



# World Cities

EU – Canada Cooperation on  
Urban Policy

## Agenda

### Second Working Meeting of the EU-Canada Urban Policy Cooperation, 19 – 23 October 2015

- 18 October: Participants arrive in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain
- 19 October: Working meeting day 1
- 20 October: Working meeting day 2
- 21-23 October: **Field visits in respective partner cities.**

This is the second of three working meetings within the EU-Canada Urban Policy Cooperation. The main objective of the second working meeting is for Canadian cities to experience and gain first-hand knowledge from their European partner. The second meeting is also meant to expand on the ideas and expectations developed in the first working meeting. Preparation should focus on solidifying plans for action and taking steps toward the set expectations.

Delegations from participating cities:

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

\* Host of the second working meeting

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

### EU-Canada Urban Policy Cooperation Program for the Second Working Meeting

19 – 20 October 2015, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

21 – 23 October 2015, Partner City, Europe

Sunday, 18 October 2015	
<p><i>All city delegations arrive in Vitoria-Gasteiz by evening</i>  Please note that participants arriving in Bilbao on Sunday will have a pick-up from Vitoria-Gasteiz at the airport</p>	
<p><b>19:00 – 21:00</b> Piano Bar</p>	<p><b>Informal get-together</b></p> <p><i>We welcome you to join us for an informal reception with light finger food &amp; refreshments at the Piano Bar in Hotel Silken Ciudad's lobby if your jetlag will allow for it!</i></p>
Monday, 19 October 2015	
<p><b>8:30</b></p>	<p><b>Meet in hotel lobby for pick-up to Europa Congress Centre</b></p>
<p><b>9:00 – 10:00</b> Europa Congress Centre, Florida</p>	<p><b>Welcome from the Mayor</b></p> <p><i>Welcome from the host, Mayor of Vitoria-Gasteiz; Mr. Gorka Urtaran</i>  <i>Welcome from DG Regio representative</i></p>
<p><b>10:00 – 10:15</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee break, Photo opportunity</b></p>
<p><b>10:15 – 10:45</b></p>	<p><b>Green infrastructure planning in Vitoria-Gasteiz</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luis Andrés Orive, Director, Centre for Environmental Studies, City of Vitoria-Gasteiz</li> </ul>
<p><b>10:45 – 11:00</b></p>	<p><b>Updates from ICLEI</b></p> <p><i>Updates about the online platform and suggestions for exchange between meetings.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Santhosh Kodukula, Project Manager, World Cities Project, ICLEI World Secretariat, Bonn, Germany</li> <li>• Ewa Jackson, Manager, ICLEI Canada Office, Toronto, Canada</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:00 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Panel: The EU perspective to low carbon urban development</b></p> <p><i>Experts from the European Union will highlight topics and plans related to low carbon urban development and how this affects the local level, and future plans. Panel discussion and questions to follow the presentations.</i></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Santhosh Kodukula, Project Manager, World Cities Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucy Price, Low Carbon Officer, ICLEI World Secretariat</li> <li>• <b>Low Carbon planning and financing for local governments</b> Viola Lutz, Project Manager in Climate Financing, South Pole Group, Zurich, Switzerland</li> </ul>

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## EU-Third Countries Cooperation on Urban Development

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RTOs, urban solutions and local sustainability innovation: specific zoom on climate adaptation</b> Efrèn Feliu, Climate Change Manager, Urban and Territorial Sustainability Area, Tecnalia</li> <li>• <b>The Foodlinks Project: Knowledge networks to promote sustainable food</b> Roberto Ruiz, Head of the Department of Animal Production, NEIKER-Tecnalia</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
13:30 – 15:30	<b>City partner exchange – Part 1</b>
<i>Coffee break</i> 15:00 – 15:15	<p><i>Each city pairing will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Review the agenda for the host city; delegates have the opportunity for any requests to change the agenda or to ask for a specific meeting with a representative from the host city</i></li> <li>• <i>Share updates and actions taken since the First Working Meeting and continue discussion on topics of mutual interest</i></li> <li>• <i>Begin concrete planning; cities should begin developing ideas and setting expectations for their plans to implement projects in their respective cities. This should be the first steps in further planning and executing actions.</i></li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Group sharing and summary</b>
	<i>Each city pairing group will share their status and plans for their exchange (5-10 minutes) with opportunity for questions afterwards.</i>
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Updates and overview of next meeting: February 2016</b>
	<i>Discussion on the next meeting (10 – 12 February 2016) and participation in the 2016 Sustainable Communities Conference (Ottawa, ON)</i>
18:30 – late evening	<p><b>City tour of Vitoria-Gasteiz (meet at Hotel lobby at 18:25)</b> <i>Tour of the Medieval quarter in the city center of Vitoria-Gasteiz</i> <i>* Please note that dinner will be later, as is traditional in Spain, please plan accordingly</i></p> <p><b>Dinner</b> <i>Private dinner in the Palace of Escoriaza-Esquivel with traditional Basque food and wines</i></p>
<b>Tuesday, 20 October 2015</b>	
0915	<b>Meet at the Lobby, walk for 1-2 minutes to take a bus (@9:30h) to the Ataria wetlands Interpretation Center where the activities will start at 10:00h</b>
10:00 – 12:30	<b>Site visits of Vitoria Gasteiz</b>
	<p>10:00 <b>Welcome to Ataria/Salburua Wetlands Interpretation Centre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luis Andrés Orive, Director of the Environmental Studies Centre, Analysis and Evaluation of Sustainability Unit</li> </ul> <p>10:10 <b>Biodiversity Conservation Strategy of Vitoria-Gasteiz</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luis Lobo, Officer of the Green Belt and Biodiversity Unit</li> </ul> <p>11:00 <b>Guided tour of our Green Belt, visiting Ataria (The Interpretation Center for the Green Belt) and the Salburua Ramsar Wetlands.</b></p>

12:30 – 13:30    **Lunch**

### Wednesday October 21 – Friday October 23, 2015

#### Overall structure of the field visits

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

- Representatives of the visiting Canadian city will be taken through the projects and activities that the European city is doing in the selected thematic area.
- Directly following the conclusion of the field visits, both partner cities will continue work on the plan which includes a recap of what has been seen and identify areas for mutual knowledge exchange.
- During the local field visits, participants should aim to begin developing ideas around a key action or activity that they will identify to take home to their community
- After the field visit, and before the third and final meeting, the ICLEI representative in attendance shall document the exchange.
- Following the field visits, the partner cities shall share information virtually through the online platform, and ICLEI will facilitate the discussion among the partner cities.

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