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# Sessions & Speakers

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Just Cities – Urban Development  
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# Keynote

## **The New Leipzig Charter: The Transformative Power of Cities for the Common Good**

**“No citizen should be left behind”** states the New Leipzig Charter, which names the just city as one of the three dimensions for urban development for the common good. How did the revision process of the EU policy document come about? Why do notions of the common good and the just city take center stage in the pan-European agreement? Dr. Oliver Weigel illuminates a two-year long process of drafting an agreement among the European ministers responsible for urban matters that defines cities as agents for the common good.

**Speaker**

## **Dr. Oliver Weigel, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community**



**Dr. Oliver Weigel** is head of the Department for Urban Development in the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany, where he was responsible for the revision of the Leipzig Charter and the formulation of the original document of 2007. Both at the ministry and in his voluntary work, he focuses on international, non-European peer-to-peer city networks.

# Network Sessions

## Sessions & Speakers

Hosted by partners of the **use** platform, **the following 7 network sessions** further explore the topic of justice and community-oriented urban development by presenting practical examples. The sessions also offer many opportunities for exchange with international experts. Capacities in the network sessions are limited. This is why each session is repeated after a short break. Please register for **two sessions** and join the discussion!

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# Session A

## New Leipzig Charter on the Ground: Towards Real Citizen Participation (URBACT)

With a series of **CityLabs** launched between fall 2018 and spring 2020, URBACT has greatly contributed to the process of renewing the Leipzig Charter. Based on the consensus that the active contribution of citizens is a central means to achieving the “Just City”, the first of these CityLabs concentrated on the issue of citizen participation in Europe’s cities.

This session will give an overview on the results of the Participation CityLab and will describe the difficulties of organizing real participation in EU financed programs. It will also present good practices of the Lisbon CLLD, the Paris participatory budgeting and the Gdansk citizen assemblies.

Speaker

**Iván Tosics,**  
URBACT



**Iván Tosics** has been one of the Programme Experts of URBACT since 2011. A mathematician and sociologist (Phd), he has long experience in urban sociology, strategic development, housing policy and EU regional policy issues.

[www.urbact.eu](http://www.urbact.eu)

# Session B

## **Eurocities Initiative:** Inclusive Cities for All (EUROCITIES)

**With the campaign 'InclusiveCities4All',** Eurocities has been successfully promoting the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights at local level. The campaign, which started in early 2019 and continues in 2021, has already reached 65 city pledges – political commitments made by mayors and deputy mayors from cities across Europe –, representing over 55 million citizens, and totalling an investment of over €14.5 billion.

This session explores what it means to be 'inclusive for all' by showcasing specific examples of city pledges and by answering questions around getting your own city involved.

**Speaker**

## **Bianca Faragau,** EUROCITIES



**Bianca Faragau** is a Senior Policy Advisor for social affairs at Eurocities, where she coordinates the policy work of 190 European cities in the field of poverty reduction and social inclusion through a partnership with the European Commission under the Employment and Social Innovation programme. She is directly in charge of the Eurocities' campaign 'InclusiveCities4All'.

[www.eurocities.eu](http://www.eurocities.eu)

# Session C

## Gender Mainstreaming across Metropolitan Spaces: From Strategies to Practices (METROPOLIS)

**Metropolis envisions metropolitan spaces** where women and girls feel safe, free of all forms of sexual harassment, and where they achieve a parity representation in governance structures, which also provide equal access to education, workforce participation, and land ownership. However, how close are we to this reality? Do metropolises have a gender?

This networking session promotes a discussion of gender issues in the context of the world's major metropolises and sheds light on experiences featured on the use platform that are promoting gender equality in our cities and metropolitan areas.

Speaker

**Silvia Llorente,**  
METROPOLIS



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**Silvia Llorente** is Project Officer for Metropolis Women & Focal Point for Europe at the Metropolis Secretariat General. Silvia has a degree in Political Science and post-graduate studies in gender and public policy. She has been an activist for gender equality for all her life. Some of her areas of expertise are human rights, gender governance, and women empowerment.

