

Who we are

Our purpose

Eurocities is the network of major European cities and an ambitious changemaker, working to make cities places where everyone can enjoy a good quality of life.

Cities and mayors are at the forefront of today's most urgent challenges, from climate change to ensuring people reap the benefits of the digital transformation. As hotbeds of creativity and innovation our member cities are also full of ideas on how to tackle these challenges. They see clearly what needs to change in their neighbourhoods. They hear what's not working directly from residents. And they come up with workable plans to make things better. But they can't do it all on their own.

Tackling complex urban problems at the pace and scale Europe needs requires cooperation among cities, with residents and experts and between all levels of government. Eurocities exists to make this happen.

Eurocities brings together more than 200 of Europe's larger cities to find new ways to benefit their people and our planet. We provide a platform for cities to share knowledge and ideas, explore common challenges and develop innovative solutions. We strive to ensure cities have a seat at the table when decisions are made at European level, so their knowledge and needs can contribute to better decision-making and create closer links between Europe and its citizens.

Working together in these ways, we aim to bring to life a vision of future cities where people can move around safely and easily, do work that's meaningful and decently paid and enjoy green and cultural spaces. Where they feel connected to politics and their community and all comers are welcomed. And where low-carbon and smart solutions make for cleaner air and better public services.

Today, over 35 years after Eurocities was established, our network has grown to represent one quarter of Europe's population and encompass 6,000 politicians, experts and officials. And while our ambition to help build an inclusive, smart and sustainable future for Europe remains constant, the last few years have shown we can also pivot to help cities respond with agility and compassion to global crises.

Our members

Membership of Eurocities puts cities at the heart of a highly effective ecosystem that inspires fresh thinking and supports impactful action.

Eurocities is the largest and most important network of cities in Europe, with members from Athens to Bydgoszcz and Vilnius to Zaragoza and from within and outside the EU. Diverse in history, geography and priorities, these cities are nevertheless united in their readiness to implement solutions to local and global problems.

Membership opens up exceptional opportunities to our cities. They can take inspiration from what others are doing. Get insider knowledge about EU programmes and funding. Be part of discussions and activities around the big issues of the day. And take to the European stage to lobby, learn, promote their own best practices and help shape the EU agenda.

The near 100-strong Eurocities team in Brussels works hard to ensure every city makes the most of membership. Made up of international experts in European policy, projects and funding, the team gets to know each city and its ambitions so it can provide exactly the right kind of support and tailored opportunities.



More than
200
member cities in
38 countries



6,000
city politicians,
officials and experts
actively engaged in
our network



Member cities represent
150 million
people

What we do

Our areas of expertise

We work across a very broad range of themes, enabling cities to devise strong strategic plans, policies and initiatives that will help them thrive today and be fit for the future.

By focusing on all the critical characteristics of liveable, sustainable and inclusive cities, we make it possible for our cities to concentrate on the aspects that matter most to them. For cities working on complex multi-themed challenges or towards global sustainability and environmental targets, our comprehensive, cross-cutting way of working enables them to take a powerful holistic approach.



Our activities

We make change happen through an expansive programme of networking opportunities, activities, events, training, campaigns and advocacy.

Our work is all about bringing people together to create and exchange knowledge, expertise and good practices and to connect with partners, enablers and opportunities.

Through our events cities discover how others are addressing similar challenges, developing policy and driving innovation. Our 40 associated working groups drill down into the detail of urban policy and practice. These activities are the spark for new research, policy papers, charters, innovation labs, city collaborations and participation in EU-funded projects.

We champion and enable the involvement of our members in Europe's trailblazing, multi-stakeholder projects, to put cities at the centre of the action, building capacity and visibility, piloting game-changing ideas and contributing to policy recommendations. These projects also have great value for our advocacy work, providing evidence of the challenges cities still face and the resources they still need.

Our priorities

We have set three priorities for our work throughout 2023 to help cities respond with speed and skill to the crises and critical issues of our times.

Maintain our strong support for Ukraine

We will continue standing in solidarity with Ukraine as it fights for European values, democracy and the rule of law, sending missions and supplies to its cities and providing support centres for its people in ours. We will also instigate action, like last year's call for donations of power generating equipment, in response to Ukraine's changing needs and in preparation for its sustainable reconstruction.

Support the inclusive recovery of cities

We will do all we can to help cities re-emerge stronger from the Covid19 crisis through social innovation based on green and digital solutions that ensure no-one is left behind.

Strengthen cities' role and people's voices

We will ramp up our efforts at EU level to secure greater and more systematic political influence for cities, representation for city leaders and input from residents. In 2023 this work will encompass preparing for the European elections in 2024, identifying what we want to ask of the new European Parliament and how we can contribute to its agenda.

