

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

Programme, Zoom links and briefing for working group 3 on 'Achieving Better Regulation through the Urban Agenda for the EU'



### EUKN webinar for Slovenia

**Date:** 18 March 2021

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

**Platform:** Zoom

**Language:** The event, excluding working group 3, will be held in English language and will provide interpretation into Slovenian.

**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 3 (14:40-16:00) via Zoom**

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

Meeting ID: 895 4931 5028 Passcode: 640078

- 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 3:

##### Achieving Better Regulation through the Urban Agenda for the EU

#### Experts:

- Karen van Dantzig, Urban Envoy, Dutch Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations
  - Fenna Pols, Director, EU law and policy institute Europa decentraal
  - Aša Rogelj, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia, Spatial Planning, Construction and Housing Directorate
  - David Schutrups, Advisor, EU law and policy institute Europa decentraal
- Facilitator:**
- Martin Grisel, Director EUKN

The Urban Agenda for the EU (UAEU) was launched during the Dutch Council Presidency in 2016. Since then, it has served as an example of experimental, multilevel and multi-stakeholder cooperation on urban matters in Europe. A total of 14 Thematic Partnerships have delivered Action Plans containing actions and recommendations on three strands: Better Regulation, Better Funding, and Better Knowledge.

Against the background of the further development of the UAEU, the Dutch Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations has developed the so-called Better Regulation Initiative (BRI) and has commissioned the Dutch EU law and policy institute Europa decentraal to carry out a 'quick scan' of the 31 Better Regulation Actions already undertaken by the Partnerships. The BRI as a whole is supposed to achieve a systematic assessment and legal consulting framework for the Partnerships and their Better Regulation Actions. The session will serve to discuss the BRI's state of play, potential next steps, and its leads regarding the future functioning of the UAEU and its Thematic Partnerships. Its outcomes will be used to draw up 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