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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 (tbc)
Tine Heyse, President Climate Alliance and Alderman City of Ghent, Belgium
Jouni Nissinen, President European Environmental Bureau
Jan Olbrycht, Member of the European Parliament
Vera Tax, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)
16:00 -16:30 Keynote listeners' reflection
16:30 Closure

