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FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this EUROCITIES Report of Activities. The past year has been one of significant change and development for our network. Under the leadership of our new Secretary General, Paul Bevan, our Brussels office has renewed energy and member focus. Paul has introduced new financial and organisational management and has sharpened our communications. Above all, with his long experience in local and regional government, he has focused on strengthening the connections between our team of specialists in Brussels and the extensive political and technical expertise throughout our membership. It is the combination of these that is EUROCITIES’ real asset.

We have redefined EUROCITIES’ business as ‘Visibility, Influencing and Networking’ and the year’s activities are reported here under these:

- **Visibility:** Our impact as a political platform for the large cities of Europe depends on sustaining our strong profile and reputation. We have relaunched the network to the new European Parliament and won exposure in key events run by the EU institutions and presidencies, as well as other European and global platforms. We have also been increasingly successful in gaining media coverage for our cities and the network. I am pleased that I have been able to front many of these opportunities as EUROCITIES’ President and that so many of my fellow EUROCITIES politicians have also been able to play a strong personal role.

- **Influencing:** Our fundamental purpose as a network is to shape European policy - both to ensure it is based on front line experience and to increase recognition and resources for cities in addressing Europe’s strategic challenges. It is often long-term work and all six of our policy forums are active in this effort. Examples from each are the urban mobility action plan, the review of the social Open Method of Coordination (OMC), the new Culture Programme, broadband and Next Generation Networks, the review of cohesion policy, and the COP15 Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen.

- **Networking:** Our policy forums continue to form the foundation of EUROCITIES as a multi-dimensional network, each promoting a rich exchange of views and experience through which, either as politicians or technical officers, we extend our horizons and expand our learning. The many collaborative projects undertaken within EUROCITIES’ membership support and reinforce this. Along with our 40 working groups, these forums connect some 2,000 contacts within our member and partner cities.

These are tough times: all of us have constantly to improve efficiency and demonstrate value for money, and EUROCITIES is no exception. In 2008 we were able for the first time in many years to rebuild our reserves, and we will do so again in 2009. In 2010 we plan to freeze subscriptions fees while delivering an expanding agenda for a growing membership.

With a new European Parliament and a new Commission, the year ahead will be an exciting and busy one. Key policy directions will be decided that will shape Europe’s economic and political future. I have every confidence that thanks to EUROCITIES, the voice of cities will be heard clearly in these debates.

**Jozias van Aartsen**
Mayor of The Hague, President of EUROCITIES
1. VISIBILITY

Europe’s major cities sign EUROCITIES Declaration on Climate Change

In collaboration with the French Presidency of the EU, EUROCITIES held a climate change conference on 27 October 2008 in Lyon. Since its launch at the event, EUROCITIES’ Declaration on Climate Change has been signed by politicians from over 65 cities. Many more city administrations are in the process of adopting it.

Cities capture spotlight at European Road Safety Day 2008

Klaus Bondam, Vice-Mayor of Copenhagen, and at the time Chair of EUROCITIES’ Mobility Forum, represented EUROCITIES at the European Road Safety Day event on 13 October 2008. Speaking to over 600 participants representing the public and private sector, European Commissioners Tajani and Barrot called for concerted action on road safety. The Commission’s European Road Safety Action Plan aims to halve the number of road deaths in 2010 compared with 2001.

EUROCITIES at closing conference of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008

The conference organised by the French Presidency of the EU and the European Commission in Paris on 17-19 November 2008 gathered 600 participants and provided an overview of projects undertaken during the Year. EUROCITIES was represented by Georges Képénékian, Vice-Mayor of Lyon in charge of culture. Participants discussed how to put into practice the lessons learned through both policy and projects to promote intercultural dialogue in the long-term. The event provided a platform to profile the Intercultural Cities programme in which EUROCITIES has been a major partner together with 23 participating cities.

EUROCITIES annual conference and awards

Over 400 delegates participated in the EUROCITIES Conference and Annual General Meeting, which took place in The Hague on 26-29 November 2008 on the theme of ‘Building Active Cities – modern citizenship and integrated governance’. The three EUROCITIES Awards of 2008 were presented to the winners, Espoo, Ghent and Newcastle during an award ceremony held during the conference.

EUROCITIES Knowledge Society Forum’s input to Ministerial Conference on eInclusion

EUROCITIES’ Knowledge Society Forum (KSF) has been actively involved in the European Commission’s eInclusion initiative that aims to promote the inclusion of all Europeans in the knowledge society. Taavi Aas, Tallinn’s Deputy-Mayor and Chair of the KSF provided the keynote speech at the closing event of the Ministerial Conference on eInclusion in Vienna on 30 November - 2 December 2008. Mr Aas highlighted the role of cities in public services and in developing integrated actions with local interest groups and NGOs. He underlined the importance of clearly identified target groups and citizen-centred solutions when designing eInclusion policies.

Official signing of the Covenant of Mayors

EUROCITIES is a partner of the consortium of organisations which is managing the European Commission’s Covenant of Mayors initiative. The Covenant of Mayors was launched on 10 February 2009 with a signing ceremony at the European Parliament in Brussels. Mayors from 372 cities in 30 countries signed the Covenant. EUROCITIES assisted in organising the event, and worked on the its media strategy and press conference at which the European Commissioner for Energy and Transport, Andris Piebalgs addressed over 100 journalists. The launch was the main highlight of the 2009 EU Sustainable Energy Week.
Cities’ work showcased at EU Sustainable Energy Week

As part of the European Union Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2009, EUROCITIES organised a side-event on ‘Carbon-Neutral Cities: The Way Forward’, on 12 February 2009. The session included presentations by three EUROCITIES members, Belfast, Madrid and Rotterdam, on their actions in climate change and energy efficiency. The event provided a platform for cities to showcase the various methods they are using to achieve energy sustainability, be it through education, social responsibility or economic mobilisation.

Launching our ‘Green Digital Charter’ initiative at Commission Conference

During the European Commission’s high-level event on Information & Communication Technologies (ICTs) for Energy Efficiency held 19-20 March 2009, Ronan Dantec, Vice-President of Nantes Metropole, presented EUROCITIES’ ‘Green Digital Charter’ initiative. By using the local leadership of public authorities in establishing innovative partnerships to put in place a common service and systems infrastructure, the Charter will support city use of ICT to reduce CO2 emissions.

Integrating Cities III

The Integrating Cities III Conference in Berlin on 2 April 2009 gave policy-makers, experts and practitioners a platform to explore the actions which local governments can take to promote social cohesion. Over 200 people attended including the mayors of Rotterdam and Helsinki as well as vice-mayors from London, Amsterdam and Berlin. In a video message, Commissioner Barrot stressed the high value the Commission puts on its partnership with EUROCITIES. The ‘Integrating Cities’ process is a successful model of dialogue between cities and European Institutions. It gives visibility to the role of cities and has been established as an important platform for debating integration policy.

Global City Forum 2009

EUROCITIES’ Secretary General Paul Bevan addressed an international audience of 400 delegates at the Global City Forum 2009 held in April in Abu Dhabi. In his speech he contended that the balance of power between national governments and local authorities must be redressed if cities are expected to effectively manage Europe’s future challenges.

EUROCITIES-NLAO project presented at high level conference on social services

On 22-23 April 2009 the Czech EU Presidency held a high-level conference on ‘Social Services - An Effective Tool for Active Inclusion’, during which EUROCITIES presented the Network of Local Authority Observatories on Active Inclusion (EUROCITIES-NLAO). This project gives cities an official position in monitoring the implementation of the new EU framework on active inclusion and advises the Commission and the EU Social Protection Committee.

New EUROCITIES communications tools

In April 2009, EUROCITIES launched two new tools to improve visibility for the network’s key positions and activities among external stakeholders and opinion-shapers. Our newly designed website homepage is more visually appealing and more dynamic with a greater number of frequently changing new items. URBAN Voice, our new external stakeholder newsletter distributed monthly over 2,000 contacts, features key articles from EUROCITIES members’ newsletter, Flash.

World Investment Conference 2009 on Investing in Global Cities

Jean-Marc Ayrault, President of Nantes Metropole and EUROCITIES Secretary General Paul Bevan were invited as keynote speakers to 7th World Investment Conference (WIC) which took place in La Baule, France, on 3-5 June 2009. The theme of this year’s conference,
which gathered around 1,000 participants, was ‘Investing in Global Cities - Opportunities in Adversity’ and looked at growth opportunities of cities and metropolitan areas.

This was the focus of a panel debate in which Vanda Knowles, EUROCITIES Policy Director, took part at the European Parliament in June 2009. The debate was broadcast on the Parliament’s TV channel, Europarl.

Local Governments Climate Change Leadership Summit
Around 700 representatives gathered in Copenhagen on 2-4 June 2009 for the Local Governments Climate Change Leadership Summit. The summit’s aim was to put a local fingerprint on COP15 taking place in Copenhagen in December.
EUROCITIES held a session on the variety of financial mechanisms for local governments, which is a priority of EUROCITIES’ Executive Committee Working Group (WG) on Climate Change and Energy. The workshop was managed by the WG’s chairs, Klaus Bondam, Vice-Minor of Copenhagen and Ronan Dantec, Vice-president of Nantes Metropole.

Green Week 2009
On 23 June, the Vice-Mayor of Murcia, Fátima Barnuevo, addressed Green Week 2009 participants on the role of cities in fighting climate change. The Green Week attracted over 4,000 participants.

New EUROCITIES’ ‘Points of View’
In July 2009, EUROCITIES launched a series of ‘Points of View’ on key areas of interest. The first of these, ‘Weathering the storm: Europe’s cities and the recession’, was authored by Henk Kool, Vice-Mayor of The Hague. The opinion pieces aim to raise visibility, particularly among the media, for EUROCITIES’ work, political priorities and interests.

