Exhibition of good practices in sustainable urban development
Cities are where Europe’s economic and social problems are often most concentrated and most visible. But they are also the powerhouses of Europe - where the most important solutions can be found: in the fields of competitiveness, employment, education, transport, the environment and innovation. This makes them crucial in lifting Europe out of crisis. Without Europe’s cities we cannot make the Europe 2020 Growth Agenda a reality.

Johannes Hahn  
European Commissioner for Regional Policy

The OPEN DAYS 2013 goes local in search of sustainable solutions to the manifold challenges faced by Europe today. This inspiring exhibition shows only a small part of the know-how and opportunities that can emerge with the engagement of local and regional stakeholders. It is by sharing good practices and working together that Europe will become a smarter, sustainable and better place to live. Full acknowledgements to all cities and regions involved for their contribution.

Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso  
President of the Committee of the Regions
The ‘100 EUrban solutions’ exhibition illustrates urban solutions based on case studies and transferable good practices in the field of sustainable development, capitalising on the achievements of the 2007-2013 programming period. Spread over several venues in the Brussels EU quarter during the OPEN DAYS 2013 event, the different exhibition components form the ‘100 EUrban solutions’ route.

The five components of the exhibition

Outdoor exhibition
DG REGIO will showcase a series of ERDF funded projects, offering solutions to the many challenges European cities are facing, in an outdoor photo exhibition close to the main European institutions.

Meeting Place
An exhibition of good practices from regions and cities in the field of public-private partnerships, networking across borders and public participation will be displayed on the fifth floor of the Jacques Delors building (Committee of the Regions), together with a PURPLE (Peri-Urban Regions Platform Europe) poster exhibition.

Pan-European programmes
Selected projects and information stands by the EU INTERREG IVC and URBACT programmes, coordinated with the INTERACT and ESPON programmes, will be hosted on the sixth floor of the CoR building. Networking opportunities with experts and project partners are offered to visitors.

External partners
Brussels-based representative offices of regions and cities and associations are joining the exhibition route with their own thematic exhibitions.

Networking activities
and inauguration of the exhibition will be organised in the evening of 8 October in the various exhibition locations.

Check the OPEN DAYS’ website for further information: www.opendays.europa.eu
70 projects from more than 70 cities: ERDF investment

Living in Europe’s cities. Outdoor exhibition

With 70 projects from more than 70 cities set out on Place Jean Rey, DG Regio aims to present an array of innovative, inclusive and sustainable responses to the many obstacles Europe's cities are facing. Each one has received ERDF investment, and the projects are actively contributing to a better standard of living in Europe's cities.

More than two-thirds of the European population are city dwellers. Europe is one of the most urbanised continents in the world and cities play an important role in all our lives: they contribute to our social and economic development and well-being. They are the powerhouses of Europe - where the most important solutions can be found to common challenges.

Visit us!

Where: Place Jean Rey, Etterbeek
When: from 7 to 31 October

www.100EUsolutions.eu
100 EUrban solutions at the Meeting Place

**The contribution of regions and cities**

The Committee of the Regions has gathered illustrative projects from regions and cities in the field of public-private partnerships, networking across borders and public participation, the key themes of the OPEN DAYS’ ‘Meeting Place’. Partners and stakeholders from 22 countries share their good practices, mostly local authorities from cities and municipalities, but also associations such as EUROCITIES and Energy Cities. The budgets available for the projects add up to some EUR 337 million, partly EU-funded or financed by EIB loans. They cover the themes of energy, housing, mobility, and water - waste - and space management and touch on aspects such as social development and inclusion, urban-rural relations and e-government.

A selection of best photos from the “Peri-urban photography competition” organised in 2012 by the PURPLE network shows the specific mix of urban and rural features of peri-urban spaces, which provide vital resources and enhance the quality of life of city dwellers.

100 EUrban solutions from pan-European programmes

**Thematic knowledge**

Four networking pan-European programmes – INTERREG IVC, URBACT, ESPON and INTERACT – will invite visitors of the OPEN DAYS to the joint exhibition on the 6th floor on urban and regional solutions generated by the programmes and projects implemented all over Europe.

INTERREG IVC will present 12 stands on good practices, generated by the project’s partners, which are of relevance for EU urban areas. Each solution will cover a different topic tackled
by thematic programme capitalization, including: Innovation systems (triple helix & open innovation), Innovation capacity of SMEs, Eco-innovation, Creative industries, Entrepreneurship, E-government services, Demographic change, Rural development, Climate change, Energy efficiency, Renewable energy and Sustainable transport.

URBACT will set up “workstreams” with an eye to consolidating and spotlighting results and findings from the URBACT projects on six themes: Shrinking Cities, Challenges and Opportunities, More Jobs, Better Cities, Supporting Young People through Social Innovation, Against Divided Cities in Europe, Motivating Mobility Mindsets and Building Energy Efficiency in European Cities.

INTERACT will show an interactive presentation of the KEEP which is an online tool and internet portal containing comprehensive information on all European Territorial Cooperation projects. It allows users to view and analyse the workings of cooperation on a much wider scale and with greater depth than has ever been possible before.

ESPON will provide information on territorial evidence and publications on various dynamics of the European territory, its regions and cities.

Visit us!

Where:
Committee of the Regions
Rue Belliard 101,
5th and 6th floors

When:
7 Oct: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
8 Oct: 8 a.m. – 8.30 p.m.
9 Oct: 8 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.
10 Oct: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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EUUrban solutions in the “Abruzzo Covenant of Mayors” municipalities

Multilevel governance and cohesion policy

This exhibition will showcase projects and activities lead by institutions and municipalities and their achievements in the Abruzzo Region. Two other aspects:

• 10th edition of “Energiochi”, awareness-raising campaign about renewable energy and energy efficiency in the region’s schools.
• “We, the youth of Europe, in the heart of our municipalities” linking the experiences of 28 young Europeans in Brussels, with the European Union and its institutions.

