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National Urban Policies in a Changing World

Script High-Level Roundtable at WUF11/EUKN Policy Lab 2022

Monday 27 June 2022, 16:00-18:00 CEST

Background and Roundtable Description

National Urban Policies in a Changing World

The Minister Roundtable entitled 'National Urban Policies in a Changing World' will be organised as a session of the WUF11 and hosted by the Polish Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy with facilitation provided by the European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN).

The Roundtable will provide a platform for high-level discussion on the potentials of National Urban Policies (NUPs), where UN-Habitat Executive Director Maimunah Mohd Sharif and national Ministers responsible for urban matters from Czechia, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Slovakia and Poland will reflect on the possibilities offered by NUPs to address contemporary challenges in the fields of environment, housing, mobility, spatial planning and innovation and technology. The panellists will investigate opportunities offered by NUPs to strengthen cities' resilience by responding to issues and challenges. The Roundtable will ultimately deepen the understanding of the relationship between NUPs and the contemporary crises, ranging from sustainable transformation and the need to speed up the European Green Deal, especially within the changed geo-political context due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, socio-economic disparities in European cities and migration. The Roundtable's aim is to emphasise the relevance of integrated discussion to maximise the power of NUPs for our cities.

The suspected outcome of the Roundtable is the implementation of the Polish NUP which calls to action within different spheres of the urban fabric.



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General Information

Time: Monday, 27 June 16:00–18:00 CEST (120 mins)

Location: Roundtable Room 2

Moderator: Martin Grisel, Director, EUKN

Participants:

- Grzegorz Puda, Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Poland
- Maimunah Mohd Sharif, UN-Habitat Executive Director
- Rafał Weber, Secretary of State, Ministry of Infrastructure, Poland
- Waldemar Buda, Minister of Development and Technology, Poland
- Klara Geywitz, Federal Minister for Housing, Urban Development and Building, Germany
- Mattias Landgren, State Secretary to Minister for Housing and Deputy Minister for Employment, Sweden
- Ireneusz Zyska, Secretary of State, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Poland
- Veronika Remišová Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatization, Slovakia (on-line)
- Radim Sršeň, Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Czechia
- Karen Van Dantzig, the Urban Envoy for the Kingdom of the Netherlands

The roundtable will be set up by thematic sessions discussing NUPs in relation to the specific topic. A strong focus on solutions in relation to the challenges is advised as the challenges are similar in different geographical areas but the ways of tackling them can be different and inspire one another.

Roundtable Setup & Script

The event will be divided into thematic sessions – bilateral interventions. A selection of panellists and entities are presented in the overview below.



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Time (TBD)	Agenda item	Speaker	Key questions/points and discussion elements (script)
5 min	Opening	Martin Grisel, Director, EUKN	Welcome by the EUKN and introduction of agenda and speakers
10 min	Keynote	Maimunah Mohd Sharif – UN-Habitat Executive Director	Opening remarks
10 min	Presentation of new Polish National Urban Policy	Grzegorz Puda, Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Poland	Announcement of the adoption of the Polish National Urban Policy 2030 and the appointment of the Executive Council of the NUP
15 min	NUP Discussion – Innovation and Technology	Veronika Remišová Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatization, Slovakia (on-line) Grzegorz Puda, Minister of Economic Development Funds and Regional Policy, Poland	<p>SK: The Slovak Urban Development Policy 2030 describes multiple measures of achieving a systemic approach to urban development for a healthy living environment and high quality of life. How can technology and a digital approach to planning support these measures, and what role does a development of a ‘smart city’ play in these new plans?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What tools can policies provide for the development of a digital and innovative approach to city planning and governance? <p>PL: How has the smart city concept been integrated into the national urban policy? (digitalisation of mobility services, improved digital competences/e-skills of the society, open data etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can digitalisation and technological development ensure or contribute to overall urban resilience? <p><i>Themes to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Digitalisation</i> • <i>Resilience by technological development</i>