Reaching out to European media and specialised press
EUROCITIES became a member of the Regional Review editorial board together with other networks representing local and regional authorities. We also engaged in closer cooperation with EUobserver and participated at the launch of their ‘Regions & Cities” section. EUROCITIES also had articles published in the January and June 2009 editions of Public Servant.

European Enterprise Awards 2010
EUROCITIES is a partner in the European Commission’s European Enterprise Awards initiative, which aims to excellence in entrepreneurship promotion. For the 2010 edition, EUROCITIES successfully pushed for the introduction of an additional award category into the award scheme. The new category, ‘Responsible and inclusive entrepreneurship’ recognises regional or local actions promoting corporate social responsibility and sustainable business practices.

Continued partnership: Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign
EUROCITIES is continuing its partnership with the European Commission Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign (SEEC) and in doing so, encourages members to organise local energy days.

Local responses to the crisis: which strategies for recovery?
On 2-3 July 2009, EUROCITIES participated in a London conference on ‘Local Responses to a Global Crisis: international strategies for recovery’ organised by the OECD and The Work Foundation. Tomasz Kayser, Deputy-Mayor of Poznan and Vice-chair of EUROCITIES’
Economic Development Forum outlined the key outcomes of EUROCITIES work on recession and pointed out the vital role that entrepreneurship will play in future competitiveness.

**EUROCITIES Secretary General speaks at IBM SmarterCities Congress**

Constituting the first of three worldwide Forums, IBM convened around 340 leaders from 130 cities in 30 European countries in Berlin from 24-25 July to discuss how to create truly ‘smart’ cities, making use of available and emerging technologies across all sectors. EUROCITIES Secretary General Paul Bevan took part in a panel discussion together with the Mayor of Almere Annemarie Jorritsma, and Harald Wolf, Senator of Berlin responsible for Economics and Technology. The panellists agreed that building smarter cities is one of the most crucial imperatives for our planet in the 21st century.

**Mobility in cities is a key challenge for Europe**

Improving mobility within, to and from our cities is of major importance both for Europe’s competitiveness and for Europeans’ quality of life. This point was central to the interventions made by EUROCITIES’ keynote speakers at the Green Streets conference held at the Committee of Regions in Brussels on 7-8 September 2009.

Rudolf Schicker, Executive City Councillor for Urban Development, Traffic, and Transport at the City of Vienna, EUROCITIES’ Secretary General Paul Bevan, and Gilles Vesco, Vice-President of Grand Lyon, noted that cities are best placed to implement green transport policies, and reach greener goals.

**EUROCITIES at Swedish Presidency event on Europe’s cities and the climate challenge**

On 14 September 2009, Jean-Marc Ayrault, Mayor of Nantes Metropole, represented EUROCITIES at the high-level event, ‘European cities in the climate challenge’, in Stockholm held under the EU Swedish Presidency. He presented EUROCITIES’ work in the area and underlined the need for recognition of the role of local governments at the COP15 in Copenhagen in December.

**Leipzig on euronews**

Between 23 September and 7 October, the city of Leipzig was featured on ‘euronews metropolitans’, the television and web series which offers the spotlight to Europe’s big cities and highlights how local governments are responding to today’s major challenges. Leipzig’s edition looked at the significance of the 1989 peaceful revolution for the city. The euronews metropolitan series is the result of a joint media partnership between EUROCITIES and euronews.
2. INFLUENCING

EUROCITIES evaluates National Action Plans on Social Inclusion 2008-2010

In October 2008 EUROCITIES held a high-level seminar to review the involvement of cities in the National Action Plans on Social Inclusion 2008-2010 as the European Commission was starting its own evaluation of the plans. The event was attended by city representatives, NGOs and experts, representatives of the European Commission and the European Social Protection Committee. In addition to targeted briefings, we provided input to the EU Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion 2009.

EUROCITIES comments on European Immigration Pact and regularisations

EUROCITIES was represented on 7 October 2008 by the city of Utrecht in a policy dialogue organised by the European Policy Centre on ‘The impact of the Immigration Pact: what future for amnesties in Europe?’ An advisor on Immigration and Integration to the French President also attended, which gave us a chance to comment on initiatives taken by the French EU Presidency and to provide a city perspective on migration.

EUROCITIES delegation at 7th European Roundtable on Poverty and Exclusion

A delegation from EUROCITIES attended the European Roundtable on Poverty and Exclusion in Marseille in October 2008, an annual event which is attended by key EU actors in the field of social policy. Turku represented EUROCITIES and provided input on the role of cities in the EU Social Inclusion process.

EUROCITIES speaks on cohesion policy at French EU Presidency conference


Combining efforts - UN Climate Change conference in Poznan

EUROCITIES together with four other European networks of local and regional authorities - Climate Alliance, Energie-Cités and the Council of European Municipalities and Regions issued a position statement on climate change to the UN Climate Change Conference (COP14) in Poznan in December 2008. The networks are pressing national governments to formally recognise the role and contribution of local and regional governments in climate mitigation and adaptation policies in the texts to be adopted at the COP15 in December.

Alongside the COP14, the French EU Presidency also hosted an event at which EUROCITIES was represented to highlight the role of cities in combating climate change.

Views of cities presented at European Commission conference on EU budget

The Mayor of Budapest, Gábor Demszky, represented EUROCITIES at a European Commission conference on the future of the EU Budget, held in Brussels in November 2008. EUROCITIES was one of a small number of stakeholders invited to present their positions.

French EU Presidency event on the Leipzig Charter and defining the ‘Sustainable City’

The French Presidency held a Cities Forum on the implementation of the Leipzig Charter on European Sustainable Cities, which was adopted in May 2007. Held in Montpellier in December 2008, the event reviewed areas of governance, inclusion and innovative practice. Discussions involved local authorities, EU Member States, and European institutions. EUROCITIES was represented by the Deputy Mayor of Murcia, Fátima Barnuevo, the chair city of EUROCITIES’ Mobility Forum.
The event was part of EUROCITIES’ longer-term work with EU Member States and the European Commission on developing a set of criteria that European cities can use in their efforts towards achieving sustainability. This reference framework implements the principles of the Leipzig Charter for Sustainable Cities and should be ready by 2011. As a stakeholder in these intergovernmental processes on urban development, our involvement holds a lot of potential for members to influence EU sustainable urban development policy.

INTI-CITIES final conference and publication

The INTI-CITIES project closed in January 2009 with the launch of the ‘Benchmarking Integration Governance in Europe’s Cities’ report. After 18 months of peer-reviewing integration governance in Helsinki, Rotterdam, Malmo, Genoa, Dusseldorf and Lyon, the partners’ findings were shared with the European Commission and other stakeholders at European level during the conference.

INTI-CITIES provided a solid formula for expert staff to engage in practical and structured exchange and highlighted the crucial role of cities in integration governance across Europe. EUROCITIES was applauded for the innovative peer-review methodology used in the project and the Commission confirmed its wish to involve EUROCITIES in current debates on European integration governance.

President of EUROCITIES meets Commission President Barroso

In January 2009, EUROCITIES President Jozias Van Aartsen joined with other local and regional government association representatives in a meeting with President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso. Mr van Aartsen pressed for future EU funding to be targeted more effectively towards cities, where 75% of Europe’s population lives, and where the challenges and opportunities of sustainable economic growth are greatest.

Policy dialogue with Commissioner Danuta Hübner

A delegation of EUROCITIES mayors and other politicians met with the former EU Commissioner for Regional Policy Danuta Hübner on 19 February 2009 in Brussels. EUROCITIES President Jozias van Aartsen, Mayor of The Hague, pressed for resources and flexibility for cities from the European Recovery Package. The Mayor of Leipzig, Burkhard Jung presented EUROCITIES’ response to the Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion. Ms Hübner agreed that improved regional performance will not be achieved without strong, prosperous and inclusive cities. EUROCITIES’ representatives argued that future cohesion policy must build upon the competitive advantage that urban concentration affords.

EUROCITIES recommendations to improve the Culture Programme

In February 2009 members of EUROCITIES’ Working Group Resources for Culture presented a set of recommendations to the European Commission based on their experience with the Culture Programmes (Culture 2000 and Culture). Their contribution is part of the ongoing reform in order to increase cities’ participation in the programme.

Territorial cohesion from the urban perspective

In February 2009 EUROCITIES published its response to the European Commission consultation on Territorial Cohesion launched in October 2008. Key messages included: territorial cohesion should recognise the diversity and polycentricity of Europe as an asset, with cities and their functional areas as drivers of socio-economic development; well-managed cities are the most sustainable form of development in Europe; and that connectivity, availability and quality are specific challenges to service access in urban areas.
Czech EU Presidency event on workers’ mobility

Hosted by the Czech Minister for Labour and Social Affairs, the conference ‘Strengthening EU Competitiveness - Potential of Migrant Workers on the Labour Market’ in February 2009 aimed to share practical examples and address the issue from the perspective of social partners and from state, private and non-profit sectors. Findings from EUROCITIES’ study on economic migration were presented, and the need to involve cities as stakeholders in EU policy processes on this subject was underlined.

Intercultural dialogue: cities advocate long-term strategy

In March 2009 EUROCITIES proposed a series of measures to the European Commission in intercultural dialogue, including the proposal to set up a strategy for intercultural dialogue to ensure long-term sustainable results and capitalise on the momentum represented by the 2008 European Year. The recommendations formed part of a EUROCITIES publication, ‘Intercultural Cities: a journey through 23 European cities’, presented at the Intercultural Cities Conference in Amsterdam on 5 March, which documents the experiences of those involved in a chain of city-to-city visits.