Over
40
Working
Groups



Participation in
29
EU-funded
projects



75% of people in Europe
live in cities



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Our Members

- Full member
- ExCom
- Partner
- Associated business partners



List of Eurocities members

■ Full & associate member
 ■ ExCom
 ■ Partner
 ■ Associated business partners



Albania	Denmark	France	Germany	Greece	Ireland	Italy	Latvia	Lithuania	Luxembourg	The Netherlands	North Macedonia	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Serbia	Slovenia	Slovakia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	Turkey	Ukraine	United Kingdom
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We aim to bring to life a vision of future that can respond to the citizen's concerns and tackle global challenges, such as climate change, rising inequalities and digital transformation. It is in cities where people can take part in an inclusive society, move and live in a healthy environment, enjoy green and cultural urban spaces, have access to inclusive public services and affordable quality housing, as well as access to jobs that offer decent pay and perspective.

Our impact

Eurocities carries out an expansive programme of networking opportunities, mutual learning activities, events, training, campaigns and advocacy to achieve this vision.

We are committed to shaping the EU agenda, bringing mayors' voices to Brussels and ensuring that cities

have a key role to play in EU decision making.

Through our activities, cities share ideas on how addressing similar challenges, developing policy and driving innovation. Our working groups, taskforces, innovation labs, policy dialogues and more, all support cities to work on all aspects of urban policy and practice, sparking

new research, knowledge transfers, policy papers, charters and ideas for joint projects.

Using our close connections with the EU's political leaders and policy makers, we make sure that the knowledge and the needs of cities are recognised in the design and implementation of EU policy, so that cities can improve the lives of local people.

And we enable the involvement of our members in Europe's multi-stakeholder projects and expert groups, putting cities at the centre of the action, building capacity and visibility, and contributing to policy recommendations.

Nearly

€4 million **2022**

EU funding secured in

to support Eurocities activities, with

€800,000

sent directly to cities



Strengthening the voice of cities at EU level

Eurocities plays a key role in ensuring the issues facing cities are recognised and addressed by the European Union. We strive to ensure cities have a seat at the table when decisions are made at EU level, so their knowledge and needs can contribute to better decision-making and create closer links between Europe and its citizens.

What have we achieved?

- At the height of the **Covid-19 pandemic**, amid unprecedented economic and social turmoil, we ensured that the central role of cities was recognised in EU and national plans to support recovery. Through a series of high-level meetings between mayors and Commissioners and efforts towards the European Parliament, we ensured that member states were obliged to consult local authorities on the national investment plans for EU's €750 billion recovery and resilience package.
- We partnered with the European Commission to establish the ground-breaking **Mission for 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030**, which is supporting 100 EU cities, and 12 cities in associated countries to become climate neutral by 2030. Eurocities ensured long-term EU commitment to focus on and work with cities to achieve the ambitious climate goals. The Mission places cities firmly in the lead for the climate transition in Europe overall, while showing the way for more cities to follow.
- As Russia's illegal war raged in Ukraine, we made sure that the views of cities and solidarity with fellow Ukrainian cities were represented at the highest levels of the European Union. Eurocities secured meetings between the mayors of cities and **Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission**, with the President of Ukraine, and launched a campaign for generators with the President of the European Parliament.



70%

of our membership
(162 cities)

took part in EU funded initiatives in 2022



15

EU expert groups

involved Eurocities in 2022

Advocating for change

Advocacy is one of the main activities of Eurocities.

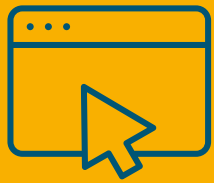
We represent the voices of cities in the European Union to bring about change on the ground. We provide input into EU legislation and funding, and we nurture relationships with EU policy makers, to ensure city leaders have the legal framework, support and resources they need to respond to the issues facing their cities.

What have we achieved?

- We helped to secure an ambitious but flexible Nature Restoration Law to ensure cities are supported in their goal to protect and enhance urban green space for the health of citizens. We worked with European Parliament assistants, officials at various Permanent Representations and other relevant stakeholders to ensure urban ecosystem restoration targets reflect on-the-ground differences between cities in existing green space and tree cover. Through opinion pieces and an online political campaign, we used the strength of our collective political voice to demonstrate support for an ambitious law whilst highlighting the need for flexibility, and, when the debate became heavily politicised throwing doubt on cities' support for urban targets, we promoted targeted political rebuttals and reinforced our messaging.
- We contributed to securing an EU deal for a **phase-out of the sale of petrol and diesel cars** by 2035. Together with members and allies in Brussels, we lobbied national governments in a difficult phase of the final negotiations, ensuring the Commission's proposals were fully endorsed and all cars sold after 2035 will be zero-emission. The renewed EU's ambitions will bring major benefits for cities, including reducing pollution, boosting air quality and improving peoples' health.
- We have ensured that the **EU Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion**, in place until 2027, includes strong recognition of the role of cities. The Action Plan is a guiding document that covers all the different stages and areas of the integration process and steers the programming of the funding calls under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF). Eurocities helped to ensure that the Action Plan commits to deliver targeted funding for cities and close involvement in multi-governance policy processes. AMIF funding calls published since then have always included a specific call aimed at local authorities and are generally very open towards applications that include cities. This allows cities to access more EU funding that can support integration services and provide local communities with more opportunities for training, employment and housing.

