



THE EUROPEAN URBAN KNOWLEDGE NETWORK (EUKN) OVERVIEW

The EUKN is the only independent Member State driven network. Our organisational level with the EU Commission and other EU institutions lends strategic value to EUKN Members. Our specialist urban knowledge benefits our Members in the form of tailor-made services, expert analysis, topical dossiers and specific practical assistance such as Policy Labs and webinars. Easy access to a rich e-library containing selected documents on shared standards, EU policies, best practices and up-to-date research is available to all urban leaders, practitioners and policymakers. For more information please visit www.eukn.eu or follow us on Twitter [@EUKNnews](https://twitter.com/EUKNnews)

MISSION

The EUKN is an elite network of European Member States involved in urban policy making. We benefit our members with strategic, expert and independent knowledge support. Our reputable research, tailor-made services and online knowledge platform provide the perfect instrument to develop Europe's urban expansion.

VISION

Inspiring decision-makers to innovate urban living.

MEMBERSHIP

The EUKN's expanding network comprises of 1/3 of the European Union, currently including: Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. The EUKN offers various membership packages depending on each Member State's ambitions and country size. Fees range from trial packs of 15,000€ to a full membership of just 45,000€ (large countries).

KEY INITIATIVES SINCE 2005

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND CAPITALISATION: The EUKN started as Europe's platform for urban knowledge platform. Ten years later, this platform has advanced to include a social media strategy and the launch of a new EUKN website for 2015 that provides interactive urban learning and dissemination. Our e-Library holds over 5,600 urban documents reflecting the evolution of urban development in Europe.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT: Since Germany in 2007, the Presidencies of the Council of the European Union have received our continued support as strategic urban thinkers and operative assistants. Today, the EUKN is supporting the research for the Latvian Presidency on small- and medium-sized urban areas.

HOLISTIC INTEGRATION AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT: Our independence from European institutions has developed our strategic operations on European and national levels. This evolution has encouraged an integrated view on cities and urban areas, where economic, social, environmental and territorial challenges come together. In 2013, our conference on energy efficiency in the built environment, connected European knowledge with good practices for existing projects across a variety of sectors.

NATIONAL SUPPORT: As a Member State driven network, the EUKN provides the opportunity for Member States to talk among peers and be heard. Our multiple events and tailor-made meetings create valuable connections gathering key stakeholders for open dialogue and discussion. After receiving a EUKN Policy Lab, Cyprus introduced a reformed urban planning law involving public participation.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Assembly Members - Ministerial representatives

Knowledge Partners - National Focal Points

The Secretariat - The Hague



THE EUKN PRESENTS

CONFERENCES

The EUKN organises and hosts an annual conference based on themes challenging urban Europe.

- 2014 The Civic Economy: time to get ready, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2013 Energy Efficient Cities: Joint Action for the Built Environment, Oradea, Romania.
- 2012 Shrinking Areas: Front-runners in Innovative Citizen Participation, Essen, Germany.
- 2010 Effects of Demographic Change on Urban Structures, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2009 Young, Urban, Migrant – from challenge to chance, Malmö, Sweden.
- 2008 Cities of Opportunity – the urban promise of upward mobility, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

PUBLICATIONS

Presidency of the European Council:

- 2015 *Report on small- and medium-sized urban areas: challenges and growth potential in the EU*, Research commissioned by the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the EU;
- 2014 *The Inclusive City: Approaches to combat urban poverty and social exclusion in Europe*, Research commissioned by the Greek Presidency of the Council of the EU, co-funded by Belgium and the Netherlands;
- 2013a *Internal mobility in the EU and its impact on urban regions*, Research commissioned by the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, co-funded by the Netherlands;
- 2013b *Youth unemployment and geographic mobility in the EU*, Research commissioned by the Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU;
- 2012 *Immigrant Integration in European Cities*, Research commissioned by the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU;
- 2011 *Multilevel Urban Governance or The Art of Working together: methods, instruments and practices*, Research commissioned by the Belgium Presidency of the Council of the EU.

Presidency of the European Council EUKN Supportive Dossiers:

- 2012: *'Inclusive Local Economic Development', 'Urban Design' and 'Social and Ethnic Segregation'*, Research commissioned by the Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU.

EUKN Annual Publications

- 2015 *The Civic Economy: Opportunities and Challenges for European Cities* (forthcoming);
- 2013 *Energy Efficient Cities: Joint Action for the Built Environment*
- 2012 *Shrinking Areas: Front-runners in Innovative Citizen Participation*
- 2011 *The Urban Dimension of Cohesion Policy*
- 2010 *Effects of Demographic Change on Urban Structures*

Other EUKN Publications:

- 2011 *Cohesion Policy in Urban Practice: An Ambitious Urban Agenda?*
- 2010 *Urban development in Europe: A survey of National Approaches to Urban Policy in 15 EU Member States*
- 2010 *EUKN Knowledge Dossier – Analysis Dossier 2 – Demographic Change*
- 2007 *Strategies for Upgrading the Physical environment in Deprived Urban Areas*

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