



## 20th Eurocities Cooperation Platform

Purpose of the document:

- ☒ Information  
☐ Comment  
☐ Decision  
☐ Final approval

Expected outcomes:

1. ExCom members to take note of the draft programme



### Eurocities Cooperation Platform 2025: Building Bridges



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### Programme overview

Date- Time	Description	Venue
<b>Wednesday, 26 November</b>	15.00-17.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project training &amp; information session</li> <li>- Eurocities advocacy session</li> </ul> 17.00-17.45 Newcomer session	Vilnius City Municipality, Konstitucijos pr. 3, Vilnius

	<p>19.00 Informal reception</p> <p>The MO Museum is a must-see for modern art enthusiasts, showcasing outstanding works by modern and contemporary Lithuanian artists. Designed by world-renowned architect Daniel Libeskind, the museum itself is a striking piece of architecture that has already earned multiple international awards.</p> <p>This unique setting will provide an inspiring backdrop for the evening – an opportunity to connect with fellow participants, discover Lithuanian art, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of Vilnius.</p>	<p><a href="#">Mo Museum</a>, Pylimo g. 17, Vilnius</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 27 November</b></p>	<p>8.00 Registration</p> <p>9:00-9:45 Opening plenary</p> <p>10:00-13:00 Study visits</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lukiškės Prison 2.0 &amp; Teambuilding Crafts</li> <li>2. City Laboratory at Sapieha Park &amp; Teambuilding Crafts</li> <li>3. City Conversion: Tour of Paupys District</li> <li>4. European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)</li> </ol> <p>13:00-14:00 Lunch</p> <p>14:00-15:30 Information sessions (4 topics, 2 rounds of 40 mins, 5 mins to change rooms)</p> <p>15:30-16:00 Coffee break</p> <p>16:00-17:00 Advocacy overview</p>	<p>AC Hotel by Marriott Vilnius, Vasario 16-osios g., Vilnius</p>
	<p>19:00 Dinner</p> <p>Energy and Technology Museum – a place where Vilnius’ industrial past meets a sustainable future.</p> <p>Located in the city’s first central power station, the museum transforms authentic machinery – turbines, boilers, and pipelines – into an immersive exhibition that brings history to life. Renewable energy installations on the roof, along with interactive displays, highlight the shift towards innovation and sustainability.</p> <p>This unique setting will serve as more than a venue: it will be a stage for celebrating 20 years of cooperation, connecting across generations of members, and looking ahead to the next decade together.</p>	<p><a href="#">Energy and Technology Museum</a>, Rinktinės g. 2, Vilnius</p>

<b>Friday, 28 November</b>	09:00-10:30 Learning loop 10.30-11.00 Coffee break 11:00-11:30 Updates from the network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation Eurocities 2026 Utrecht</li> <li>- Policy, Projects, Communication, Membership</li> </ul> 11:30-12:30 Plenary 12:30-13:00 Closing 13:00 Lunch	AC Hotel by Marriott Vilnius, Vasario 16-osios g., Vilnius
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\*TBC - an informal gathering of ExCom officers or ExCom officers' meeting may be organised alongside the Cooperation Platform in Vilnius.

## Site-visits – 27 November 27

### 1. Lukiškės Prison 2.0 & Teambuilding Crafts

Once a notorious prison, Lukiškės has been transformed into a vibrant cultural hub in the heart of Vilnius. Today it hosts over 200 artist studios, exhibitions, and has even served as a filming location for Netflix hits like *Stranger Things 4*, *Clark*, and *Young Wallander*. A guided tour offers a glimpse into its dark past and creative present, showcasing how Vilnius repurposes historic sites into dynamic spaces for art, culture, and community.

As part of the visit, Eurocities colleagues are invited to a team-building craft workshop with Lithuanian artist Jolita Vaitkutė's team, held right inside her studio in the prison.

### 2. City Laboratory at Sapieha Park (Tech Park | Tech Zity) & Teambuilding Crafts

Sapieha Park, a historic green space in central Vilnius, has been revitalised into a hub where history, community, and innovation meet. Home to a thriving tech park and the **City Laboratory**, it fosters urban sustainability and citizen engagement. The Laboratory combines a café, event space, hydroponic and educational gardens, eco-innovations, a gallery, and even a DIY playground for children. A community fridge further promotes solidarity and sustainability by sharing food freely.

During the visit, colleagues will explore the park and City Laboratory, then join a team-building craft workshop—an opportunity to create together, enjoy coffee or tea, and network in an inspiring setting.

### 3. City Conversion: Tour of Paupys District

The Paupys District is a flagship example of Vilnius' city conversion approach. Once an industrial area, it has been reimagined as a vibrant and sustainable neighborhood that blends modern living with thoughtful urban design. Today, Paupys offers a mix of residential, commercial, and cultural spaces, all built with an emphasis on green architecture, energy

efficiency, and community well-being. Public areas invite social interaction, while sustainable practices showcase how cities can balance growth with environmental responsibility.

Visitors will experience firsthand how industrial heritage has been transformed into a dynamic, forward-looking urban hub. Paupys has become such a model for quality development that it inspired Vilnius to establish its '10 Principles for Quality Architecture'.

#### **4. European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)**

Based in Vilnius, EIGE is the EU's knowledge centre on gender equality. The institute produces independent research, gathers data, and develops tools that help policymakers design inclusive and transformative measures across all areas of life. Its work supports EU institutions, Member States, and candidate countries in making informed, evidence-based decisions from a gender perspective.

This visit offers participants the chance to meet EIGE representatives, learn about their research and services, and explore opportunities for future cooperation.