13 
position papers &
consultation responses
submitted to the EU in 2022

 **72,000+**
followers
on our social media channels



585,000

people visited our website in 2022

20

high level meetings

with Commissioners and MEPs in 2022



7 new cities

joined the Eurocities network in 2022

Over 2500 participants

in our main events and conferences in 2022



A platform for cities to work together

Eurocities provides a platform for our member cities and their leaders to share knowledge and ideas, explore common challenges and develop innovative solutions. These collaborations have resulted in many ambitious new initiatives between cities that are helping to build an inclusive, smart and sustainable future for Europe.

What has been achieved?

- European mayors have made it clear to the EU that cities are committed to achieving its ambitious climate goals. More than sixty mayors from major cities across Europe formed the **Mayors' Alliance for the European Green Deal**, demonstrating that cities are taking the lead when it comes to achieving climate neutrality by 2050.
- Cities have worked to **reduce the carbon footprint of their cultural events and activities**. More than forty cities have signed up to Eurocities' Lille Call to Action, outlining their commitment to sustainable culture. This includes making historic buildings energy efficient, creating green spaces around museums and universities and holding concerts in outdoor areas.
- Cities have worked together to ensure standards, ethics and transparency are maintained in the increasing use of **artificial intelligence**. Automated decision-making processes, known as algorithms, are used every day in cities to help speed up areas such as calculating taxes and improving traffic regulation. However, risks include gathering large amounts of personal data and a lack of accountability. In response, cities in the Eurocities network pioneered the development of a ground-breaking transparency registry for algorithms that is available for use by any public sector organisation, free of charge.

Become a member

5 reasons to become a member



1. A strong network

The Eurocities network connects over 6,000 city politicians, officials, and experts from more than 200 cities to exchange, learn, and collaborate on shared challenges. Joining Eurocities gives your city a strong voice and the power to achieve impactful change, supported by a continent-wide network of like-minded professionals.



2. International expertise

Why start from scratch when you can leap to the top?

Benefit from the expertise and experiences of your fellow cities, getting the latest insights on everything from cutting-edge technology to engaging local people in decision making. Participate in Eurocities forums, working groups, and projects, and connect with cities at the forefront of urban development. Quick, direct, and substantial benefits for your local context.



3. A voice in Europe

Become a stronger actor on the European stage with Eurocities. Our advocacy work ensures EU policies and programmes consider the reality of urban life, covering various areas such as transport, energy, innovation, culture, and social affairs. We represent urban interests in EU high-level and expert groups on issues like cultural heritage, food policy, and mobility. Join Eurocities to secure your city's position on the European stage.



4. Funding and finance

Stay informed about funding opportunities through Eurocities.

Our regular funding forecast and briefs provide clear information on available funding for cities. Members can access significant funds for priority areas like climate, mobility, social inclusion, and ICT through European projects. As a member, you'll have project partners ready to hand, as well as early insider intelligence from our close contacts with the European Commission concerning forthcoming EU programmes and calls of interest to cities.



5. Year-round support

Eurocities' Brussels staff members are available year-round to assist you. Our urban experts have extensive experience in projects, communication, and public policy. We take the time to understand your city, offer tailored advice and support, and provide information on relevant opportunities. Our diverse team includes individuals with experience in local administrations across Europe, the European Commission, academia, NGOs, and private enterprise. What unites us all is our passion for cities.

How to Join?



Step One: Introduction

To get started, get in touch with us at member@eurocities.eu, and we'll arrange an introductory chat. Learn more our activities and structure as well as about membership benefits and opportunities for your city.



Step Two: Membership Application

Are you ready to become a member?

For Full and Associate Members: Complete the membership application, including an application form signed by the political leader, motivational letter and presentation of your city.

For Partners: Complete the membership application, including an application form signed by the political leader and an application dossier for the forum(s) you would like to join.



Step Three: Application Review

For Full and Associate Members: The complete application will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

For Partners: The application will first be reviewed by the forum you want to join, then goes to the Executive Committee for final approval.



Step Four: Onboarding

Welcome to the network! Once your application is approved, we'll arrange a series of onboarding meetings to accompany your first steps in the network, meet the Eurocities team & more!

Membership criteria

	Full member	Associate member	Partner
Main membership criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities in the EU with preferably >250.000 inhabitants, and a democratically elected city government and urban structure.• Metropolitan areas with >400,000 inhabitants (and core administrative entity of >200,000) and legally established political structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities in Europe (non-EU) with preferably >250.000 inhabitants, and a democratically elected city government and urban structure.• Metropolitan areas with >400,000 inhabitants (and core administrative entity of >200,000) and legally established political structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities in Europe with >50,000 inhabitants or be of exceptional regional importance.
Membership fee in 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• €16,870 annual fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• €16,870 if EEA or Western Europe countries• €4,540 if Central and Eastern European countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• €4,710 annual fee per forum