

EUROCITIES Funding Officers Meeting 2026

Connecting City representatives to EU Funding

9-10 March 2026

House of the Dutch Provinces (Cities Northern Netherlands EU Office)
Rue de Trèves 59-61, 1000 Brussels
4th floor.

Monday, March 9

12.30 – 14.00 Brussels Urban Talks over lunch organised and hosted by Lyon Métropole, speaker tbc – Lyon Metropole

Are you looking for new partners for a European project or allies to advocate with you on a given topic? The Brussels Urban Talks are your opportunity to pitch an idea, an initiative or a project to our participants! Should you be interested in taking the floor please reach out to Agnès Dieudonné and Amélie Smethurst: adieudonne@grandlyon.com ; asmethurst@grandlyon.com

14.00 – 14.15 Welcoming introduction, Eurocities

14.15 – 14.30 Welcoming words, Angèle Liaigre – Cities Northern Netherlands

14.30 – 15.30 Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034 – Eurocities (tbc)

Negotiations on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) will intensify during the Cyprus Presidency (January - June 2026), with the first figures expected to be shaped by the end of the Presidency. The Irish Presidency (July - December 2026) is then set to play a decisive role in concluding the negotiations. In parallel, the European Parliament will be developing and negotiating its mandates across all MFF-related files, seeking to maximise its influence in the interinstitutional process with the Council.

This March 2026 session will provide an opportunity to take stock of the advocacy efforts undertaken by Eurocities and its member cities, assess progress achieved so far, and identify remaining gaps. The discussion will focus on agreeing on strategic priorities and next steps, ensuring that the final phase of the negotiations is used effectively to secure an MFF that is better aligned with cities' investment needs and their role in delivering EU objectives.

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 -17.00 Health at EU Level for Cities

From 18.00

Networking drinks

Participants can continue networking at a venue that will be announced closer to the event date. Please note that drinks will be at their own expense.

Tuesday, March 10

09.30 – 10.30	Funding opportunities for Local Authorities : Fourth Innovative Actions Call for Proposals under the European Urban Initiative (EUI) (tbc)
10.30– 11.15	Cities securing EU funding: experiences, challenges and lessons learned
11.15 – 11.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.45-12.15	Eurocities Project presentation (tbd)
12.15-12.45	Eurocities EU Social Funding Taskforce
12:45	Closing