

CONCEPTUAL NOTE NETWORKING EVENT 39

9 February 16:30-18:30h

Hall 3, Room 19

Title of event

Governance: a key element to implement national urban policies. The experience of the Spanish Urban Agenda

Summary

All international agendas (2030 Agenda, New Urban Agenda, Urban Agenda for the European Union) demand an inclusive and innovative multilevel governance that unlocks the potential of urban policies to “leave no one behind”.

Intense and motivated public participation, multi-level and multi-stakeholder associations and open dialogue between the different steps of public administration build new structures that are essential in countries where, like Spain, there is a very decentralized political-administrative scheme.

Key Objectives

The Spanish Urban Agenda is a relevant example on how to the realization of the transformative commitments set out through the international New Urban Agenda can be successfully implemented in the country, with a strategic point of view, in essential thematic areas such as: - sustainable land use and climate change adaptation. - economic prosperity, low unemployment and reduction of poverty and inequality. - better urban mobility and air quality. - innovation - cultural integration - energy efficiency. - social cohesion and inclusion. - adequate and accessible housing. - circular economy. - etc.

To raise awareness about sustainable urbanization among stakeholders, it is necessary to increase coordination and operation among stakeholders. In this sense, the event, which will be attended by many public and private actors, aims to improve collective knowledge about sustainable urban development through the exchange of lessons learned and the exchange of best practices and good policies, at all levels of government, the professional sector, the university and civil society.

The Spanish Urban Agenda invites to renew and strengthen these institutional and governance structures so that they are the engine of a sustainable and transformative urban development that makes our cities habitable, intelligent and sustainable places.

Speakers

- **Helena Beunza.** General Secretary of Urban Agenda and Housing. Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda. Government of Spain.
- **Aranzazu Leturiondo-** Vice Counselor of Territorial Planning of the Basque Government.
- **Carlos Martínez.** Mayor of Soria. Representative of Local Government. Spain.
- **Joan Clos.** Urban affairs consultant (ONU-Habitat).
- **Marta Lora-Tamayo.** Full Professor of Administrative Law. University of Spain.
- **José Ángel Higuera.** Business Director. INECO (Global engineering and infrastructure consulting).

Fila 0: *Agustí Serra, Secretary of Urban Agenda and Territory of the Generalitat de Catalunya; Begoña Villacís, Vice-Mayor of Madrid y Carmen Sánchez Miranda, Head of the UN Habitat Office in Spain.*

Moderator: *Ángela de la Cruz. Deputy Director of Urban Policies. Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda. Government of Spain.*