EU Action Plan on Urban Mobility

Faced with further delays to the planned publication of European Commission’s Action Plan on Urban Mobility, the European Parliament published an own initiative report to ensure that urban mobility issues weren’t forgotten amid institutional changes. EUROCITIES cooperated with Mr Gilles Savary MEP and the Intergroup Urban & Housing in a joint political debate on 4 March 2009 in the European Parliament with key MEPs, European Commission representatives, politicians from major European cities and around 100 participants, to address urban transport finance and integrated transport planning.

In September 2009, the European Commission adopted the long-awaited Action Plan on Urban Mobility. The plan proposes a set of 20 short, medium and long-term actions which will be launched from now until 2012. The actions aim to support local, regional and national authorities in achieving their goals for sustainable urban mobility.

Fair treatment of cities in broadband roll-out

Members of EUROCITIES’ Working Group Broadband on 4 March 2009 met Catherine Trautmann MEP, rapporteur on the Telecoms Package, to discuss the contribution local authorities can make in the roll-out of universal and affordable high capacity telecommunication networks - Next Generation Networks (NGNs). We highlighted local authorities’ role in facilitating civil work, coordinating civil engineering works, facilitating the sharing of ducts and including broadband infrastructure into their long-term spatial planning.

Future of Transport: EUROCITIES’ response to Commission consultation

The current financial crisis will feature high in the review of the 2001 White Paper on transport, which is the subject of a public consultation to which EUROCITIES contributed at the end of March 2009. In our statement, ‘The Urban Dimension of the EU Transport Strategy’ we presented several recommendations on how to best shape EU transport policy, highlighting in particular the role of cities as key stakeholders being the first and last link of the transport chain; the need for an integrated approach to transport and promoting a shift towards more sustainable modes of transport; and dedicated financing for urban mobility. The review of this White Paper is the process that will set the strategic framework for EU Transport Policy in the coming years.
Combating health inequalities

EUROCITIES’ response in March 2009 to the European Commission’s consultation on EU action to reduce health inequalities, stresses the need to combat these disparities in a targeted manner and outlines the scope for coordinated action at EU level. Local governments have a key role to play in addressing the issue, not least because of their capacity to improve well-being and deliver services to improve citizens’ health.

EUROCITIES presses for continuation of Intergroup on Urban-Housing

In April 2009, EUROCITIES sent message of support to the European Parliament Intergroup on Urban-Housing (IUL) backing its reinstatement in the incoming European Parliament. EUROCITIES’ close cooperation with the IUL over the past five years has helped considerably to bring the European Parliament’s agenda closer to the everyday concerns of cities’ governments and inhabitants.

The future of Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T)

In April 2009 EUROCITIES responded to the European Commission Green Paper, ‘Towards a better integrated trans-European transport network at the service of the common transport policy’. We underlined that cities are widely considered as crucial poles of economic activity and are the first and final link in the chain for passengers and freight. Urban transport arrangements must become an integral dimension of TEN-T planning in the future. We provided the Commission with several case studies showing how congestion has been displaced, pollution concentrated, and economic benefits lost because local authorities were not involved from the outset. As a result we were invited by a range of different stakeholders to present city views on the issue.

New EU instruments for shaping European integration policy

EUROCITIES has a key role in both the European Integration Forum and the European website on integration, launched in April 2009. The forum aims to reach out to civil society in the making of European integration policy while the website will offer funding, legal and political information. Both are important platforms for our members to present their experience and concerns. On 20 April 2009, EUROCITIES moderated a workshop at the first session of the Forum.

Meeting on funding mechanisms for cities to finance climate change mitigation

In April 2009 EUROCITIES’ Executive Committee Working Group on Climate Change and Energy explored innovative funding mechanisms for cities to finance climate change mitigation and adaptation measures. Representatives from the German Federal Environment Agency, the French Caisse des Dépôts and the European Investment Bank presented a number of interesting models. The group also met with the Councillor for Environment of the Swedish Permanent Representation, Members of the European Parliament and the Cabinet of Commissioner Piebalgs to discuss the approach and positions of cities and local governments ahead of the COP15 in December 2009.

EUROCITIES study on economic migration

Our report published in April 2009, ‘Cities and economic migration - Challenges and local policy responses’, reviews the political and legal framework for economic migration, analyses migration trends in European cities, identifies the main challenges that cities face and presents a good practice toolkit for managing economic migration in cities. The main recommendation calls for greater political support for cities from their national governments and European institutions in order to improve the social inclusion of migrants and to better manage economic migration at the local level. The study demonstrates the capacity of EUROCITIES not only as an exchange network, but also as a centre of expertise.
EUROCITIES presents expert opinion on social services at EU Peer Review

EUROCITIES participated in a Member State’s national peer review meeting on ‘combining choice, quality and equity in social services’ in April 2009 in Copenhagen. We presented a city perspective on the current trend towards personalising social services, local authorities’ role in bringing different strands of social and healthcare together, and the need for care services to account for the increasing diversity of local populations. The national peer reviews are central to the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) of social policies at EU level. Being recognised as a key stakeholder in this area and presenting expert opinions at these events is a step towards better recognition of cities in this process.

EUROCITIES expert hearing on integrated local development

In April 2009 EUROCITIES brought together leading experts including Michael Parkinson and others, as well as city representatives to discuss their experience with past funding periods of EU Cohesion Policy and explore options for the future. The debate centred on which financial mechanisms and governance structures could be most effective in furthering an integrated approach to local development. Experts and participants agreed on the need for flexible funding instruments and tailor-made solutions. The hearing produced arguments and suggestions that will be picked up in developing a EUROCITIES position on the future of cohesion policy.

Response to Commission survey on European eInclusion policy

In April 2009, our response to the Commission’s survey on eInclusion policy highlighted the role that cities have when deploying services and creating local partnerships to target excluded groups. We also asked for a stronger integration of actions on social exclusion and digital exclusion. The statement highlights cities’ enabling role in digital inclusion and supports our discussions with the Commission on possible funding for cities in this area.

European Parliament endorses EU Active Inclusion strategy

In May 2009 the European Parliament endorsed the strategy of ‘Active Inclusion of people excluded from the labour market’. The Parliament’s report welcomed the Commission’s initiative to involve local authorities in monitoring the implementation of active inclusion strategies through the EUROCITIES-NLAO project and asked the Commission and Member States to give local observatories a strong role in the future policy process. The Parliament’s backing helps further establish EUROCITIES as a player in the EU Social Inclusion Process.

Supporting small businesses and entrepreneurship in cities - policy and practice

As part of the first European SME Week taking place on 6-14 May 2009, EUROCITIES organised a seminar on the practical experience of support for small and medium-sized enterprises at the city level. Speaking to representatives from cities, specialist networks, regions and the private sector, Maive Rute, European Commission Director for SME’s Competitiveness highlighted the key EU level support tools and mechanisms - emphasising for example, the importance of financial tools such as JEREMIE (Joint European Resources for Micro to Medium Enterprises initiative).

EUROCITIES reaches out to new European Parliament

Following the June 2009 Parliament elections, only around half of the previous Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) returned to Brussels. EUROCITIES launched a manifesto to introduce our network and priorities to new MEPs, as well as reconnect with returning ones. Our members also helped identify MEPs that are willing to act as ‘urban champions’.
EUROCITIES' Executive Committee discusses social impacts of the economic recession

At its June 2009 meeting, EUROCITIES' Executive Committee held a political seminar on the social impacts of the economic recession. Fintan Farrell, Director of European Anti-Poverty Network, opened the session, with further contributions from Michele Calandrino the European Commission, DG Employment and others. The mayors of Manchester, Nantes Metropole and The Hague, and local politicians from all Executive Committee members, reflected on the situation in their cities. While huge differences are visible across Europe, discussions showed that public expenditure cuts are expected in all cities for the coming years.

‘Green Digital Charter’: EUROCITIES’ response to Commission consultation

Responding to the Commission's June 2009 consultation on mobilising Information & Communication Technologies (ICTs) for a low carbon economy, EUROCITIES presented the rationale and background for the development of its ‘Green Digital Charter’. The Charter will outline the role and contribution of public authorities in fostering low-carbon, energy efficient behaviour. The outcomes of the Commission’s consultation will form the basis of its recommendation to EU Member States which will be presented at the end of 2009. The Commission has subsequently invited EUROCITIES to take part in informal and closed consultations.

EUROCITIES analyses European framework on asylum, migration and integration

In July 2009, EUROCITIES presented its vision of what has been reached so far concerning migration, integration and asylum, and what could be improved for the future European framework in the coming Stockholm Programme. Our report recommends that the central role of local authorities justifies a stronger involvement of cities in the European framework. It also calls European institutions to move beyond the current institutional divides as they present an obstacle to effective policy making, and to ensure the European political debate also recognises the benefits of migration.

Comments on Commission's draft guidelines on broadband state aid

Led by its Working Group Broadband, EUROCITIES in June 2009 commented on the Commission’s draft guidelines aimed at clarifying possibilities of state aid for broadband networks. Our response focused on the need for fast infrastructure roll-out to provide a basis for inclusive, green and sustained growth. Many cities have areas that are not economically attractive enough for fibre, and thus large populations of deprived areas face a further ‘digital divide’. The Commission took into account our comments in the final version e.g. local authorities may now request detailed investment plans from operators to ensure that network roll-out in their territory is suitable in speed and coverage.

EUROCITIES contribution to the revision of the Action Plan for Energy Efficiency

In July 2009 EUROCITIES responded to the Commission's consultation on the evaluation and revision of the 2006 Action Plan for Energy Efficiency. In our response, we agreed with the six priority themes proposed but stressed the need to note the role of small and medium-sized enterprises and businesses as well as Information & Communication Technologies which have a substantial impact on energy efficiency at city level.