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# Session D

## **Just Cities:** Lessons from COVID-19 to Build Back Better (GUANGZHOU INSTITUTE FOR URBAN INNOVATION)

**COVID19 has revealed multiple failures** in urban management and governance worldwide. Chief amongst these is the quasi-universal failure of cities and regions to address inequalities, which have appeared at multiple levels: access to essential public goods and services; access to public space; protection of the most vulnerable; and gender impact. Most causes of these failures pre-date the pandemic. The implications are clear: if we are to build back better, we must, first and foremost, address these fundamental inequities.

The session will identify some of the priority issues that need to be addressed as well as some promising ways forward.

**Speaker**

**Nicholas You,** Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation



**Nicholas You** is a veteran urban specialist and thought leader. He is currently the Executive Director of the Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation, co-Chair of the Open Green City Lab in Shenzhen and adjunct for the Centre for Liveable Cities, Singapore. He regularly advises governments, technology companies and civil society organizations on urban sustainability, urban governance and urban innovation.

[www.guangzhouaward.org](http://www.guangzhouaward.org)

# Session E

## Housing us all: The Just City and Inclusion in Housing

**A Just City is one where housing** is affordable for all, and where different needs are met. This session showcases a number of collaborative housing projects and explores their commitment to inclusiveness. What successful mechanisms and features are there to support marginalised groups, financially and otherwise?

We will explore the characteristics of projects, including Space-S (Eindhoven), Startblok (Amsterdam) and Mehr Als Wohnen (Zürich) which have all been World Habitat Award winners in recent years - alongside other innovative collaborative housing initiatives, to analyse and discuss how to enable inclusion in housing.

Speaker

**Mariangela Veronesi,**  
World Habitat



**Mariangela Veronesi** (she/they) has a background in community-led processes to housing and neighbourhood upgrading, and in innovative and sustainable global housing practices. Since 2018, Mariangela has been leading the Global Community-led Housing Programme at World Habitat, which supports ground-breaking collaborative housing projects to address urgent housing needs across the world.

[www.world-habitat.org](http://www.world-habitat.org)



# Session F

## Local Approaches to Migration Governance and Inclusive Citizenship (UCLG)

The “**Mediterranean City to City Migration (MC2CM)**” project (2015-2020) supports evidence-based policies and human rights approaches to urban migration governance in the Euro-Mediterranean area through a process of city-to-city cooperation. MC2CM cities exchange practices through peer learning events and other activities focusing on a variety of areas such as access to employment, housing, basic services, intercultural dialogue and non-discrimination.

Join us to learn about bottom-up approaches to migration governance and check how cities are reshaping the notion of citizenship through a new narrative on migration based on human rights.

Speaker

**Fátima Fernández,**  
UCLG



**Fátima Fernández** is the focal point at UCLG’s World Secretariat for the MC2CM project, the Mayors Mechanism of the Global Forum for Migration and Development, and the UN Migration Network. She holds a PhD in Regional Development and Economic Integration with a particular focus on the Political Economy of Euro-Mediterranean relations.

[www.uclg.org](http://www.uclg.org)

# Session G

## **Inclusive Resilience Building.** Linking the ,Just' and ,Green' City (UCLG LEARNING)

**While urban resilience, climate adaptation,** and nature based solutions continue to gain recognition in city making circles, the unequal distribution of benefits and potential displacement effects of some greening efforts is also gaining attention.

Join us in this session to share your insights on the impacts of resilience building and re-naturing efforts in social justice and access to common goods. What instruments are local governments using to reduce the disproportioned access to green spaces and exposure to hazards among citizens? What are some examples of good practices that we can learn from?

**Speaker**

**Juan Carlos Uribe Vega,**  
UCLG

**Learning**  
UCLG



**Juan Carlos Uribe** coordinates peer-learning exchanges at UCLG and has led the development of the new Resilience Learning Modules on the localization of the Sendai Framework for DRR. He studied Landscape Architecture and Environmental Sciences, and holds a MSc in International Cooperation, Urban Development, and Sustainable Emergency Architecture.

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