



EUROCITIES urban governance group meetings

WG cohesion policy, urban agenda, metropolitan areas

18-19 November 2025 – Hosted by Northern Cities offices

General information

18 November <u>WG metropolitan areas</u> from 10:00 to 13:00 <u>Joint Urban Governance group:</u> From 14.00 to 18.00	19 November <u>WG urban agenda</u> from 9:00 to 13:00 <u>WG cohesion policy</u> from 9:00 to 13:00
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Agenda – WG Metropolitan Areas - 18 November 2025 - Morning

Objective: To provide a platform for exchanges between members on metropolitan trends, discuss the future of metropolitan topics at Eurocities, and update each other on going EU projects/initiatives

10:00– 10:15	Welcoming remarks by chairs
10:15 - 11:30	Exchanges between members on metropolitan trends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One metropolitan issue per city
11:30 – 11:45	Comfort break
11:45– 12:15	Updates on ongoing projects by members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning matters - ESPON METROLAND - Urbact/Interreg projects
12:15– 13:00	Discussion on the future of the WG and metropolitan issues at Eurocities

Lunch – organised by Eurocities

Agenda – WG Cohesion Policy - 18 November 2025 – Afternoon

Objective: To exchange on policy developments and discuss the next steps for the working group

14:00– 14:30	Continued discussions on cohesion policy developments and Eurocities advocacy
14:30 - 15:00	Roundtable exchange on 21-27 implementation status and national debates around the MFF
15:00– 15:20	ESPON URDICO – early results and updates
15:20 – 15:45	Next steps for the working group and joint activities with MFF task-force

Coffee Break

Agenda – WG urban agenda - 18 November 2025 - Afternoon

Objective: To discuss ongoing policy developments and next steps for the working group

16:00 – 16.30	Updates on urban agenda developments and ongoing thematic partnerships
16:30 - 17:15	Joint discussion on the multi-annual work programme of the Urban Agenda, other forms of cooperation, and the links with the Agenda for cities
17:15 – 18:00	Next steps for the WG urban agenda

Informal drinks and dinner (self-organised)

Joint Urban Governance Group - 19 November 2025 - Morning

Main objectives

- To bring together the members of the WG cohesion policy, WG metropolitan areas, and WG urban agenda and discuss the way forward for modes of cooperation in the urban governance group
- To jointly discuss developments on the MFF and the agenda for cities and to engage EU institutions in a strategic discussion on how to promote urban issues in this context
- To present and provide updates on trends and key topics of the working groups

09:00 - 10: 30	Presentation of developments on the MFF/CP and the agenda for cities and roundtable exchange with representatives from EU institutions
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	Reflections on next steps for our advocacy on key governance files and discussion on the way forward for modes of cooperation/activities in the urban governance group
12.00 – 13.00	Foresight session on the future of urban matters

Optional (Seminar in the European Parliament) 14.00 PM

- *The role of metropolitan areas in the next EU budget and cohesion policy*
- *MECOG-CE – results and insights*