EUROCITIES response to Commission’s proposals for justice and home affairs framework

In July 2009 EUROCITIES submitted a position on the new five-year European framework programme on justice and home affairs including an assessment of the current framework and recommendations for the future. Our response, which calls for a more systematic involvement of cities in EU integration policy, led to an intense exchange with the European Commission and the Swedish Government as well as media attention.
EUROCITIES addresses EU Social Protection Committee

Chair of EUROCITIES’ Social Affairs Forum and Vice-Mayor of Stockholm Ulf Kristersson, together with EUROCITIES Secretary General Paul Bevan, addressed the EU Social Protection Committee (SPC) on 14 September 2009. In the meeting we pressed for clear and measurable indicators for social inclusion and a more systematic role for cities in the preparation and follow-up of the National Action Plans developed by each Member State. We also proposed a closer link with the EU Structural Funds to support innovative pilots for social inclusion. The meeting marked a milestone for EUROCITIES in that it was the first time that this group of government officials engaged directly in dialogue with concerned stakeholders.

EUROCITIES at public hearing on future EU information society and media strategy

The Commission organised a public hearing in September 2009 on the five-year EU strategy for information society and media. EUROCITIES kicked off the session on public services and quality of life by emphasising the multiplier role cities must play in a future policy on eInclusion and proposed that a future strategy should fund a series of local benchmarks.

EUROCITIES exchanges views on EU social policy with Commission Director General

On 23 September, EUROCITIES’ Social Affairs Forum Chair and Vice-Mayor of Stockholm Ulf Kristersson, and EUROCITIES Secretary General Paul Bevan met with Robert Verrue, European Commission Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. EUROCITIES representatives addressed issues such as the EU’s Economic Recovery Package, the use of Structural Funds for ‘Integrated Local Development’ and the role of cities in the EU social inclusion process.

Towards a European Green Paper on cultural and creative industries

Building on the results of a 2008 EUROCITIES survey and a mapping of the creative sectors of 30 large cities, EUROCITIES submitted a statement in September 2009 expressing the need for more European support for local cultural and creative industries. Considering that cultural and creative industries are drivers of local economies in a new economic landscape, our recommendations highlight ten key issues that should be at the heart of the forthcoming Green paper on cultural and creative industries that will be published early 2010.

EUROCITIES and CEMR meet Commission to discuss future eGovernment scheme

Interoperability Solutions for European Administrations (ISA) is a new five-year funding programme for eGovernment due to start in 2010. The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and EUROCITIES met in September with the Commission to discuss the strategic involvement of local government in the scheme. This follows a European Parliament initiative which had, contrary to earlier schemes, mandated a stronger involvement of local and regional governments. Participants agreed to continue discussions after a first draft work programme has been developed by the Commission in early 2010.

Planning for the 2010 European Year of Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion

Throughout 2009, EUROCITIES worked considerably on the strategy and activity planning for the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. The aim of this strand of work is to raise awareness on the urban dimension of social exclusion and to promote innovative solutions to tackle poverty and exclusion in cities. As part of this, EUROCITIES’ Working Group on Social Inclusion started to develop a database on local inclusion strategies.
3. NETWORKING

NICHEs+ project: Champion Cities for innovative urban transport

In cooperation with lead partner POLIS, EUROCITIES between September and October 2008 was involved in managing a call for applications to select seven cities to join the NICHEs+ project as champions of innovative urban transport. EUROCITIES’ members Glasgow and Warsaw were selected, along with Burgos, Cork, Trondheim, Artois-Gohelle and Daventry.

New project start: VANGUARD-CIVITAS Plus support action

Under CIVITAS-Plus, the third generation of the EU’s CIVITAS initiative on clean urban transport, 27 cities across Europe launched demonstration and exchange activities in Autumn 2008. These are to last for the next four to five years. The cities are grouped into five clusters, two of which are led by EUROCITIES members Ljubljana and Bologna.

EUROCITIES Project Fair

The third EUROCITIES Project Fair - an event which fosters partnership brokerage for EU project proposals - was held at the joint meeting of EUROCITIES’ Economic Development and Social Affairs Forum in Berlin in November 2008. The event focused on migration and urban development and gathered around 90 member representatives. A presentation on proposal writing as well as up-to-date information on relevant funding programmes was given. Delegates took part in seven speed-networking sessions to exchange examples of successful projects on the event’s topic and discuss ideas for potential joint projects.

New project start: DIVE - Diversity and Equality in European Cities

EUROCITIES’ DIVE project will continue our peer review work on urban integration policies as a basis for policy dialogue with the European Commission’s Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security. EUROCITIES’ members Berlin, Amsterdam, Leeds, Rome, London are the project partners. The project assesses city practice on diversity and equality management in staffing, procurement policies, service delivery and policy development. To date, the cities of Leeds, Berlin, Amsterdam and Rome have hosted peer reviews. London will host the high-level closing event in 2010. The Integrating Cities website, launched in July 2009, provides information on EUROCITIES’ policy dialogue with the European Commission, the INTI-CITIES and DIVE projects as well as initiatives from EUROCITIES Working Group Migration and Integration.

Driving forward the European Mobility Week initiative

As part of our service contract with the European Commission Directorate-General Environment, EUROCITIES organised a workshop on 24 February 2009 that convened European Mobility Week (EMW) actors from participating cities, national governments, and the European Commission to learn from and exchange best practice. On the following day, EUROCITIES organised a meeting of all EMW national coordinators which focused on planning activities for the 2009 EMW and supported the EMW award ceremony.

The EMW 2009 campaign week held in September attracted more than 2,000 local authorities including 90 EUROCITIES members. As in previous editions, EUROCITIES supported the network of national coordinators and acted as the central European information point by sending out press releases and dealing with requests from media, participating cities and interested citizens. After submitting a bid to the European Commission Directorate-General Environment together with partners Climate Alliance and Energie-Cités, EUROCITIES won for the fifth time the service contract to provide the European Coordination services for the 2009-2010 cycle of the EMW campaign.
EUROCITIES Network of Local Authorities Observatories on Active Inclusion

Starting in March 2009, this ambitious pilot project will deliver decentralised research in EUROCITIES member cities Bologna, Prague, Rotterdam, Southampton and Turku, coordinated by the Brussels Office. Substantial shares of the €1 million total project grant will go directly to the five cities. They will establish local observatories to research the quality of social services focusing particularly on commissioning/procurement practices and user involvement in planning, delivery and evaluation. A series of launch events at national level have been held and the Observatories have held a series of national review seminars gathering local authorities, national and regional government representatives and service providers. Comparative conclusions at European level will feed into the European Commission’s policy development and aim for an expansion of activities after the pilot phase.

Task-force mGovernment launched

Led by the city of Barcelona, a new task-force on Mobile Government (mGovernment) developments in European cities was officially endorsed by EUROCITIES’ Knowledge Society Forum in March 2009. The initiative brings together a number of member cities to discuss an emerging trend in intelligent and ICT-supported public services. The task-force will discuss best practice approaches and common issues in mGovernment implementation, eventually developing a paper summarising the main issues at stake.

New project start: CLUSNET - Clusters and Cities Network

This INTERREG IVC project led by Greater Lyon engages nine EUROCITIES members in intensive exchanges on cluster support policies in their cities. EUROCITIES will focus on linking the project with policy development at the EU level and on outreach to the wider membership. The project will implement a series of structured seminars to exchange good practice in the development and implementation of cluster support policies; the first of these was held in Stockholm at the end of April 2009.

URBAN MATRIX workshop on public-private partnerships and sustainable development

Malmo hosted this workshop in April 2009 within the framework of the URBAN MATRIX project, coordinated by EUROCITIES. City practitioners, researchers and business representatives exchanged experience and ideas on innovative ways of financing city projects through public-private partnerships without compromising environmental ambitions and finding the right balance between public and private interests.

Bid submitted for new project on urban information systems

In April 2009 EUROCITIES joined a consortium led by a German research institute, and involving city members Barcelona, Manchester, Prague, Tampere and Vienna, to put forward a bid for a project to analyse how new ICT solutions can support policy integration for sustainable urban development. The focus will be on policies and tools in the areas of land use and transport, environment, material flows and energy. If successful, the project is expected to start late 2009 or early 2010.

Oslo hosts EUROCITIES 2009 Cooperation Platform

On 14-15 May 2009 the City of Oslo welcomed over 80 representatives from 56 EUROCITIES member cities to EUROCITIES’ Cooperation Platform. This year the focus was on the challenges and impacts of the recession for cities and in particular for their international relations work. The event offered opportunities for formal and informal exchanges allowing EUROCITIES contact officers to explore mutually beneficial opportunities for increased and more efficient international cooperation.
EUROCITIES survey on the impact of the financial crisis on cities

A survey to determine the initial impacts of the economic crisis and recession on cities was completed in May 2009 and provided insight into ‘on-the-ground’ effects as well as signposts for potential work. For most cities, ongoing or planned projects have either been halted or amended, with some choosing to begin new projects as a direct response to the crisis. Although cities are implementing a range of tools to respond, such as crisis staff, strategies or support programmes for businesses and workers, EU tools provided in the EU Recovery Plan do not feature highly, often because of lack of knowledge and understanding about what is possible. EUROCITIES will continue work in this area.

Promoting CIVITAS-CATALIST and CIVITAS-VANGUARD towards EUROCITIES members

Through our involvement in the CIVITAS-CATALIST and CIVITAS-VANGUARD projects, EUROCITIES is raising members’ awareness of opportunities provided by the EU’s CIVITAS Programme on clean urban transport. Since May 2009, the new ‘CATALIST Activity Fund’ has provided financial support to cities for exchange activities e.g. attending CIVITAS events or study visits. EUROCITIES is assisting members to apply to this fund.

EUROCITIES’ Working Group on Employment relaunched

Prompted by increasing unemployment rates as a result of the recession, EUROCITIES re-launched its Working Group on Employment. At the group’s first meeting on 4-5 June 2009 in Genoa, members agreed on the need to balance support for people who were made redundant and reaching out to the long-term unemployed.

