



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
- 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 & 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 and Coordinator”
Clarify expectations, responsibilities, and best practices for effective leadership and coordination within groups.
- **Workshop 3:** “Future-Ready Groups: Adapting Structures for Changing Needs”
Discover how 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 session with themed tables and rotating discussions, facilitated by the Eurocities team to explore initiatives, exchange experiences, spark new ideas, and build connections.

Topics:

- Mainstreaming the spatial planning dimension and metropolitan thinking (Pietro Reviglio)
- Public procurement and its impact across thematic areas (Chiara Venturini & Valentin Roth)
- Mainstreaming accessibility and universal design in city administrations (Arianna Americo)
- Eurocities Lille call to action on sustainable culture (Julie Herve)
- Working with external stakeholders (e.g. NGOs, academia, business) (Katharina Bamberg)
- Advocacy & Policy Positioning (Louise Coffineau)
- Eurocities Awards & People of Eurocities (Sinead Mullins)
- Eurocities Academy (Guillem Ramirez Chico)
- Hosting Eurocities events (Chiara Gonzi & Jagoda Luto)
- Odoo and Collaboration space tech corner (Louis Clement)
- Project development & funding (Xenia Cechina)

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

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