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Smart Cities</i>
15 min	NUP Discussion – _ Environment and Energy Transition	<p>Radim Sršeň, Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Czechia</p> <p>Ireneusz Zyska, Secretary of State, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Poland</p>	<p>CZ: What should NUPs focus on to ensure optimal digital and green solutions with regard to urban resilience?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can cities and their rural hinterland contribute to energy independence? • What opportunities can cities and municipalities provide in the field of sustainable energy transition? How can these opportunities be supported in national policies? <p>PL: A common theme of the Polish and Czech national urban plans is ‘resilience’ What are the different approaches to this common thread, and what are the foci of the two countries?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Poland’s new NUP’s response to the current energy crisis and what tools does it provide for energy independence and a sustainable energy transition? • What opportunities can cities and municipalities provide in the field of green solutions for urban resilience? How can this be supported by the new Polish NUP? <p><i>Themes to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sustainable energy transition</i> • <i>Energy independence</i> • <i>Digital and green solutions for urban resilience</i>
15 min	NUP Discussion - Housing	<p>Klara Geywitz, Federal Minister for Housing, Urban Development and Building, Germany</p> <p>Waldemar Buda, Minister of Economic Development and Technology, Poland</p>	<p>DE: What is the German NUP’s approach to tackling an ongoing housing crisis (deepened by current global challenges) and ensuring affordable and accessible living conditions for all? How does this approach relate to the concept of the common good (as mentioned by the 2020 New Leipzig Charter)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The German National Urban Development Policy has a strong thematic focus on social cohesion and (migrant) integration in cities. How do you imagine this balance not to be disrupted by the challenges brought by



			<p>the current crisis, especially for what regards the reception of refugees in contexts where affordable housing is already limited?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Germany supports the social cohesion within the urban fabric with the use of numerous urban support programmes: what are some of them and how do they ensure a just integration of the population? <p>PL: In light of recent events and the war in Ukraine, Polish cities have had an enormous influx of migrants and refugees. How can the new NUP, and overall policies help foster these newcomers in Poland and provide reliable and affordable living spaces?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On top of the integration of migrants and refugees, what response does the new NUP provide to the current housing crisis and ensuring accessible housing for all? <p><i>Themes to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Housing crisis</i> <i>Integration of migrants and refugees</i> <i>Social cohesion</i>
15 min	NUP Discussion – Mobility and Infrastructure	<p>Mattias Landgren, State Secretary to Minister for Housing and Deputy Minister for Employment, Sweden</p> <p>Rafał Weber, Secretary of State, Ministry of Infrastructure, Poland</p>	<p>SE: Sweden being a country with NUP identifies mobility as one of key priorities in the sphere of urban development. With a low population density and large distances between territories, how can a development of integrated and accessible public transport in Sweden be supported by policies on a national level?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will this affect other areas/thematic priorities of the country, e.g. housing or employment patterns? <p>PL: The new Polish NUP also puts a strong focus on transport and mobility, a matter which was widely discussed while preparing the new document. Urban</p>



			<p>sprawl and lack of connectiveness as well as related to it air pollution are some of the main issues addressed. How can the new policy guideline provide a tool for reliable, accessible and resilient mobility in PL?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In what way can the shift to sustainable mobility contribute to environmental improvement of Polish cities? <p><i>Themes to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mobility – key dynamic in city planning influencing spatial justice</i> <i>Sustainable mobility development</i> <i>Infrastructure</i>
15 min	NUP Discussion – Spatial Planning	<p>Karen Van Dantzig, the Urban Envoy for the Kingdom of the Netherlands</p> <p>Waldemar Buda, Minister of Economic Development and Technology, Poland</p>	<p>NL: Netherlands recently introduced the National Strategy on Spatial Planning and the Environment where they advocate for an area-specific approach to look beyond the current institutional limits when dealing with environmental challenges. Do you believe a similar approach could also be relevant challenges and crises such as the environmental crisis energy security, migrant and refugee integration/reception, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can the Dutch National Strategy on Spatial Planning serve as a tool to provide long term resilience to Dutch cities and territories? <p>PL: In Poland, combined spatial and socio-economic planning have been a challenge for many years. So far, they are two separate systems. The link between these two systems is recorded in the National Urban Policy. How are you going to achieve this?</p> <p><i>Themes to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Area-specific approaches to spatial planning in Poland and the Netherlands</i> <i>Dutch National Strategy on Spatial Planning and the Environment</i>



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10 min	Opening floor to discussion with audience	Martin Grisel, Director, EUKN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global perspective on discussed issues• Questions from audience (preferably directed towards a specific speaker)
5 min	Implementation of NUPs	Grzegorz Puda, Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Poland	Implementation process of the new Polish NUP
5 min	Closing and Conclusions	Martin Grisel, Director, EUKN	<p>Closing remarks and conclusions, answering shortly, based on the Minister discussion why, and how are NUPs relevant, even essential, in the current changing world and what they can bring to the table in the previously discussed fields. Thanking all of the Ministers for making time for this fruitful discussion.</p> <p>Announcing outcome of this Roundtable: a summary (around 2-pager).</p>