Online forums: a new approach to networking

In June 2009 EUROCITIES launched an online discussion forum to offer our members and partners more scope and opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in addition to that which takes place at our regular on-site meetings held throughout the year. The forum is divided according to EUROCITIES’ Forum activities and offers a range of easy-to-use features such as notification of replies, uploading of documents and opinion polls. Every user can start a new discussion and/or ‘subscribe’ to receive information via email about the latest contributions to specific discussions.

Inclusive Cities awareness-raising days

In June 2009 EUROCITIES’ gathered junior city officers from across Europe to help deepen their understanding of the EU Social Agenda as well as European Policy in the fields of Justice and Home Affairs, Migration and Integration and Social Inclusion. Representatives from the European Commission, the Committee of the Regions and NGOs working in the field of social affairs also attended. This was followed by a separate event gathering leading politicians for the first in a series of political dialogues on local social policies. At the initiative of Ulf Kristersson, Vice-Mayor of Stockholm and Chair of EUROCITIES’ Social Affairs Forum, these debates are intended to increase the scope of the forum’s political work. Paul Tilsley, Deputy Leader of Birmingham City Council as well as politicians from Vilnius, Malmo, Newcastle, Southampton, Gothenburg and The Hague, presented cases on the local impact of the economic downturn for cities’ social policies.

Presentation of URBAN MATRIX project to EUKN national focal points

In June 2009 EUROCITIES together with the University of the West of England took part in the meeting of the European Urban Knowledge Network national focal points which gathered representatives from the Ministries of different Member States in charge of urban affairs. The outcomes of the URBAN MATRIX survey on cities’ knowledge needs and the draft project recommendations on future research on sustainable urban development were presented during the meeting.
New project approval: EPOMM-PLUS

Beginning early summer 2009 this project supports the expansion of the European Platform for Mobility Management (EPOMM), a membership network of national transport ministries or agencies. As part of the initiative, EUROCITIES will focus on raising awareness of the value of mobility management with the EU institutions and take part in a number of training activities. The first European Mobility Management Network (EMMNET) meeting in Krakow focused on the promotion of tools, developed for preparing, evaluating and assessing projects and enlarging the network of mobility management experts by means of a new online community network.

Bids to Intelligent Energy for Europe programme

EUROCITIES is involved as a partner in three project proposals submitted to the Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme. One of the proposals deals with urban access restriction schemes. Another is on innovative marketing for energy-efficient transport and a final one deals with new financing schemes for local action on energy efficiency and renewable energy. The project partnerships involve cities, researchers and consultants.

Bids for study on ICT for Energy Efficiency

EUROCITIES joined a bid to deliver a study to the European Commission on local and regional initiatives on ICT support for energy efficiency. The study will deliver case studies looking at a diversity of policy areas such as transport, buildings, and ICT infrastructures and compile a toolkit for dissemination among stakeholders across Europe.

Bid for Committee of Regions study on adaptation policies

In June 2009 EUROCITIES partnered with the Institute for European Environmental Policy in a bid to deliver a study for the Committee of Regions on policy instruments used by major cities for adaptation to climate change. The study will deliver case studies on 20 cities and an inventory of best practice policy tools including recommendations on transferability.

EUROCITIES Forums

EUROCITIES activities are carried out within the following Forums. There are a between four and eight working groups (WG) integrated within each Forum:

- Culture
- Economic Development
- Environment
- Knowledge Society
- Mobility
- Social Affairs
- Participation & Cooperation

Culture

Goal: To promote culture as a vital aspect of public policies at all levels and to foster collaboration and concrete cooperation between cities using culture to shape the Europe of tomorrow.

Chair: Nantes Vice-Chair: Warsaw

Working Groups: Cultural Access and Entitlement; Culture and Young People; Resources for Culture; Creative Industries.
Priorities: The contribution of cultural and creative activities to local economic development; the promotion of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue as an asset for cities.

Participation: The number of cities participating in the Culture Forum has increased during recent years. Around 70 cities were members of the Culture Forum in 2009.

Forum meetings

- **Beyoglu | 16-18 October 2008**
  This meeting focused on intercultural dialogue in relation to young people, culture, dialogue and inclusion. Members exchanged views on cultural cooperation between EU Member States and Turkey and with the Euro-Mediterranean area.

- **Amsterdam | 5-7 March 2009**
  This meeting focused on two thematic sessions: ‘the role of culture in cities’ international relations and cooperation’ and ‘showing world-class culture’. The meeting also hosted the final conference of the EUROCITIES Intercultural Cities programme.

- **Dortmund | 11-13 June 2009**
  Discussions concentrated on cultural policies, creativity and innovation. A session on the European Capital of Culture Ruhr 2010, with which Dortmund is associated, was also held.

Working Group activities

- **Cultural Access and Entitlement**
  *Chair: Riga*
  The objectives of the group are to identify, define and compare culture accessibility issues in cities, taking into consideration all aspects of accessibility, policies and action plans of the cities. The WG met in October 2008, March 2009 and June 2009 to identify, present and discuss successful models of strategies, instruments and tools for ensuring equal opportunities for all to access culture.

- **Culture and Young People**
  *Chair: Nantes*
  This WG met in October 2008, March 2009 and June 2009 to exchange best practices and experiences on how to improve community cohesion and inclusion of young people through cultural activities. Cities presented actions they had taken regarding the inclusion of young people through culture.

- **Resources for Culture**
  *Chair: Amsterdam*
  The strategic aims of the WG Resources for Culture focus on the methods and means of strengthening the resources for arts and culture from a transnational perspective. The WG developed recommendations to the European Commission on how to improve cities’ participation to the Culture co-funding programme. It is currently conducting a study on the use by cities of the European Structural Funds for culture-based activities.

- **Creative Industries**
  *Chair: Nottingham*
  The key objectives of the WG Creative Industries are to promote the exchange of ideas, projects and public policies related to cultural and creative industries. Having collected
information on cities and their respective creative sectors through a survey involving 30 cities, the WG developed a set of recommendations aimed at the European Commission in order to feed into the forthcoming Green Paper on cultural and creative industries.

**Economic Development**

**Goal:** To provide a platform for the exchange of experience among more than 90 large cities, with a view to improving economic development and urban regeneration policies.

**Chair:** The Hague  
**Vice-Chair:** Poznan

**Working Groups:** Cohesion Policy; Economic Migration; Entrepreneurship; Responsible Procurement and Consumption; Services of General Interest; Spatial Planning and the City of the Future; Urban Regeneration; Clusters.

**Priorities:** Influencing EU debates on the future EU Budget and Cohesion Policy for 2014-2020; the quality of local Services of General Interest (SGI); cities’ support services to clusters and entrepreneurship; growing challenges for the city of the future; public procurement as a tool for social and environmental innovation; and urban regeneration plans in new Member States’ cities.

Efforts were also made to integrate more cities from new EU Member States and neighbouring countries into the Forum, so as to discuss particular challenges and perspectives of these cities e.g. economic migration and urban regeneration.

The Forum also developed networking activities with the European Liaison Committee on Services of General Interest (CELSIG); the European Centre of Enterprises with Public Participation and of Enterprises of General Economic Interest (CEEP); the Social Platform of NGOs and; the European Liaison Committee for social housing (CECODHAS).

**Forum meetings**

- **Berlin | 5-7 November 2008**
  The Economic Development Forum and the Social Affairs Forum assembled at a joint meeting to look at employment policies in major European cities in times of economic migration.

- **Gijon | 25-27 March 2009**
  The spring Economic Development Forum explored innovative ways of financing businesses and city projects. Members discussed the impact of the financial crisis on cities and how the development of funding programmes could be used to help stimulate economic development in this time of crisis.

- **Nuremberg | 24 June 2009**
  Discussions focused on the impact of demographic change on the economic development of European cities. Members reviewed challenges cities face as a result of demographic change and the impact of this change on labour markets and new human resource management.

**Working Group activities**

- **Cohesion Policy**  
  **Chair:** Leipzig

In response to the European Commission consultation launched in October 2008, this group presented the shared position of EUROCITIES’ members on areas it would like the
Commission to further address in the Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion. In order to achieve territorial cohesion, there are the ‘three C’s’ - concentration, connection and cooperation - which will provide challenges and opportunities. This WG met three times.

- **Economic Migration**  
  *Chair: Vienna*

The group focuses on identifying and examining labour market and social effects of internal EU migration in cities and recommends good practice to cities and EU institutions. At its March 2009 meeting, the group discussed the impact of the economic situation on migration in European cities, based on results of EUROCITIES’ study on economic migration. The WG met twice, in Gijon and Nuremburg.

- **Entrepreneurship**  
  *Chair: Turku*

Focusing on the promotion of entrepreneurship to increase the number of entrepreneurs, this WG has worked extensively on improving ‘European Day of the Entrepreneur’ events organised by cities. Turku together with Turku School of Economics began research on the best cases of the EDE-events. The results were discussed at the WG’s June 2009 meeting.

- **Responsible Procurement and Consumption**  
  *Chair: Bristol*

The group continued to develop EUROCITIES’ activities in the field of responsible procurement and consumption, targeting consumption habits of local authorities and citizens, and promoting responsible public procurement practices. The group carried out a survey of EUROCITIES members on the drivers and barriers in implementing responsible procurement. WG members agreed that the environmental element of responsible procurement, innovation and social considerations are major priorities. The WG held joint meetings with the Procura+ Campaign. Through the WG, EUROCITIES has also been accepted as an associated partner of another major European project on clean workwear.

- **Services of General Interest**  
  *Chair: Vienna*

This WG promotes the establishment of a European legal framework guaranteeing local authorities’ freedom to choose the best provisions aimed at ensuring citizens’ access to high-quality affordable services. At its January meeting, the WG agreed to focus on monitoring the implementation of past legislation such as the services directive and the Monti package.

