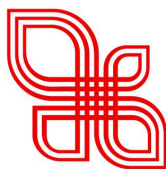




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## URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

### - *Strengthening cooperation* -

**27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 r.**

Ministry of Economic Development Wspólna 2/4 Str. 00-926, Warsaw, Poland

#### **Objective of the conference:**

The aim of the meeting is to focus on the continuation of actions aimed at implementation of the Pact of Amsterdam which established the Urban Agenda for the EU. The conference will give the opportunity to discuss the implementation of the Urban Agenda, in particular existing and new partnerships, among V4 countries, as well as Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia and Romania (V4+4), the representatives of their regions, cities and European Commission. Moreover, the meeting will contribute to the promotion of the Urban Agenda and cooperation within partnerships, especially to urban authorities. The conference will be also an occasion to discuss how to strengthen and coordinate cooperation within V4+4, identify common areas of interests in the field of urban development, as well as to share best practice, experiences and promote involvement in the Urban Agenda partnerships.

#### **Participants:**

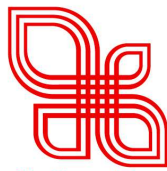
The conference will be attended by delegates and opinion leaders in the field of urban development, including European Commission, urban, regional and national authorities, social partners, national and European city umbrella organizations and other experts in territorial and urban policies.

**Registration: till 24<sup>th</sup> October** by e-mail: [miasta@mr.gov.pl](mailto:miasta@mr.gov.pl)

### AGENDA OF THE MEETING

- 09.00 – 09.30**      **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**
- 09.30 – 10.00**      **INTRODUCTION SPEECHES**
- Mr Jerzy KWIECIŃSKI, Secretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Poland**
- Mr Normunds POPENS, Deputy Director-General, DG REGIO, European Commission**
- 10.00 – 10.30**      **1<sup>st</sup> SESSION – URBAN AGENDA PARTNERSHIPS**
- Ms Judit TOROKNE-ROZSA, Head of Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission**
- *Process of establishing new partnerships*
- Mr Robert-Jan van LOTRINGEN, Program Manager European Partnerships, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations of the Netherlands**
- *Evaluation of the start-up phase of the first four partnerships*





10.30 – 11.30

**Progress on the first four partnerships:**

- **Air Quality**, Mr René KORENROMP, Project Leader, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment of the Netherlands
- **Housing**, Representative of the partnership (tbc)
- **Urban Poverty**, Ms Aleksandra Olejnik, Representative of the City of Łódź in Brussels
- **Inclusion of migrants and refugees**, Mr Wouter van der HEIJDE, Senior Advisor, City of Amsterdam

11.30 – 12.30

**DISCUSSION**

12.30 – 12.45

**COFFEE BREAK**

12.45 – 14.30

**2<sup>nd</sup> SESSION – STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE URBAN AGENDA**

**Introduction:**

Mr Piotr ŻUBER, Director of the Department for Development Strategy, Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Poland

- Mr Lukáš ŠURIN, DG for Housing Policy and Urban Development, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic
- Mr Jiri VLCEK, EU Urban Agenda Coordinator, Department of Regional Development, Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic
- Ms Veronika MANOVA, Expert, Sofia City Council, Bulgaria
- Mr Jack ENGWEGEN, Head of Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission

14:30 – 15.30

**DISCUSSION**

15:30 – 15.45

**SUMMING UP THE CONFERENCE**

15.45

**LUNCH**

