

# Agenda

## “Innovative Small and Medium Cities (SMCs)”

18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

<b>Day I: 18 May (14:30 – 21:00)</b>	
14:30-17:30	<b>Information Session – Cities Northern Netherlands Office / House of the Dutch Provinces</b> <i>Rue de Trèves/Trierstraat 59-61, 1040 Brussels</i>
14:30	Registration of participants
15:00	Welcome by Representatives of organizing offices
15:10	<b>Keynote speech</b> <i>About 15 mins</i> Mayor of Leuven (tbc)
15:30	<b>Presentations by the European Commission: how could SMCs lead the way in implementing the European objectives?</b> <i>Each ca 10-15 mins</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Matthew BALDWIN, DG MOVE: Focus on the City Mission</li><li>- Speaker to be determined, CINEA: Horizon Europe &amp; LIFE, with a focus on Environment &amp; Circular Economy related programmes (tbc)</li><li>- Marek TEPLANSKY, DG REGIO: European Urban Initiative &amp; URBACT (tbc)</li><li>- Eddy HARTOG, DG CONNECT: Digitalisation and digital twins with a focus on Digital Europe &amp; living-in.eu initiative (tbc)</li></ul> Time for discussion.
17:00	<b>Concluding remarks and logistic information</b> <i>Ca 15 mins</i> Representatives of organizing offices.
18:00 – 21:00	<b>Informal Networking BBQ - Thuringia office</b> <i>Rue Frédéric Pelletier 111, 1030 Brussels</i>

<b>Part II: 19 May</b> <b>09:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Parallel workshops: project development and capacity-building – Cities Northern Netherlands Office / House of the Dutch Provinces</b> <i>Rue de Trèves/Trierstraat 59-61, 1040 Brussels</i>		
08:45	Welcome and coffee		
09:00	Introduction to break-out sessions		
09:15	<b>Break-out Session 1 – Capacity Building: the role of networks</b>		
	<u>Workshop 1</u> <i>ERRIN</i> (Ryan TITLEY - tbc)	<u>Workshop 2</u> <i>POLIS</i>	<u>Workshop 3</u> <i>Energy Cities / Covenant of Mayors</i>
10:00	Coffee Break and Teaming-up		
10:10	<b>Break-out Session 2 – Project Development &amp; knowledge exchange</b>		
	<u>Workshop 4</u> <i>Topic to be determined</i>	<u>Workshop 5</u> <i>Topic to be determined</i>	<u>Workshop 6</u> <i>Topic to be determined</i>
10:55	Coffee Break and Teaming-up		
11:05	<b>Break-out Session 3 – Capacity Building: tips to build a European project</b>		
	<u>Workshop 7</u> <i>Testimonials from LIFE projects</i>	<u>Workshop 8</u> <i>Testimonials from a Horizon Europe/2020 project &amp; Urban Innovative Action project</i>	<u>Workshop 9</u> <i>Building a consortium and finding the right programme for your city project</i>
11:50	Coffee Break and Teaming-up		
12:00	<b>Break-out Session 4 – Project Development &amp; knowledge exchange</b>		
	<u>Workshop 10</u> <i>Topic to be determined</i>	<u>Workshop 11</u> <i>Topic to be determined</i>	<u>Workshop 12</u> <i>Topic to be determined</i>
12:45 – 14:00	<b>Networking Lunch</b>		

**NB: The topics for the project development workshops will be determined following the feedback from participants on projects they would like to work on. The first session on capacity building might be adapted to include more project development depending on the feedback from participants.**

