



Come see us at our stand! Like any marketplace, it is a **meeting venue** to discuss cities and towns: new urban strategies, the planned Sustainable Urban Development law, problems we resolve together, and growing challenges we face every day.

The urban settlement and urbanisation sessions inaugurated by the UN in Vancouver in 1976 gradually evolved into a full-fledged programme known as "UN-Habitat". Thereunder, global urban premise stakeholders meet every two years at WUF – World Urban Forum – ever since WUF1 had been organised in Nairobi (2002). Over the years, the WUF was held in Europe twice (Barcelona in 2004, Naples in 2012). The 11th WUF session is now revisiting Europe – in **Katowice**.

Having joined forces with municipalities and partners, we are planning a thought-provoking **event programme at a shared stand in the URBAN EXPO zone**. Running in parallel to other events, it will be an opportunity to meet friends and colleagues, exchange experience and plan further shared activities, domestic and international. **Ukraine** is our particular focus. New partnerships are continuously evolving, plans to develop **shared Europe** afoot.

PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 27 JUNE

10.00	WORLD URBAN FORUM INAUGURATION – AUDYTORIUM
12.00	URBAN EXPO OPENING
13.30	PRESS BRIEFING – MAYORS AND PRESIDENTS OF POLISH MUNICIPALITIES

Mayors and presidents on key urban issues and National Urban Policy expectations.

14.15	INTEGRATION POLICIES IN INDIVIDUAL CITIES – GDAŃSK, LUBLIN, CRACOW
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Prior to the outbreak of war in Ukraine, the number of foreign nationals in Poland totalled slightly over 2 million, the majority residing in cities and metropolitan areas. The role of local governments in developing migration policies was gradually gaining importance. The Gdańsk Model of Integrating Immigrants adopted in 2016 on President Paweł Adamowicz's initiative had been the product of multiple urban public entities and civic communities working together. It was Poland's first local programme of integrating immigrants, recognised as a "challenge and opportunity for the economy" and public urban fabric.

For many years, Lublin had been the only Polish member city of the Intercultural Cities Programme of the Council of Europe, its concept based on boosting and supporting local community efforts to better use cultural diversity. Thanks to the Programme, Lublin developed foundations for deliberating migrant integration locally.

For nearly 6 years, Cracow has been implementing the "Open Cracow" programme to implement and deliver a policy of openness to representatives of national and ethnic minorities and foreign nationals. "Open Cracow" is a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to integration.

15.30	MONITORING URBAN DEVELOPMENT (KS – NORWAY, ZMP - POLAND)	
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Since 2000, APC and KS have separately been developing their own monitoring systems – with information publicly available on-line. The APC developed and maintained the Local Government Analysis System, which from 2020 was transformed – under EEA funded Local Development Program operated by the Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy – into the Local Development Monitor (it will be presented in the first part of the seminar - <https://monitorrozwoju.pl/>), while the KS has developed in cooperation with the Norwegian Statistical Office – „Local government monitoring system” (KOSTRA) (will be presented in the second part of the seminar - <https://www.ssb.no/en/offentlig-sektor/kostra>). Both systems support the diagnosis of the state of development of local government units (or the services provided), and make it possible to base strategic and operational planning on facts, not opinions. At the same time, they enable employees and local authorities, representatives of government administration as well as scientific circles and citizens to access the same verified data, which creates conditions for a more honest public discussion on development policy planning and its effects.

16.00	NATIONAL URBAN POLICIES – HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE – ROOM 2
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Minister G. Puda and other Polish and foreign ministers on the importance of urban policies in a changing world.

16.45	SMART & SECURE CITIES – EUROPEAN HUB OF DIGITAL INNOVATION - state-of-the-art solutions for cities and regions, IoT Innovation Showcase
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Guest presenters at our stand: Polish Cluster IoT and AI SINOTAIC



TUESDAY, 28 JUNE – UKRAINIAN DAY

9.00

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF POLISH CITIES AND UNION OF POLISH METROPOLISES COUNCIL - Silesian Museum

One day after the official proclamation of the new National Urban Policy, we are launching an open debate regarding Policy implementation, minister Grzegorz Puda and representatives of other ministries in attendance. Main themes will include spatial planning, local transport, urban environment and urban development financing.