- **Spatial Planning and the City of the Future**  
  *Chair: Malmo*

This WG has been examining member cities to identify challenges and unique assets that could be significant for the development of ‘the future city’. The WG based its assessment on technical, environmental, democratic, intellectual, social, cultural, leisure, economic and financial capital as well as inter-city networks. Following a self-assessment, it made proposals for improving cities’ future opportunities and choices.

- **Urban Regeneration**  
  *Chair: Budapest*

This year, WG Urban Regeneration decided to focus more closely on three key aspects: how cities define and identify ‘deprived areas’; what interventions are needed in these
areas; and how to measure the impact of these interventions in deprived neighbourhoods and the wider urban area. Member cities also agreed to create a core working group for intensive work on driving forward the urban regeneration agenda.

- **Clusters**

  Chair: Lyon

The three main objectives of the Clusters WG are: identifying best practices in the implication of public authorities in cluster support; stimulating inter-cluster exchanges; and understanding, disseminating and influencing EU policy related to, but not limited to clustering. In January 2009, the WG set up the INTERREG IVC ‘CLUSNET’ project, which supports the objectives of EUROCITIES’ Economic Development Forum. The WG will develop a new work-plan under the CLUSNET project.

### Environment

**Goal:** To provide a platform for the exchange of experiences among local governments of 87 large European cities, with a view to improving the development and implementation of environment policies at local, national and European levels.

**Chair:** Vienna  **Vice-Chair:** Malmo

**Working Groups:** Clean Cities; Climate Change - Air Quality - Energy Efficiency; Environment and Health; Greening the Local Economy; Green Areas; Noise Policy; Sustainable Urban Water Management; Waste Management.

**Priorities:** Influencing EU debates on: environmental policy areas related to the implementation of the Directive on Ambient Air Quality; adopting and implementing the Waste Directive; the White Paper on Adaptation to Climate Change; follow-up on the Energy Package linked to climate change; the Covenant of Mayors initiative on energy; and further promoting EUROCITIES’ Declaration on Climate Change.

### Forum meetings

- **Zaragoza | 23-24 October 2008**

  The Forum’s Autumn meeting focused on the theme, ‘Water Management: how cities deal with this natural resource?’. Participants analysed the results of EUROCITIES’ water survey and discussed water management plans in their respective cities. They also discussed their concerns regarding adaptation to climate change with respect to water, and agreed on the need to produce more evidence on its economic costs.

- **Vienna | 16-17 March 2009**

  The Forum meeting held in Vienna on the topic ‘Crisis? What crisis?’ looked at how to influence the global economy in an environmental direction. Members agreed on a political statement which reiterated cities’ position on climate change and the financial crisis.

- **Malmo | 24-25 June 2009**

  ‘Climate Actions in cities after COP15’ was the focus of the Summer Forum meeting and it provided a platform for member cities to discuss expectations and post-COP15 strategies. Participants reviewed next steps in developing EUROCITIES’ Green Shift Initiative, which highlights the use of ICT and digital innovation towards more energy-efficient user behaviour.
**Working Group activities**

- **Clean Cities**  
  *Chair: Belfast*

  This WG aims to raise public awareness and promote a change of citizens’ behaviour and attitudes regarding the aesthetic appearance of cities. In April 2009, the WG published a booklet entitled ‘Greening Major Events’, which presents the results of a pilot project undertaken to assess the impact of major outdoors sporting events in European cities and provides guidelines on holding such activities.

- **Climate Change - Air Quality - Energy Efficiency**  
  *Chair: The Hague and Birmingham*

  In February 2009 a joint session between this WG and the Executive Committee WG Climate Change and Energy took place in Nantes Metropole. At the meeting, participants agreed that the WG would collect best practice examples to illustrate the principles held in EUROCITIES’ Declaration on Climate Change. The WG also supports the goals of the Covenant of Mayors initiative. This WG is also contributing to the review of the Energy Efficiency Action Plan and the future EU strategy on adaptation to climate change.

- **Environment and Health**  
  *Chair: Sheffield*

  By updating EUROCITIES members on developments in the European environment and health policy as well as exploring environment and health issues for cities, this WG aims to raise awareness on the links between sources of pollution and their impact on health. It has created links with the World Health Organisation and shares good practice with cities to improve the health and quality of life of citizens. The WG closed in June.

- **Greening the Local Economy**  
  *Chair: Gothenburg*

  This group has continued to exchange information on best strategies for improving environmental performances in business. The WG studied the possibilities of an EU-funded project on ‘Energy-related Programmes for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises’ (E-PROFS), with the aim of developing a guide that can be used to develop and improve city programmes for greening the local economy.

- **Green Areas**  
  *Chair: Genoa*

  The key priorities of this WG are the promotion and improvement of historical green areas with the help of citizens’ groups in the management and recovery of these urban areas. Its October 2008 meeting focused on regulations related to green areas. Participants discussed the performance indicators which would allow cities to compare green areas in cities across Europe. The WG aims to produce common indicators at European level.

- **Noise Policy**  
  *Chair: Rotterdam*

  By exchanging and sharing experiences on noise pollution, this WG aims to assess and manage environmental noise. Results of its noise policy survey showed that member cities believe that the European Environmental Noise Directive (END) is not sufficiently effective and that limits and/or targets were needed in the END. The group will develop a Noise Position Paper which will be finalised by 2010.
- **Sustainable Urban Water Management**

  *Chair: Eindhoven and The Hague*

Involving all members of EUROCITIES’ Environment Forum, this WG undertook a water management survey in November 2008 with the aim of developing further actions towards sustainable ‘climate-proof’ urban water management, involving all levels of governance. Results, based on responses from 45 EUROCITIES members, showed that cities want an effective method for assessing water quality in order to implement the Water Framework Directive. The WG is currently working with organisations such as the Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform.

- **Waste Management**

  *Chair: Tampere*

The aims of this WG are to address the issues of waste recycling, bio waste and sludge, and to develop waste management practice, supervision and control in participating cities. The WG met three times and has supported the new waste framework directive. An innovative collaboration between EUROCITIES’ WG Clean Cities and WG Waste resulted in a comprehensive piece of research into waste collection operations throughout Europe.

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### Knowledge Society

**Goal:** To provide cities and business partners with a platform for exchanges of good practice and for cooperation on relevant policy issues in a European framework.

**Chair:** Tallinn  
**Vice-Chair:** Cologne

**Working Groups:** Broadband; eGovernment Bench-learning; eGov 2.0; eInclusion; ICT and Energy Efficiency.

**Priorities:** Contributing to the EU’s efforts aimed at creating an inclusive knowledge society (eInclusion) and to help member cities to perform a key role in this respect.

**Participation/Interest:** The number of cities participating in the Knowledge Society Forum (KSF) has increased during recent years. Around 100 cities were members of the Knowledge Society Forum in 2009.

**Forum meetings**

- **Amaroussion | 23-26 October 2008**

The Autumn Forum focused on ‘eServices for Inclusion’. Participants exchanged experiences on ways of making ICT and online services more accessible and inclusive for citizens. The European Charter of Rights of Citizens in the Knowledge Society, developed by EUROCITIES in 2005, was signed by Amaroussion.

- **Manchester | 25-27 March 2009**

The Spring Forum looked at ways that technological innovation can support sustainability and tackle climate change. Member cities discussed how large organisations can use ICT to become more sustainable and the need to address behavioural change regarding energy use.

- **Reykjavik | 10-12 June 2009**

The Summer Forum continued with the theme of ICT use to reduce cities’ carbon footprint. Members discussed solutions for encouraging a behavioural change among citizens, and how to encourage businesses and industry to reduce energy use.
Working Group activities

- **Broadband**
  
  *Chair: The Hague*

Over the year, the group produced three policy publications and engaged in key dialogues with EU institutions. Working with key representatives of the European Parliament, its main focus has been to push for more and clearer guided municipal involvement in broadband projects and to speed up the roll-out of broadband in all parts of a city. The group plans to conclude the year with a strategic publication, featuring our political positions on the issue and will serve as a guiding document for cities setting out priorities for the near future.

- **eGovernment Bench-learning**
  
  *Chair: Barcelona*

This WG aims to raise awareness on the need to measure e-Government services’ impact and adoption in order to use these results to achieve better governance. In October, the WG published an extensive and in-depth study which compares the maturity of e-Government services across 15 cities.

- **eGov 2.0**
  
  *Chair: Turin*

The group investigated how Web2.0 technologies may change government administration, citizen participation and communication between city government and stakeholders. This was developed during three Working Group meetings, where best practices were exchanged, and dialogue with key partners was continued. The WG Chair also participated in a meeting of the Club of Venice, an informal group of Communication directors from Member State governments and EU institutions.

- **eInclusion**
  
  *Chair: The Hague*

Replacing the WG eRights and taking the lead in promoting the eInclusion agenda for EUROCITIES, this WG aims to provide citizens the opportunity to participate fully in an information society, despite individual or social disadvantages.

- **ICT and Energy Efficiency**
  
  *Chair: Manchester*

Working with the ‘Green Digital Charter’, the recently established ICT and Energy Efficiency WG aims to demonstrate the role technologies can play in improving energy efficiency of cities.

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**Mobility**

**Goal:** To provide a platform for the exchange of best practice among local governments of European cities; to represent EU cities’ views and recommendations on sustainable mobility in the European institutions.

**Chair:** Murcia  **Vice-Chair:** Grenoble Alpes Metropole

**Working Groups:** Urban Dimension of International Accessibility; Road Safety; Transport and Energy Efficiency; Developing a new Mobility Culture.
Priorities: EUROCITIES’ Mobility Forum has been involved in actively promoting the European Mobility Week, including the Car-Free Day on 22 September each year, as well as the European Road Safety Charter and the SAFE campaign, working in close cooperation with the European Commission and other partners.

