

# THE URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU ITS 'GREEN' ACTIONS AND THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

## EUKN webinar for Slovenia

**Date:** 18 March 2021

**Time:** 13:00 - 16:30 CET

**Platform:** Zoom (registered participants will receive the login details in advance)

**Language:** English with interpretation in Slovene

**Organisers:** European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN) EGTC and the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia



Slovenia will hold the EU Council Presidency in the second half of 2021. In this context, two EUKN Policy Labs organised for Slovenia in 2020 unravelled the 'green' actions of the Urban Agenda for the EU, with a focus on Better Regulation. The next EUKN webinar in this Policy Lab series builds on the findings of these two events ([read the report here](#)) and develops them further.

The first part of the webinar will explore the urban dimension of the European Green Deal in order to strengthen the linkages with the Urban Agenda for the EU, positioning the 'green' actions in the wider political debate and institutional context.

The second part will build upon the 2020 EUKN Policy Labs for Slovenia and address their key findings, particularly in the fields of the Circular Economy, Nature-Based Solutions, and the Better Regulation strand of the Urban Agenda for the EU.

The goal of this Policy Lab is to contribute to concrete messages that will be presented to ministers under Slovenia's Presidency on how to support cities dealing with regulatory obstacles when trying to reach environmental goals.

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## Programme

### Part I

#### The urban dimension of the European Green Deal

- 13:00-13:05 Welcome by the EUKN and programme explanation  
Martin Grisel, Director EUKN EGTC
- 13:05-13:10 Welcome on behalf of the Slovene Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning and outlook on the 2021 Presidency  
Aša Rogelj, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia, Spatial Planning, Construction and Housing Directorate
- 13:10-14:10 Panel discussion on the urban dimension of the European Green Deal  
Anthony Agotha, Senior Diplomatic Expert, Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, European Commission  
Vanessa Castan Broto, Professor Climate Urbanism, Urban Institute, University of Sheffield  
Louise Coffineau, Policy Advisor Environment & Climate, Eurocities  
Kieran McCarthy, Member of the European Committee of the Regions  
Jan Olbrycht, President of the URBAN Intergroup in the European Parliament

14:10-14:30 Break

### Part II

#### Regulatory obstacles faced by cities and how to address them

- 14:30-14:45 Recap of the 2020 Policy Labs for Slovenia - process and key findings  
Lea Scheurer, Senior Policy and Project Officer EUKN EGTC
- 14:45-16:00 Division in three parallel working groups:
1. Supporting cities to implement Nature-Based Solutions
  2. Creating the conditions to boost Circular Economy in cities
  3. Achieving Better Regulation through the Urban Agenda for the EU
- The sessions will serve as 'changemaker platforms' for experts working on comparable challenges in the fields of Nature-Based Solutions, Circular Economy and Better Regulation. A pool of 4 to 5 experts will lead the discussion in English and simultaneous interpretation to Slovene will be provided, except for working group 3.
- 16:00-16:25 Reporting from the working groups
- 16:25-16:30 Closure