

# GREENER CITIES, GREENER EUROPE



How the Urban Agenda for the EU Partnerships  
can bring sustainability closer to citizens

**Date:** 7 October 2019

**Location:** Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the  
European Union, Kortenberglaan 4-10, Brussels, Belgium

**Organizer:** European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN) EGTC on  
behalf of the Dutch Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations

**Language:** English

**Participation:** Free of charge, max 80 participants

The EUKN conference will focus especially on the role of city governments and the involvement of citizens in relation to sustainability, exploring the acquis of the Urban Agenda for the EU's "green" Partnerships and their Actions, dilemmas, good practices, and planned steps. The conference hopes to promote a fruitful multi-stakeholder exchange while addressing questions as: What can policy-makers learn from local environmental transition initiatives? What are key dilemmas in defining and delivering sustainability policies at different levels of government and together with civil society actors?



## Programme

- 09:30 –10:00 Registration and welcome  
10:00 –10:10 Welcome and opening by host  
Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the European Union  
10:10 –10:20 Opening speech  
Hans Tijl, Special Urban Envoy Dutch Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations  
10:20 –10:30 Programme explanation by the conference moderator  
Mart Grisel, Director EUKN EGTC  
10:30 –11:00 Keynote speech  
Prof. Derk Loorbach, Director of DRIFT for Transition, Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
11:00 –11:30 Coffee break,  
11:30 –13:00 Division in working groups  
**Working group 1**  
Climate Adaptation and Energy Transition  
**Working group 2**  
Urban Mobility and Air Quality  
**Working group 3**  
Circular Economy, Sustainable Use of Land and Nature-Based Solutions, Public Procurement  
13:00 –13:45 Lunch  
13:45 –14:15 Reporting of working groups  
14:15 –14:30 Keynote speech  
Jan Olbrycht, Member of the European Parliament  
14:30 –16:00 Political panel discussion, followed by Q&A  
Thomas de Béthune, European Commission, DG REGIO (tbc)  
Mario Guarente, Mayor of Potenza, Italy  
Tine Heyse, President Climate Alliance and Alderman City of Ghent, Belgium  
Jouni Nissinen, President European Environmental Bureau  
Jan Olbrycht, Member of the European Parliament  
Valentina Orioli, Deputy Mayor of Bologna, Italy (tbc)  
Kim van Sparrentak, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)  
16:00 –16:30 Keynote listeners' reflection  
16:30 Closure