The Forum has also been working hand in hand with the European Parliament to speed up the publication of the Action Plan on Urban Mobility. It responded to all European Commission consultations in relation to urban mobility and ensured that cities’ voice is being heard and taken onboard in EU legislation.

Forum meetings

- **Vienna | 20-22 October 2008**

The Autumn Forum meeting took place within the context of the ‘Benchmarking urban transport plans for the future of European cities’ conference in Vienna. The Forum held political and technical discussions, as well as a business session. Participants discussed the 2009/10 strategy plan, policy dossiers on the Greening Transport Package, the Trans-European Network for Transport (TEN-T) Green Paper and the fourth Road Safety Action Programme.

- **Brussels | 2-4 March 2009**

The Spring Forum meeting took place alongside the EUROCITIES-MEP panel discussion held on the European Commission’s Action Plan on Urban Mobility. Participants discussed reactions to the delays in its publication. Participants also provided input to other important dossiers: the White Paper on Transport, the Green Paper on TEN-T, and the fourth Action Programme on Road Safety.

- **Lodz | 2-4 June 2009**

‘Passenger-friendly public transport’ was on the agenda of the Summer Forum meeting, which focused on the benefits of accessibility and connectivity for all citizens and the need for effective urban mobility particularly during a time of demographic change. Mobility projects, CIVITAS-PLUS and the European Mobility Week 2009, were also presented.

Working Group activities

- **Urban Dimension of International Accessibility**
  
  *Chair: The Hague*

Linked to TEN-T, this WG aims to identify best practice on how cities achieve connected social, economic and environmental benefits between urban areas and the TEN-T. In October, the WG discussed EUROCITIES’ position paper on the urban dimension of international accessibility and the response to the European Commission Green Paper on TEN-T.

- **Road Safety**
  
  *Chair: Copenhagen*

Since signing the European Road Safety Charter and coordinating the SAFE campaign, EUROCITIES has committed itself to motivating its members to sign up to the SAFE Charter. This WG worked extensively on publishing a policy paper to the Commission’s fourth European Action Plan for Road Safety, which aims to halve the number of road fatalities by 2010. The WG met in October 2008 and January 2009. EUROCITIES’ contribution to the fourth Action Plan on Road Safety was published in February 2009.
- **Transport and Energy Efficiency**  
  *Chair: Vienna*

As well as having developing a framework of energy efficiency measures for alternative transport modes, this WG focuses on the various energy implications of the transport sector from an economic, environmental and social point of view.

- **Developing a new Mobility Culture**  
  *Chair: Grenoble*

In conjunction with the European Platform on Mobility Management, this WG continues to analyse mobility management tools in urban areas. At its October 2008 meeting, participants discussed innovative approaches to mobility management. Members were also presented with the proposal of a ‘European urban mobility observatory’, which would include an overview on case studies and best practices on urban mobility.

### Social Affairs

**Goal:** To provide a platform for the exchange of experience, ideas and information on how to tackle poverty and social exclusion, and to eradicate all forms of discrimination.

**Chair:** Stockholm  
**Vice-Chair:** Birmingham

**Working Groups:** Education; Employment; Health and Wellbeing; Homelessness; Housing; Integration and Migration; Social Inclusion; Urban Security.

**Priorities:** Social inclusion; social and health services; migration and integration. EUROCITIES met regularly with EU institutions and stakeholders to explore possibilities for cooperation. The EUROCITIES Social Affairs Forum (SAF) is currently focusing on two main goals: promoting action to combat poverty and social exclusion; and promoting equal opportunities for all.

**Partnerships:** Since 2008 EUROCITIES’ SAF has strengthened cooperation with the Commission on social inclusion and migration though: (1) the ‘Inclusive Cities for Europe’ partnership, aimed at raising the voice of cities in the EU social inclusion process; and (2) ‘Integrating Cities’, a continuous dialogue between the Commission and EUROCITIES.

**Committee representation:** Stakeholder meetings of the European Commission’s Unit for social inclusion; Steering Board of the European Policy Centre Multicultural Europe Programme; European Employment Week - Advisory Board; European Roundtable on Poverty and Social Exclusion; European Housing Forum; IMISCOE (Network of Excellence on International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion); and the Metropolis Project - an international forum for research and policy on migration, diversity and changing cities.

### Forum meetings

- **Berlin | 5-7 November 2008**

  In conjunction with EUROCITIES’ Economic Development Forum, the Winter Forum meeting looked at how cities are managing economic migration trends. Members discussed dimensions of migration including labour market issues, service provision, education and the international accessibility of cities.

- **Rotterdam | 2-3 March 2009**

  The Spring SAF included workshops on tackling child poverty and on integrated strategies to address neighbourhood decline. Discussions were also held on EUROCITIES’ campaign for the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.
Working Group activities

- **Education**
  
  *Chair: Rotterdam*
  
  The overall objective of the group is to increase social inclusion through education for young people. A conference held in the Netherlands by Netwerkstad Twente in cooperation with WG Education focused on strategies to prevent young people from leaving school early.

- **Employment**
  
  *Chair: Newcastle/Gateshead*
  
  EUROCITIES’ members from eight local authorities gathered in Genoa in June 2009 to discuss the increasing rates of unemployment in their cities. It was agreed that cities must find a balance between supporting people who were made redundant because of the recession and reaching out to the long-term unemployed.

- **Health and Well-being**
  
  *Chair: Southampton*
  
  This WG has continued to develop appropriate and effective policies and practice in cities aimed at improving the life chances of citizens. The group met in June 2009 in Rotterdam.

- **Homelessness**
  
  *Chair: Vienna*
  
  In June 2009 the WG published a report on the ‘Integrated Chain Approach - cities strategies against homelessness’. The report provides case studies from major cities and outlines how the ‘Integrated Chain Approach’ model can be used to strengthen social intervention at city level.

- **Housing**
  
  *Chair: Vienna*
  
  This WG works on raising awareness of the importance of housing for social cohesion in European cities. Member cities met in Wroclaw in February 2009 and their meeting featured presentations on EUROCITIES' position paper on affordable housing, EU developments in this particular field, and Wroclaw's housing situation.

- **Migration and Integration**
  
  *Chair: Leeds*
  
  The WG continues to work with EUROCITIES' INTI-Cities project. At its January 2009 meeting, members were presented the results of the six European cities being reviewed in the INTI-Cities project. The project’s successor, DIVE (Diversity and Equality in European Cities) was also presented. DIVE will follow a similar methodology as the INTI-Cities project and will investigate the role of diversity policies in European cities.

- **Social Inclusion**
  
  *Chair: Newcastle*
  
  Leading EUROCITIES’ input into the EU social inclusion process, this WG supports the development and implementation of social inclusion practices among EUROCITIES members. The evaluation seminar of the National Action Plans on Social Inclusion held in October 2008, allowed members to examine the plans from an urban perspective. The WG
has developed a database on local inclusion strategies. The database contains documents on local inclusion policies and studies related to cities’ social policies.

- **Urban Security**
  
  *Chair: The Hague*

This WG develops and exchanges practices and policies to improve security in urban areas, including crime prevention and crime reduction measures.

### Cooperation & Participation

**Goal:** To undertake activities aimed at enhancing policy dialogue between various levels of government and promote international networking and cooperation between cities in Europe and those in neighbouring countries.

**Working Groups:** European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and Enlargement; European Governance and Partnerships; Climate Change and Energy. The Working Groups set up within EUROCITIES cooperation and participation strand follows issues of a horizontal character or external relations.

**Priorities:** Maintaining close relations with the EU institutions and EU presidencies; developing a permanent ‘territorial dialogue’ at European level, covering all policies that affect local government; ensuring a strong political role for cities in the EU’s climate change policy and programmes, and particularly towards the Copenhagen climate meeting (COP15); developing and strengthening links with partner cities in ENP countries.

**Working Group activities**

- **European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement**
  
  *Chair: Vienna*

The cities of Kharkov and Tbilisi joined the EUROCITIES WG on ENP and Enlargement for the first time in February 2009. This WG encourages exchanges and increased participation between cities from the EU and the ENP areas. The Summer WG meeting held in Tbilisi provided a platform for members to discuss the adoption of the Eastern Partnership by EU and neighbouring countries in May. The Partnership aims to deepen political and economic relations and increase energy security and mobility in the eastern ENP region. The autumn meeting held in Kharkov focused on increasing members’ knowledge on acquiring external funding for their international activities.

**European Governance and Partnerships**

*Chair: Manchester*

The group has continued to monitor and contribute to EU presidencies on the implementation of the Territorial Agenda and Leipzig Charter on European Sustainable cities. The group also led the EUROCITIES’ work in engaging with new MEPs following June’s European elections. The WG met three times.

- **Climate Change and Energy**
  
  *Co-Chairs: Nantes Metropole and Copenhagen*

This WG has continues to promote EUROCITIES’ Declaration on Climate Change, launched in October 2008, so as to achieve signatures from at least 80% of EUROCITIES’ members.

