



# Forums and Working Groups Chairs & Vice-Chairs meeting

Brussels, 27 January 2026

Venue: [Au Bassin](#), Quai aux Briques 74, 1000 Bruxelles

## 09:00–09:30 | Welcome Coffee & Registration

An informal start with coffee and tea.

## 09:30–09:45 | Opening & Objectives of the Day

- Welcome by Morgane Lambrechts, Eurocities President (TBC)
- Overview of the session's purpose and expected outcomes
- People of Eurocities

## 09:45–10:00 | EU Advocacy Updates

- Eurocities advocacy update and forward priorities

## 10:00–10:30 | Membership Updates

- Membership snapshot 2025 and priorities for 2026
- Presentation of the new ways of working as part of the Internal Rules and Handbook review
- Q&A

## 10:30–11:00 | Coffee Break

## 11:00–13:00 | Interactive Workshops (Parallel Sessions)

Participants select two workshops. Each runs in two one-hour rounds.

- **Workshop 1: “The Role of the Eurocities Office in Supporting Forums & Working Groups”**  
Explore responsibilities, enhance communication, and ensure strategic alignment between the Eurocities Office and various forums and working groups.
- **Workshop 2: “Understanding the Role of the Chair”**  
Clarify expectations, responsibilities, and best practices for effective leadership and coordination within working groups.
- **Workshop 3: “Future-Ready Groups: Adapting Structures for Changing Needs”**  
Discover how working group formats can evolve to meet emerging priorities, new collaboration styles, and member interests, while ensuring smooth transitions and at every stage.

## 13:00–14:00 | Lunch Break

**14:00–14:15 | Presentation of the Eurocities Code of Conduct**

**14:15–15:15 | Networking Café – Peer Exchange**

- An interactive format featuring themed tables and rotating conversations, guided by the Eurocities team to spark ideas, share experiences, and build connections.

**15:15–15:45 | Closing Remarks & Next Steps**

- Summary of key takeaways from the Workshops, Networking café & follow-up actions
- Closing