

Agenda First Working Meeting of the EU-Canada Urban Policy Cooperation 5 – 10 July 2015

- 5 July: Participants arrive in Toronto (optional cocktail in hotel lounge).
- 6 July: Working meeting day 1
- 7 July: Working meeting day 2
- 8-10 July: **Field visits in respective partner cities.**

This is the first of three working meetings within the EU-Canada Urban Policy Cooperation. The objective of this first working meeting is to facilitate mutual understanding and generate a collaborative approach among participants from the eight Canadian and European cities in a way that will set the tone for the Cooperation. Please note that all activities and communications will be conducted in English.

Delegations from participating cities:

Canadian European City Pairings	
Halifax (Nova Scotia)	Tallinn (Estonia)
Saanich (British Columbia)	Almada (Portugal)
Edmonton (Alberta)	Vitoria-Gasteiz (Spain)
Ottawa (Ontario)	Hannover (Germany)

Delegation from project partners
DG REGIO Delegation
ICLEI World Secretariat and ICLEI Canada Office

Toronto, Canada July 5 - 7th, 2015

ALT Hotel Toronto Pearson, 6080 Viscount Road, Mississauga, ON, L4V 0A1

Sunday, 05 July 2015	
<i>All city delegations arrive in Toronto throughout evening</i>	
19.00 - 21.00 Altcetera lounge, ALT Hotel	Informal get together <i>Join us for an optional drink at the hotel lounge, if your jetlag will allow for it!</i>
Monday, 06 July 2015	
8.15 - 9.00	Continental breakfast
9.00 - 10.00	Welcome from the organizers <i>Welcome message from organizers and brief exercise to introduce participants and get to know one another.</i> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santhosh Kodukula, Project Manager, World Cities Project, ICLEI World Secretariat • Megan Meaney, Director, ICLEI Canada
10.00 - 10.30	Exchange overview - World Cities & the EU-Canada Cooperation <i>DG REGIO will give an overview of the World Cities Project and the expectations of the European Commission through these exchanges and the future options for Canada.</i> Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ronald Hall, Principal Advisor, DG REGIO, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
10.30 - 11.00	Morning refreshment break
11.00 - 13.00	A Canadian approach to the cooperation themes <i>Experts from across Canada will highlight developments and future plans on urban policy from across the country and how such plans and projects can transfer to the local level.</i> Facilitator: Ewa Jackson, Manager, ICLEI Canada Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable community planning research Dr. Amelia Clarke, School of Environment, Enterprise and Development (SEED) University of Waterloo. • Green municipal fund and low carbon development Devin Causley, Manager, Climate Change Program, Federation of Canadian Municipalities • Smart energy planning Brent Gilmour, Executive Director, QUEST - Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate resilience & adaptation Elizabeth Atkinson, Senior Policy Manager, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Division, Natural Resources Canada
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00-16.00	<p>Brief status of project cities in the thematic areas</p> <p><i>City representatives present their cities' approaches to project themes (15 min each city with question and answer session)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ronald Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Miedema, Environmental Performance Officer, Halifax • Tõnu Laasi, Leading Specialist, Environmental Unit, City of Tallinn, Estonia • Mark Brostrom, Director, City Environmental Strategies, City of Edmonton • Juan Carlos Escudero, Director, Environmental Studies Centre, Vitoria-Gasteiz • David Chernushenko, Councillor, City of Ottawa • Astrid Hoffmann-Kallen, Head of Climate Protection Unit, City of Hannover, Germany • Mark Boysen, Sustainability Coordinator, District of Saanich, Canada • Catarina Freitas, Head of Department, Sustainable Environmental Management and Planning, City of Almada
16.00-16.30	<p>Summary and overview of evening logistics</p> <p>Dinner in downtown Toronto and optional sightseeing activities <i>Dinner: 18.00 at Jack Astor's, 73 Front Street East, Toronto, ON (Casual attire)</i> Sightseeing Options (covered individually by participants, please confirm which you will attend before Monday's lunch):</p> <p>1) CN Tower visit: Built in 1976, the CN Tower was the World's Tallest Tower until 2010. Take a tour and enjoy the view from this 553.33m vantage point. Cost: \$35.00</p> <p>2) Bicycle Tour: Enjoy a guided tour of Toronto's waterfront trail system. Approximately 90 minutes, participants should wear comfortable clothing Cost: \$7.00</p> <p>3) Walking Tour: Walk to some of downtown Toronto's key landmarks and learn a little about their history and modern usages. Stops include: City Hall, SkyDome, CN Tower, Eaton Centre, Queen Street West Cost: Free (will include time for local visiting and shopping)</p> <p>NOTE: Participants will travel on the Union-Pearson Express to/from downtown. All participants should plan to be on the UP Express before 22:30 as pre-purchased tickets will NOT be valid after this time.</p>
17.00-22.00	
Tuesday, 07 July 2015	
8.15 – 9.00	Continental breakfast
9.00 – 13.00	Advancements and challenges presentation & discussion

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(10.30-11.00 Break)	<p><i>Cities will be split into groups based on their city pairings. Each group will be assigned an ICLEI representative to moderate the discussion and take notes.</i></p> <p>Part A – Identifying the Issues In a small group discussion format, each city will present a summary of three successes they have achieved over the course of their work in the theme areas. They will also prepare a summary of the top three challenges they have faced and explain how/if they have overcome these challenges.</p> <p>Part B – And Moving Forward After identifying successes, challenges and opportunities, the part B discussion will focus on using a “nexus approach” to move forward on sustainability as an interdisciplinary issue.</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-16.00	Planning session for the next two events and for communications in-between meetings Moderator: Santhosh Kodukula, Project Manager, World Cities Project
16.00-16.30	Closing
17.30	Participant transfer to the respective partner cities

Wednesday – Friday, 08 – 10 July 2015

Overall structure of the field visits

Though the structure of the field visit is decided by the hosting Canadian city, the following should give an idea of the field visits and how they will impact the future exchanges:

- Representatives of the visiting EU city will be taken through the projects and activities that the Canadian city is doing in the selected thematic area.
- Both partner cities will begin a work plan which includes a recap of what has been seen and identify areas for mutual knowledge exchange.
- After the first exchange, and before the second meeting, the ICLEI representative in attendance shall document the exchange.
- Following the first exchange, the partner cities shall share information virtually through an online platform, and ICLEI will facilitate the discussion among the partner cities.

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