

EU-Japan Municipal Dialogue on Urban Policy

(in the framework of the EU-Japan Urban Policy Dialogue)

Agenda for the 1st Working Group Meeting

Version after successful completion of the meeting

World Cities is a project of the European Union managed by the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) of the European Commission. The project originates in a Preparatory Action of the European Parliament to promote the exchange of experience and best practice between the European Union and third countries on the theme of territorial development with particular reference to urban development, urban-rural partnership and urban cross-border cooperation.

This is the first of three working meetings within the EU-Japan Municipal Dialogue on Urban Policy. The objective of this first working meeting is to share a mutual understanding of the challenges that the cities face, the policies and practices that the cities are implementing, and expectations for the exchange, as well as to generate a collaborative approach among participants from the eight Japanese and European cities.

Delegations from participating cities include:

Japan - European City Pairings	
Kumamoto	Leipzig (Germany)
Kitakyushu	Riga (Latvia)
Shimokawa	Växjö (Sweden)
Toyama	Burgas (Bulgaria)

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

The meetings will be conducted in both English and Japanese (simultaneous and consecutive translation will be available).

EU-Japan Municipal Dialogue on Urban Policy Program for the First Working Meeting

31 August – 1 September 2015, Tokyo, Japan

1 - 4 September 2015, Partner City, Japan

Sunday, 30 August 2015

17:30 – 19:00
Meet at
hotel lobby
at 17:30

Informal welcome reception

Location: BLT Steak, directly next to hotel in Izumi Garden

Join us for an optional drink near the hotel, if your jetlag will allow for it! We will meet in the hotel lobby at 17:30. If you arrive later, please ask the concierge for directions.

Afterwards, for those that are interested, we will bring those interested to a nearby restaurant where you can have dinner together with other delegates.

Monday, 31 August 2015

Part 1

9:30

Please meet promptly in hotel lobby to be taken to the Toshi Center Hotel via the subway

10:00 – 10:30

Meet and greet

Location: Toshi Center Hotel Conference Room 606

10:30 – 10:40

Welcome remarks

Toshi Center
Hotel

Speakers:

- Mr. Jonathan Hatwell, Deputy Head of the European Union Delegation to Japan
- Mr. Takashi Ishizuka, Deputy-Director General, City Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)

10:40 – 10:55

Exchange overview

Overview of the World Cities Project and the expectations of the European Commission through these exchanges.

Speaker:

- Dr. Ronald Hall, Principal Advisor, DG REGIO, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

10:55 – 11:30

Urban policies in Japan

Overview of Japan's urban policies and efforts towards compact city development and low carbon development, followed by a short Q & A

Speaker:

- Mr. Yoshimasa Uno, Director, City Planning Division, City Bureau MLIT

11:30 – 11:45	<p>Cities movement in Europe</p> <p><i>Overview of cities' commitment and trend toward compact and low-carbon cities in Europe.</i></p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ronald Hall, Principal Advisor, DG REGIO, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
11:45 – 13:00	Lunch (preceded by group photo)
13:00 – 15:20	<p>Approaches by Japanese and European cities</p> <p><i>City representatives present their cities' approaches to project themes. City representatives will make their presentations in pairs, each presenting with their partner city. After each pair of presentations, the expert panelists will comment and there will be a brief Q&A session.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Masahiko Kikuchi, Director, City Planning Survey and Information Office, City Bureau, MLIT</p> <p>Expert panelist: Dr. Norihiro Nakai, Professor, Department of Social Engineering, Graduate School of Decision Science and Technology, Tokyo Institute of Technology</p> <p>City presentations (10 minutes each)</p> <p>Toyama and Burgas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jun Nakamura, Vice Mayor, City of Toyama, Japan • Ms. Atanaska Dimitrova Nikolova, Deputy Mayor, City of Burgas, Bulgaria <p>Kumamoto and Leipzig</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kunihiro Nagayama, Chief of Urban Development and Construction Bureau, City of Kumamoto, Japan • Mr. Torben Heinemann, Head of General Planning Department, City of Leipzig, Germany <p>Kitakyushu and Riga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Akira Tooyama, Executive Director, Planning Department, Buildings and City Planning Bureau, City of Kitakyushu, Japan • Mr. Timurs Safiulins, Director, Riga Energy Agency, City of Riga, Latvia <p>Shimokawa and Växjö</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hiroki Takeda, Vice Mayor, Town of Shimokawa, Japan • Mr. Jan Johansson, Energy Planner, City of Växjö, Sweden
15:20 – 15:30	<p>Review of Part 1</p> <p>15:20-15:25 Summary of the session by Moderator (MLIT)</p> <p>15:25-15:30 Part 1 Closing remarks (MLIT)</p>

