

The Urban Agenda for the EU, its 'green' actions and the European Green Deal

Programme, Zoom links and briefing for working group 2 on 'Creating the conditions to boost Circular Economy in cities'

EUKN webinar for Slovenia

Date: 18 March 2021

Time: 13:00 - 16:30 CET

Platform: Zoom

Language: English with interpretation in Slovene

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



Part I

The urban dimension of the European Green Deal

Join Part I (13:00-14:20) via Zoom

Link: <https://bit.ly/3cDZxPB>

Webinar ID: 817 4611 8707 Passcode: 401987

- 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 Castán 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
- 14:10-14:20 Recap of the 2020 Policy Labs for Slovenia - process and key findings
Lea Scheurer, Senior Policy and Project Officer EUKN EGTC
- 14:20-14:40 Break

Part II

Regulatory obstacles faced by cities and how to address them

Join working group 2 (14:40-16:00) via Zoom

Link: <https://bit.ly/3cqspKG>

Meeting ID: 843 1754 3562 Passcode: 674145

- 14:40-16:00 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 (English only)

Information for working group 2:

Creating the conditions to boost Circular Economy in cities

Experts:

- Eileen Crowley, Expert Lead, Resourceful Cities, URBACT Network
- Kristin Einbu, City of Oslo
- Igor Kos, Wcycle Institute Maribor
- Steve O'Reilly, The Rediscovery Centre, Dublin
- Zala Strojina, City of Ljubljana

Facilitators:

- Eileen Crowley, Expert Lead, Resourceful Cities, URBACT Network
- Livia del Conte, EUKN Secretariat

The session will start from two Circular Economy-related findings that the EUKN made during earlier Policy Labs ([report just published](#)), which relate to the importance of awareness raising and of a legal framework incentivising prototyping and testing. In this context, the concept of 'Urban Resource Centre' will be introduced as a practical solution to address the identified issues, and it will be further explored through the examples of Oslo's mini recycling stations and the Rediscovery Centre in Dublin. Representatives of the Slovene cities of Ljubljana and Maribor will also share their experiences to boost the Circular Economy in cities.

The lessons learned from this session will contribute to concrete messages that will be presented to ministers under Slovenia's Presidency later in 2021 on how to support cities dealing with regulatory obstacles when trying to reach environmental goals.

Join the reporting (16:00-16:30) via Zoom

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- 16:00-16:25 Reporting from the working groups
- 16:25-16:30 Closure