



# CITIES Forum 2020

Together we shape a sustainable urban future

Porto, 30-31 January 2020

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**4<sup>th</sup> CITIES FORUM 2020**  
***“Together we shape a sustainable urban future”***  
***30 and 31 January 2020 in Porto, Portugal***

*Organised by the European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy*

*Moderator Sally Kneeshaw*

30 January				
09:30 - 10:00	Registration & welcome coffee			
10:00 – 12:00	<b>Parallel workshops</b>			
	Workshop TECH4SDGs – best practices about the implementation of tech solutions in Porto (Porto Innovation Hub)	Workshop on climate change mitigation and environment issues in Porto (Viveiro/Tree nursery)	URBACT City Lab "Cities & balanced territorial development" A contribution to the Leipzig Charter (main venue Alfandega)	Session for the Urban Innovative Actions cities (main venue Alfandega) - closed session for UIA only
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch & registration			
13:30 - 13:45	Opening the plenary session			
13:45 - 15:15	Political opening and keynote speeches			
15:15 – 16:30	Panel discussion “How will the European Urban Initiative support cities?”			
16:30 – 17:30	Networking at the urban market place			
17:30 – 18:45	Panel debate “Shaping together the future sustainable urban development and the Urban Agenda for the EU”			
18:45 – 18:50	Closure first day and introduction to the next day			
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner			
21:00 – 23:00	Networking, evening entertainment			

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31 January				
08:30 – 09:00	Registration & welcome coffee			
09.00 – 10:30	<b>Parallel workshops</b>			
	Discussion on the outcome of the assessment study of the Urban Agenda for the EU	Showcase of good urban practises within Cohesion Policy presented by cities	Cities as guardians of fundamental rights. Ensuring equal access to quality services for all	Cities engaging on the right to housing
10:30 – 11:50	<b>Parallel workshops</b>			
	Signature ceremony – “Boosting sustainable digital transformation in Europe’s cities and communities”	Showcase of good urban practises within Cohesion Policy presented by cities	Jobs and Skills in the Local Economy: Challenges and potential solutions by the city of Porto	Scaling up the transition towards a circular economy in cities
11:50 – 12:25	Coffee break			
12:25 – 13:25	Mayors debate			
13:25 – 13:30	Speech by European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms			
13:40 – 15:00	Lunch			
15.00 – 18.00	<b>Parallel Workshops (closure time may differ between workshops)</b>			
	Networking at the urban market place: urban organisations and networks hosting stands			
	Urban Agenda for the EU: state of play of the actions	Working together to deliver Sustainable Developing Goals		European Urban Initiative Expert Working Group