Also within the activities of this WG, EUROCITIES was present at the December 2008 United Conference on Climate change (COP14) in Poznan, during which an event was organised to
relay our message to key stakeholders on the role that local authorities can play in fighting climate change. Working with other European associations and networks of local authorities, this WG has also been very actively involved in advocating the recognition of the role of local authorities at EU level and ahead of COP 15. Further work was done on reviewing appropriate financing mechanisms on climate change available to local government.
ANNEX 1: EUROCITIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As of 30 September 2009, the EUROCITIES Executive Committee comprises:

- **President**: Jozias van Aartsen, Mayor of The Hague
- **Vice-President**: Ritt Bjerregaard, Mayor of Copenhagen
- **Secretary**: Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, Mayor of Warsaw
- **Treasurer**: Sten Nordin, Mayor of Stockholm
- Jean-Marc Ayrault, Mayor of Nantes Metropole
- Juan Alberto Belloch Julbe, Mayor of Zaragoza
- Gérard Collomb, Mayor of Lyon
- Gabor Demszky, Mayor of Budapest
- Michael Häupl, Mayor of Vienna
- Burkhard Jung, Mayor of Leipzig
- Richard Leese, Leader of Manchester City Council
- Marta Vincenzi, Mayor of Genoa
ANNEX 2: EUROCITIES FORUMS AND WORKING GROUPS as of 30 September 2009

COOPERATION & PARTICIPATION - Copenhagen

- Governance
  - Manchester
- European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement
  - Vienna
- Climate Change & Energy
  - Nantes & Copenhagen

Culture Forum - Nantes
  - Creative Industries
    - Nottingham
  - Cultural Access & Entitlement
    - Riga
  - Culture & Young People
    - Nantes
  - Resources for Culture
    - Amsterdam

Economic Development Forum - The Hague
  - Clusters
    - Lyon
  - Cohesion Policy & Structural Funds
    - Leipzig
  - Economic Migration
    - Vienna
  - Entrepreneurship
    - The Hague
  - Responsible Procurement & Consumption
    - Bristol
  - Services of General Interest
    - Vienna
  - Spatial Planning & the City of the Future
    - Malmö
  - Urban Regeneration
    - Budapest

Environment Forum - Vienna
  - Air Quality, Climate Change & Energy Efficiency
    - The Hague & Birmingham
  - Clean Cities
    - Belfast
  - Environment & Health
    - Sheffield
  - Green Areas
    - Genoa
  - Greening the Local Economy
    - Helsinki & Gothenburg
  - Noise
    - Rotterdam
  - Waste
    - Tampere
  - Water
    - The Hague

Knowledge Society Forum - Tallinn
  - Broadband
    - The Hague
  - eGovernment (2.0)
    - Turin
  - eInclusion
    - The Hague
  - ICT & Energy Efficiency
    - Manchester

Mobility Forum - Murcia
  - Developing a New Mobility Culture
    - London & Granville Alpes Metropola
  - International Accessibility
    - The Hague
  - Road Safety
    - Copenhagen
  - Transport & Energy Efficiency
    - Bromley-LIPT

Social Affairs Forum - Stockholm
  - Employment
    - Genoa & Rotterdam
  - Health & Well-being
    - Eindhoven & Southampton
  - Homelessness
    - Vienna
  - Housing
    - Vienna
  - Inclusion through Education
    - Rotterdam
  - Migration & Integration
    - Leeds
  - Social Inclusion
    - Newcastle - Gateshead
  - Urban Security
    - The Hague
ANNEX 3: EUROCITIES MEMBERS as of 30 September 2009

EUROCITIES has 141 member cities in 34 European countries

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## ANNEX 4: EUROCITIES PARTNERS as of 30 September 2009

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ANNEX 5: EUROCITIES PUBLICATIONS

Publications
EUROCITIES Response to the Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion
EUSEW brochure - Carbon-neutral cities
EUROCITIES Position on the Road Safety Action Programme
EUROCITIES Position on the Future of Transport
EUROCITIES Response to the consultation on EU action to reduce health inequalities
EUROCITIES in 2009 - Work Programme leaflet
Intercultural Cities - A journey through 23 European cities
Demographic Change & Urban Mobility and Public Space
Demographic Change & Housing in European Cities
Demographic Change & Social and Health Services in European Cities
EUROCITIES Study on Economic Migration
EUROCITIES Response to the Commission survey on e-Inclusion
EUROCITIES Position on Telecos package/Next Generation Access (NGA) networks
EUROCITIES Response to public consultation on ICTs & Energy Efficiency
EUROCITIES response to draft state aid guidelines for broadband projects
Cities’ strategies against homelessness
From The Hague to Stockholm. EUROCITIES’ Analysis of the European Framework on Immigration, Asylum and Integration
EUROCITIES Response to the Consultation on the EU Green Paper on Education & Mobility
Networks’ Joint Position on Climate Change
Local Government Climate Roadmap
The Integrated Chain Approach - City strategies against homelessness
Improving the Culture Programme: Recommendations from the experience of cities
EUROCITIES Recommendations: Towards a European Commission Green Paper on Cultural and Creative Industries
EUROCITIES Response to European Commission Green Paper on the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T)
EUROCITIES European Parliament Manifesto
EUROCITIES Statement on the TEN-T

Monthly case studies, launched 2009
January: Belfast - City Carbon Card
February: Rotterdam - Rotterdam Climate Campus
March: Madrid - Green Fleet and Foro Pro-Clima
April: Manchester - Wireless broadband for social inclusion
May: Espoo - Cultural Chain
June: Ghent - Gentinfo
July: Newcastle - Udecide
September: Dublin - Bike Start

Press releases
27.10.08 Europe’s major cities sign climate change declaration
14.11.08 New Secretary General for EUROCITIES
14.11.08 Access to services is not only defined by distance
24.11.08 Europe’s mayors focus on modernising city government
01.12.08 Espoo, Ghent and Newcastle win EUROCITIES awards 2008
09.12.08 Europe’s local politicians push for global role at Poznan
12.01.09 Successful cities in a successful Europe
13.01.09 Cities press for action on urban mobility
04.02.09 Cities: lynchpins of international accessibility
19.02.09 City economies at risk from EU cohesion policy
04.03.09 MEPs and EUROCITIES press Commission to publish urban mobility plan
05.03.09 Intercultural dialogue: cities advocate long-term strategy
07.04.09 Empowering local leadership
30.04.09 Local power for climate change results
02.06.09 MEPs face difficult decisions on Europe’s cities
02.07.09 EUROCITIES Point of View: Recession and the cities
16.07.09 EUROCITIES 2009 Stockholm - Urban Challenges, Sustainable Solutions
09.09.09 Mobility in cities is a key challenge for Europe
29.09.09 Europe’s economy needs creative cities
30.09.09 A big move forward on urban mobility

Newsletters
Ten issues of EUROCITIES Flash (Nos. 79-89)
Four issues of URBAN Voice – launched in April 2009, May, June, September
Four issues of Inclusive Cities for Europe Newsletter (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th editions)

Website news leads
October 2008 - January 2009
Marseille and Kosice named European Capitals of Culture 2013
Upcoming EU French Presidency “Cities Forum” to extend debate on Leipzig Charter
Commission’s Urban Audit shows striking demographic disparities across Europe’s cities
OPEN DAYS 2008 launched!
Cities capture spotlight at European Road Safety Day 2008
Europe’s major cities sign EUROCITIES Declaration on Climate Change
EUROCITIES welcomes its new Secretary General
Finding a common ground for the improvement of cities’ sustainability
‘Access to services not only defined by distance’, says EUROCITIES
Minding the gap: City of Leeds expands education project to bridge generations
Europe’s mayors focus on modernising city government
Espoo, Ghent and Newcastle win EUROCITIES awards
Mayor of The Hague elected as new President of EUROCITIES
Europe’s local politicians push for global role at Poznan
Cities building a Europe fit for the future
Responding to new economic pressures
Register now for the EUROCITIES workshop at EUSEW 2009!
EUROCITIES President meets with Commission President Barroso
Milan and Istanbul honoured for innovative public transport strategies
Managing Europe’s diversity: city practice and solutions

**February - May 2009**
Cities: the lynchpins of international accessibility
Apply now for workplace mobility award
City mayors commit to reducing carbon footprint
Thinking globally, acting locally
On route to carbon neutrality
European Summit of Regions and Cities
European cities among world’s most intelligent communities
Terrassa gathers momentum for European engagement
City economies at risk from EU cohesion policy
Budapest wins European Mobility Week Award
The EU Action Plan on Urban Mobility: Where to now?

**June - September 2009**
MEPs and EUROCITIES press Commission to publish urban mobility plan
Intercultural dialogue: cities advocate long-term strategy
Take the EUROCITIES Financial Crisis Survey
Towards green connected cities
For a greener quicker recovery
Welcome aboard Brighton & Hove!
Put cities at the heart of EU recovery strategy
EUROCITIES pushes ICT use for a greener Europe
New project boosts cities’ role in EU social policy development
KSF discusses digital innovation for energy efficiency
Combating health inequalities, improving well-being
European cities play key role in implementing local integration policies
Helsinki hailed as Europe's number one city for entrepreneurs
Covenant of Mayors 1st thematic workshop, Brussels, 24 April 2009
Local governments unite against climate change
Intergroup on Urban-Housing must continue
Local power for climate change results
Cities and SMEs - lessons learned for effective business support
Supporting small businesses and entrepreneurship in cities
Stockholm named Intelligent Community 2009
New MEPs should draw on local government expertise
Boosting city cluster development
Unlock local potential for real climate change action
Tackling the impacts of the recession on local social policies
Less bureaucracy for more cooperation, say Eastern cities
Weathering the storm: Europe’s cities and the recession
Local responses to the crisis: which strategies for recovery?
Urban Champions - MEPS press for re-establishment of intergroup
Interview with Flavio Delbono, new Mayor of Bologna
Welcome aboard Mannheim!
Register now for Green Streets!
Help support the Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors
Cities reach out to MEPs
A strong urban dimension for sustainable transport
Mobility in cities is a key challenge for Europe
Cities campaign for a cleaner climate without cars
Europe’s big cities celebrate ‘Car Free Day’
Tune in to Leipzig on Euronews!
Europe’s economy needs creative cities
A big move forward for urban mobility
## ANNEX 6: PROJECT OVERVIEW

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<td>48 months: 1.2.06-31.1.10</td>
<td>Knowledge exchange between research and practice on sustainable urban development: survey on cities' requirements, interactive database, thematic workshops</td>
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