HEALTH AND CITIES: URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

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- **ICT applications** that contribute to meeting future societal challenges and opportunities such as eHealth and ageing population
- Development of SMEs in emerging areas linked to European and regional challenges such as (...) **innovative services reflecting new societal demands or products and services linked to ageing population, care and health**
- **Energy** efficiency and renewable energies **in public buildings and housing**
- **Adaptation to climate change and risk prevention** and management, including (...) **protecting human health**
- Development of business incubators and investment support for self-employment and business creation, in particular in areas offering new sources of growth, such as (...) **health and social services**
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- *investment in social and health infrastructure* to improve access to health and social services and reduce health inequalities, with special attention to marginalised groups such as the Roma and those at risk of poverty

- *modernisation of health systems* in order to ensure the sustainability, cost-effectiveness and accessibility
Urban Agenda for the EU
What is it and why is it needed?

• 70% EU citizens live in cities
• 70% EU legislation implemented in cities
• 55% EU funds spent in cities
• 85% EU GDP generated in cities
• 7/10 Juncker priorities have urban dimension

=> Urban Agenda for the EU
What is it and why is it needed?

**Objective:** Include urban dimension in policies
- Work more on urban matters
- Work more with cities (e.g. involve cities in the design)
- Mobilise cities in the delivery

**Output:** Action Plans for selected themes
- Actions: better legislation, better funding, better knowledge
- Good projects to be scaled-up and transferred across the EU

**Governance:** Work in partnership - MLG
- EU (COM + EP + CoR + EESC)
- Member States
- Cities (e.g. Eurocities and CEMR)
- Stakeholders (experts, NGOs, business, etc.)
12 Priority Themes

- Inclusion of Migrants & Refugees
- Air Quality
- Housing
- Urban Poverty
- Circular Economy
- Climate Adaptation
- Energy Transition
- Urban Mobility
- Digital Transition
- Public Procurement
- Jobs & Skills in Local Economy
- Sustainable Use of Land and Nature-Based Solutions
Examples of actions

• Specific focus on deprived urban neighbourhoods (block grant of EU funds)

• Tackling educational and housing segregation of Roma in urban areas

• Child guarantee – minimum services to reinforce the integration of children

• To improve the situation of unaccompanied minors
What is the political context?

**Support by Member States**
- Riga Declaration (2015)
- Pact of Amsterdam (May 2016)
- GAC conclusions endorsing Pact of Amsterdam (June 2016)
- Renewal Leipzig charter (2007) under German Presidency

**Support by the EP**
- Regular meetings REGIO/ Urban Intergroup + MEPs

**Support by the CoR**

**Support of EESC**
- Opinion (2016)
What has been done so far?

• Implementing 12 Partnerships
• Reinforced coordination between DGs
• Test of methods to improve the 'urban proofing'
• Commission urban website ('one-stop-shop')
• URBIS
• Report to the Council

What are the next steps?

• Implementing the actions Partnerships
• Evaluation of the Urban Agenda
• 2 new Partnerships
ESIF for cities (2014-2020)

- **ERDF:** > half spent in cities (> € 100 B) → Article 7: € 15 B managed directly by cities
- **ESF:** € 1,5 B to sustainable urban development
- **URBACT:** € 96 Mio
- **Urban Innovative Actions:** € 370 Mio
- **INTERREG Europe:** € 425 Mio (partly for cities)
- **ESPON:** € 49 Mio (part for urban studies)
- **UDN:** cities spending ERDF: SUD and UIA
Proposal for 2021-2027 Sustainable urban development

- New dedicated specific objective for integrated development of urban areas
- 6% of ERDF to go to urban development, delivered through local development partnerships with different tools
- Requirement for local development strategies – local ownership
- European Urban Initiative: a coherent approach to capacity building, innovative actions, knowledge and policy development and communication
Thank you for your attention!