The Action Plan for Cities ceremony associated with so-called WUF legacy (Polish WUF11 accomplishments) will be a momentous event: cities and towns will sign the Action Plan for Cities, Action Plan certificates presented to individual municipalities.

9.00

PRESS BRIEFING – ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIAN CITIES DELEGATION



10.00

URGENT NEEDS: POST-WAR RECOVERY IN UKRAINIAN CITIES (ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIAN CITIES DELEGATION)

12:15

MEETING OF UKRAINIAN AND POLISH PARTNER CITIES



Open meeting of all interested representatives of Polish cities and towns with the Association of Ukrainian Cities delegation. Ukrainian mayors' report on the current situation and needs, tentative proposals of collaborating to rebuild Ukrainian cities.

13:30

POST-WAR AND POST-NATURAL RECOVERY OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES – special session - AUDYTORIUM

Enormous human and material losses brought by war and natural disasters and the resulting waves of refugee migration, asylum crises and profound impoverishment are all challenges we have to face together. In view of needs already notified by the parties concerned, we are developing guidelines for projects targeting the recovery of destroyed areas and infrastructure, and rebuilding the public and economic fabric of post-conflict areas.

14.00

HOSPITABLE POLAND 2022+ REPORT, RESULTS OF OPINION POLLS IN UKRAINIAN COMMUNITIES

Wise support for Poland and Poles assisting persons fleeing war in Ukraine

The inflow of millions of persons fleeing war in Ukraine in the wake of Russian aggression triggered an unprecedented grassroots movement of spontaneous community support, affording acclimatisation in Poland primarily to mothers and children leaving Ukraine while letting troops fighting for their country's survival know that their nearest and dearest are safe far away from the frontline.

Four main stakeholders forming a support network have been involved in offering assistance to Ukraine. They include non-governmental organisations, grassroots civil society initiatives, local governments and central government institutions. Outcomes of migration from Ukraine, Ukrainian citizens' integration, and development scenarios in assorted aspects of state operations have been discussed in the report "Hospitable Poland 2022+". In the course of the debate, we shall be presenting premises described in the document published on 21 June 2022.

The report was drafted by the WiseEuropa Foundation in collaboration with a large team of researchers, i.a. from the University of Warsaw, Warsaw School of Economics, and SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities. It lists proposals of activities making persons fleeing war in Ukraine part of the daily life of Polish society short-term on the one hand, and – on the other – allowing them full freedom in terms of the location they intend to live and function in once the war is over.

15.45

MEETING OF FRENCH, POLISH AND UKRAINIAN PARTNER CITIES



Open meeting organised by AFCCRE (French chapter of the CEMR) and Association of Polish Cities with mayors of Ukrainian cities (Association of Ukrainian Cities delegation). Consultations will focus i.a. on new perspectives for trilateral co-operation for purposes of rebuilding cities in Ukraine.

16:45

MEETING OF NORWEGIAN (KS), POLISH (ZMP) AND UKRAINIAN (AMU) DELEGATIONS



Open session of representatives of the KS (Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities) and Association of Polish Cities with mayors of Ukrainian cities (Association of Ukrainian Cities delegation). Consultations will focus i.a. on new perspectives for trilateral co-operation for purposes of rebuilding cities in Ukraine, and sharing local governance experience with Ukrainian cities.



WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE

9.15

THE "HEAT AND ELECTRICITY FROM HOUSEHOLD WASTE" COVENANT

The condition of local district heating in multiple cities and towns requires urgent heating source modernisation, the sudden need for switching to alternative fuels conducive to rapid action. We have been struggling for years to increase the use of the "above-sieve" fraction as refuse-derived fuel (RDF) to generate heat and electricity. Legal changes will have to coincide with financing, and a related programme of supporting local projects. We invite cities and towns to join the coalition supporting these works, the team including the Chamber of Commerce Polish District Heating, National Chamber of Waste Management, National fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management, BOŚ (Bank for Environmental Protection), Polish Development Fund and technology suppliers.

10.30

URBAN ECO-FUTURE

Joining representatives of **Ostrów Wielkopolski** and **Ruda Śląska**, we will be examining the experience of both municipalities in developing an integrated approach and continuous commitment of assorted entities and communities to **joint action** for urban environment protection.

