
- **EGTC** looks at the specific challenge of managing city regions that cross national boundaries [EGTC](#)
- **Lumasec** focuses on managing urban sprawl and encouraging the use of brownfield sites to create more compact cities [LUMASEC](#)
- **NODUS** examines the need to manage urban regeneration at city region level to avoid externalities and spillover effects. [NODUS](#)
- **Cityregions net** focuses on managing smaller city regions and specifically examines models of governance and finance [CITY-REGIONS NET](#)
- **NeT-TOPIC** is addressed to medium sized (intermediate) cities located close to a major city within a metropolitan area. [NET-TOPIC](#)
- In addition **ESPON** has been working extensively on issues around polycentric development particularly through the project [Metroborder](#)

Key words

multi-level Governance, fragmentation, integration, sustainability, legitimacy

About the Citylab Format :

The proposed citylab is based on the following principles :

1. The citylab is designed as an opportunity for different URBACT (and others) networks and working groups **to exchange findings and first conclusions** at an intermediary phase; it is not the place for delivering final conclusions and /or political statements. It is conceived as a working event, a step in the current process of elaborating common conclusions.
2. **Four parallel workshops** will deal with four major groups of issues (land use, economic development, environment and citizenship). The four workshops will consist of 2 sessions: one in the morning and one in the afternoon
 - **The morning session** will be devoted to a general discussion about the main issues at stake and three innovative initiatives which have been developed to deal with them. Presentations will consist of a review of problems faced and potential solutions.
 - **The afternoon session** will be geared to the development of common conclusions. It will start with contributions from the URBACT II projects of their emerging findings based on the work in their projects
 - The audience will be the same in the two sessions in order to make them real workshops, where conclusions are drawn collectively.
3. **A final plenary** will bring together the outcomes of the four workshops in relation to the global challenges facing society to be discussed with European and city level decision-makers.

Citylab agenda

Time	Session	Speakers
9.0 – 9.30	Registration	URBACT secretariat
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marie-Caroline Bonnet-Galzy, Directrice Générale des services (Chief Executive Officer) of Lille Métropole
9.30 -10.30	Opening plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jean Loup Drubigny, Head of the URBACT programme Christian Vandermotten, Université Libre de Bruxelles - Functional and morphological regions in Europe the state of play and the looming challenge Peter Ramsden, URBACT Thematic Pole Manager – Introduction to the seminar
10.30-11.00	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>	
11.00-13.00	4 parallel workshops	
11.00-13.00	<u>Workshop 1a</u> Land use, housing and urban planning across boundaries	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Didier Vancutsem, Lead expert LUMASEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pawel Decewicz, City of Bytom (PL) – Local Support Group LUMASEC Raffaella Florio, Co-ordinator of Rete delle Città Strategiche and Firenze Futura, Joining Forces partner Jef Van Staeyen, Lille Metropole (FR) Frédéric Duvinage, Basel district (FR-CH-DE), Director of the Eurodistrict, EGTC partner <p><i>Rapporteur: Dirk Engelke, Lead partner LUMASEC</i> <i>Note taker: Melody Houk, URBACT Secretariat</i></p>
11.00-13.00	<u>Workshop 2a</u> Economic development and labour markets across boundaries	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Paul Soto, URBACT Pole Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ab Oosting/ Harm Mertens, City of Eindhoven / Samenwerkingsverband Regio Eindhoven (NL) - Brainport project, Joining Forces partner Istvan Ferencsik, Ister-Granum/ Esztergom (SK-HU) - Solidarity fund, EGTC partner Joan-Miquel Piqué, LocalRet, Barcelona (SP) <p><i>Rapporteur Thierry Baert, Lead partner Joining Forces</i> <i>Note taker: Tamas Horvath, Lead expert Joining Forces</i></p>
11.00-13.00	<u>Workshop 3a</u> Light footprint urban environments across boundaries	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Philip Stein, URBACT Pole Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gildas Le Saux, Lille Metropole (FR), Biogas Max project Ola Nord, Director of the Brussels office of the City of Malmö (SE) <p><i>Rapporteur: Sylvie Harburger, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (FR)</i> <i>Note taker: Shandi Miller, URBACT Secretariat</i></p>
11.00-13.00	<u>Workshop 4a</u> Identity and	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Christian Lamour, Lead expert EGTC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thierry Lesueur, City of Lille (FR), Lille 2004 and beyond

	citizen participation across boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sören Bollmann, Slubice (PL) and Frankfurt Oder (DE), EGTC partner <p><i>Rapporteur: Sonia Dominguez, Lead partner Net-Topic</i> <i>Notetaker: Fernando Barreiro, Lead expert Net-Topic</i></p>
13.00- 14.00	Networking lunch	
14.00-15.30	4 Parallel Workshops	
14.00-15.30	Workshop 1b Land use, housing and planning across boundaries	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Didier Vancutsem, Lead expert LUMASEC</p> <p>Follow-up from morning session – Statements from URBACT projects, discussion and conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rene Van Der Lecq (Espon coordination unit) Natasa Pichler, University of Ljubljana (SI), LUMASEC partner <p><i>Rapporteur: Dirk Engelke, Lead partner LUMASEC</i> <i>Notetaker: Melody Houk, URBACT Secretariat</i></p>
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15.30-16.00	Coffee	
16.00-17.30	Final plenary	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Peter Ramsden, URBACT Pole manager</p> <p>1. Reports from workshop, by workshop rapporteurs</p>

		<p>2. Round table discussion on governing the future city across borders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan Olbrycht, Member of the European Parliament• René Vandierendonk, Mayor of Roubaix, Vice-President of Lille Metropole• Jean Peyrony, European Commission – DG Regio <p>3. Closure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• René Vandierendonk, Mayor of Roubaix, Vice-President of Lille Metropole
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