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15:30 – 15:45	Break
Part 2	
15:45 – 16:45	<p>Small group discussion</p> <p><i>Cities will be split into groups based on city pairings. The groups will discuss and clarify regarding their respective approaches and projects, identify similar challenges, discuss field visit schedule, and share expectations for the exchange.</i></p> <p><i>Each group will be assigned an ICLEI contact to moderate the discussion and take notes. The ICLEI contact assigned will correspond to the one present at the field visits</i></p> <p>Translation: Consecutive</p>
16:45 – 17:00	<p>Discussion summary</p> <p><i>Each group of cities will briefly report back their findings.</i></p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Next steps and closing remarks</p> <p><i>ICLEI staff will provide an overview of the schedule of next events and discussion of post-meeting follow-up, including the online platform; closing remarks from DG REGIO will conclude the day.</i></p> <p>Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ronald Hall, Principal Advisor, DG REGIO, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
18:30 – 20:00	<p>Reception: ANA International Hotel</p> <p><i>A casual reception (stand-up, buffet-style) will be held for all participants. Meet at the Hotel Villa Fontaine lobby at 18:15 to walk over to the reception venue.</i></p>

Tuesday, 1 September 2015

8:30 – 9:30	Continental Breakfast at Hotel Villa Fontaine Roppongi	
9:40 – 10:10	Travel to Roppongi Hills	
	<i>Transportation (mini-bus) will be provided by MLIT. Participants should check-out from the hotel before their designated meeting time in the lobby.</i>	
	<p>Group 1 Riga, Växjö, Shimokawa, DG REGIO (Dr. Hall)</p> <p>9:40 Meet at hotel lobby 9:45 Leave hotel 9:55 Arrive at Roppongi Hills</p>	<p>Group 2 Leipzig, Burgas, Kumamoto, Toyama, DG REGIO (Ms. Laissy)</p> <p>9:55 Meet at hotel lobby 10:00 Leave hotel 10:10 Arrive at Roppongi Hills</p>

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10:30 - 12:00	Site tour in Tokyo <i>City participants learn about Tokyo's urban development efforts at Roppongi Hills Mori Tower 48F (tour/explanation to be provided in English)</i> Participants: Japanese and European city representatives Organizer: MLIT Language: English Translation: Simultaneous
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch: Mohri Salvatore Cuomo <i>Buffet-style Italian lunch</i>
Afternoon	Travel to respective host cities <i>At least one staff each from the Japanese city as well the ICLEI contact will travel with the EU city delegations. Please follow your ICLEI contact for your schedule.</i>

Wednesday - Friday, 2 - 4 September 2015

The structure of the field visit is to be decided by the hosting Japanese city.

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Wednesday - Thursday, 2-3 September 2015

All day	Partner city field visit <i>Potential activities:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Welcome dinner / reception</i>• <i>Introductory gathering</i>• <i>Courtesy call to the Mayor</i>• <i>Site visits and tours</i>• <i>Meetings, presentations, and discussion</i>• <i>Network building</i>• <i>Reflection meeting</i>
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Friday, 4 September 2015

Morning	Reflection meeting or free time
Afternoon	Travel to Tokyo / respective EU city

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