11.45

GREEN FUTURE OF INDUSTRIAL CITIES

Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski, **Starachowice** and **Stalowa Wola** are Central Industrial Region municipalities basing their development on the use of in-house potential and heavy, automotive and chemical industries on the one hand, and – on the other – developing state-of-the-art programmes and integrated natural environment protection and modernisation strategies. During the panel, we shall be asking mayors of all three localities to share stories of challenges associated with green future, and good practices in place already.

13.00

PRESS BRIEFING – FINANCING GREEN CITIES AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

Attended by representatives of the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy (National Recovery Plan), National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management, BOŚ (Bank for Environmental Protection) and Polish Development Fund.

14:00

GREEN CITIES – GREEN TRANSFORMATION

The National Recovery Plan includes a schedule of considerable resources for cities. At the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, all assignments associated with **National Recovery Plan** implementation in the field of comprehensive green transformation of cities investments have been commissioned with the Public-Private Partnership Department which has already begun co-operating with National Recovery Plan stakeholders (monitoring pre-committee). Preparations for the efficient use of all aforesaid tools have also been joined by **METREX**, with Wrocław as the Polish partner.

15.15

DIRECTION: ECO-TOURISM. EXAMPLES OF TRANSFORMATION IN USTRZYKI DOLNE AND SEJNY

Will climate change mitigation, energy transformation (electromobility) and carsharing enforce a new tourism development model?

16.30

QUO VADIS, SOCIAL MEDIA?

The Institute of Internet and Social Media Research will present research outcomes telling us how local residents perceive social media communication campaigns of the local government and local media. We will have the opportunity to develop a more detailed response to this contemporarily momentous question in Tychy this September, during the **1st Social Media Congress** you are cordially invited to by the municipality of Tychy, Association of Polish Cities and the Institute.



THURSDAY, 30 JUNE

9.00

OLD IS THE NEW SEXY! WHAT DOES WESOŁA MEAN TO CRACOW

A very ambitious project of revitalising the Cracow district of Wesoła, flanking Cracow's Old s from the East.

10.45

URBACT – GLOBAL GOALS FOR CITIES



An international collaboration network of 19 cities joined by **Dzierżoniów** has been designed to facilitate sharing sustainable urban development governance experiences, in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goal formula. **Tallinn** is the designated network leader. Six cities and four urban functional areas from Poland have joined experience exchange networks operating under the URBACT III programme.

12.00

BRIEFING FOR CITIES – URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Attended by representatives of the BGK Bank and Polish Development Fund.

12.30

PRESS BRIEFING – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2023

Attended by presidents and mayors of Polish cities.

13.15

PREVENTING POLARISATION LOCALLY European Forum of Urban Safety (EFUS)



The EU-funded BRIDGE project was intended to raise awareness in local communities, and boost their capacity for reducing individual and collective susceptibility to attitude radicalisation, coinciding with preventing polarisation and mitigating its outcomes. The project was designed in particular to strengthen local tools of identifying and governing polarisation, assist local authorities in drafting activities intended to prevent tensions and social disquiet trends, promote local community- and co-operation-based initiatives, and foster the concept of a meeting of European representatives of local governments and experts proposing to handle polarisation at the local level.

The EFUS-managed project was joined by 13 local and regional authorities from 17 member states, and a multidisciplinary expert panel.

The BRIDGE initiative served the purpose of developing a set of tools facilitating the detection and analysing local-level polarisation processes, in recognition of a broad array of indicators. A comprehensive audit comprised data and information regarding demographics, socio-structural inequalities, civic activity, protection factors, risk factors, and presence of polarising factors. It further included questionnaires concerning the presence of a zero-win attitude and “we/them” mentality, and an appraisal of networks and partnerships potentially helpful in combating polarisation. Basing on audit outcomes, EFUS supported local partners in drafting pilot projects meeting their needs, calculated to prevent polarisation and mitigate its outcomes.

During a debate planned for 30 June as part of the World Urban Forum, EFUS Programme manager Eszter Karacsony will present specific tools facilitating the detection and analysis of polarisation types and degrees at the local level, offer a brief comment on polarisation-related tensions potentially arising in the current war context, and list a number of sample methods and attitudes potentially contributing to the prevention of polarisation tensions and their abatement.

14.45

SUMMARY OF EVENTS AT THE UKRAINIAN CITIES ASSOCIATION, UNION OF POLISH METROPOLISES AND ASSOCIATION OF POLISH CITIES STAND

15.30

WUF11 CLOSING CEREMONY – AUDITORIUM