Visit us!
Where: Abruzzo region EU office | Avenue Louise 210
When: 7-9 Oct: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Smart cities as an asset for the Adriatic-Ionian macroregion

Waste Management, Urban transport, Water treatment

The Adriatic-Ionian Macregional Partnership displays some of its best practices in tackling urban-related transport, energy, waste management and water treatment issues. Regions and cities are deeply involved in studying innovative and transferable solutions in order to facilitate people’s lives and create a more sustainable urban environment.

Visit us!
Where: Espace Banca Monte Paschi Belgio | Avenue d’Auderghem 22-28
When: 8 Oct: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. | 9 Oct: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
EU regional cooperation: impact on sustainable urban development

Urban development and EU funds

The exhibition will promote important examples of projects with an impact on local communities and cities from the North-East Region of Romania and Andalucía in the area of urban development, with photos showcasing project results in the North-East Region of Romania during 2007-2013 and videos from Andalucía showcasing results of urban and regional development and the impact of European funds within the past 25 years.

Visit us!

Where: Representation Office of Andalucía Region and of the North-East Region of Romania | Rue Van Orley 5-11, ground floor

When: 8 Oct: 9.30 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. | 9-10 Oct: 9.30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

EUROCITIES
cities in action

Urban solutions to European challenges for smart, sustainable and inclusive cities

‘Cities in action’ is a collection of best practices from Europe’s biggest cities, illustrating the concept of ‘sustainable development’ - a term that encompasses a vast range of common city challenges such as migrant integration and social inclusion, energy provision, service delivery, cultural heritage and urban renewal. Our best practice case studies set out successful examples of how European cities are responding to these challenges.

Visit us!

Where: Square de Meeûs 1, 1st floor

When: 8 Oct: 6 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
Health as a determinant of growth - Using Structural Funds for greater health equity

Wider determinants of health

EuroHealthNet groups together 30 regions from 10 Member States to review and share lessons learned regarding how the Structural Funds are currently being used to tackle regional health inequalities, and to strengthen understanding of how the Funds can be applied during the 2014-2020 period to address the wider determinants of health. This exhibition will give practical suggestions on how (public) health actors can engage in Structural Fund processes. It will also introduce visitors to an online Structural Funds Guidance Tool.

Visit us!
Where: EuroHealthNet office | Rue de la Loi 67, 3rd floor
When: 7-10 Oct: 9.30 a.m. – 5 p.m. | 8 Oct: 9.30 a.m. – 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Light mobility and information technologies for weak demand areas

Mobility

The projects will devise solutions for making local public transport systems for weak demand areas more flexible and less expensive. This will be achieved through the use of new technologies, the creation of networks, experimentation with light mobility, infomobility and intermodal passenger transport and raising awareness among decision-makers at different levels as well as among the general public. Nine partners from six countries (Italy, Cyprus, Spain, Malta, Greece, France).

Visit us!
Where: Lazio Region Brussels Office | Rond-Point Robert Schuman 14
When: 8 Oct: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. | 9-10 Oct: 10 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Innovative solutions for sustainable urban transport using space and ICT technologies

THE ISSUE Project and NEREUS regional best practice

The exhibition will present the FP7-funded “Regions of Knowledge” project called THE ISSUE (Traffic Health-Environment: Intelligent Solutions Sustaining Urban Economies) as an example of using space and ICT technologies to develop innovative solutions to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and promote transport mobility and intermodality. This exhibition includes posters, an interactive project website presentation and the launch of THE ISSUE Best-Practice publication.

Where: Representation of Midi-Pyrénées Region
Avenue de Cortenbergh 116

When: 8 Oct: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. | 9-10 Oct: 10 a.m. – 12 noon & 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Adream: a competition for innovative and sustainable urban development

**Design, energy, buildings, spaces**

“Adream 2012 – Architecture and design using renewable and ecological materials” is a European project which aims to drive on new developments. Students and professionals were invited to take part in this competition by submitting creative and innovative architectural and design projects to identify potential new uses of renewable and ecological materials. The prize-winning and nominated projects are on display in an exhibition which is touring Europe.

Urban regeneration project in Lyon’s La Duchere district

**Buildings**

The Urban Regeneration project in Lyon’s La Duchère district aims to regenerate this district of Lyon. 80% of housing is social housing. This contributed to the district’s pauperisation and disaffection, with bad social indicators. With support from the ESF, the project developed a new urban planning strategy in order to open up the district to the rest of the city, re-create its attractiveness as a new centre and enhance the landscape.
Europe of Traditions –
Water in sustainable urban development

*Water, infrastructure, waste management*

The exhibition will display projects focusing on water from the perspective of urban development. Some examples: enhancing harbours and promoting maritime and river transport; modernising distribution networks, automation, constructing aqueducts, treating wastewater, permits; water supply, environmental sustainability in the use of water resources; eco-technologies.

Visit us!

**Where:** Veneto Region Brussels Office | Avenue de Tervuren 67

**When:**
- 7 Oct: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- 8 Oct: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 9 Oct: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- 10 Oct: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
The ‘OPEN DAYS – European Week of Regions and Cities’ is the landmark event in EU Regional Policy. Over four days, some 6 000 participants – local, regional, national and European decision-makers and experts – gather each October to debate, exchange know-how and network. In addition to the Brussels-based workshops, over 300 local events run from September to November all over Europe.

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