





16-18 May 2018  
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### Short overview meeting:

Wednesday, 16 May	
15.00-17.00	project training session (optional), City Hall, Athinas 63, Athens
15.00-17.00	ExCom & forum chairs meeting, City Hall, Athinas 63, Athens
18.00	Athens cities4europe session, Serafeio Sports, Culture & Innovation Center, Pireos & Petrou Ralli, Athens
Thursday, 17 May	
Main venue	Serafeio Sports, Culture & Innovation Center, Pireos & Petrou Ralli, Athens
8.45-10.30	registration & coffee
9.00-10.15	forum chairs meeting
9.15-10.15	newcomer introductory session
10.30-16.45	cooperation platform
19.00	reception & dinner - City Hall, Athinas 63, Athens
Friday, 18 May	
	Serafeio Sports, Culture & Innovation Center, Pireos & Petrou Ralli, Athens
9:30-13:00	cooperation platform
13:00-14.00	lunch
14.00-16.00	study visits

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## Wednesday, 16 May

- 15.00-17.00** **Project training session (optional)**, City Hall, Athinas 63, Athens  
This session is targeted at European officers working on or supporting European project proposal development. The first part will be divided in two parallel sessions, for beginners and for more advanced, focusing on European funding and project proposal writing.
- 15.00-17.00** ExCom & forum chairs meeting, City Hall, Athinas 63, Athens
- 18.00** Athens cities4europe session  
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## Thursday, 17 May

venue: Serafeio Sports, Culture &amp; Innovation Center, Pireos &amp; Petrou Ralli, Athens

- 8.45** **Registration & coffee**  
Voting registration for approval of EUROCITIES accounts 2017
- 9.00-10.15** **Forum chairs meeting**  
'Reflecting on the chairmanship: added value and recommendations'
- 9.15-10.15** **Newcomer introductory session**
- 10.30-11.15** **Introduction & welcomes**  
welcome from Athens  
welcome Anna Lisa Boni & update 'Cities4Europe' campaign  
EUROCITIES 2018 Edinburgh  
introduction focus groups 'future of EUROCITIES'
- 11:15-12:45** **Focus groups (round 1) 'future of EUROCITIES'**
1. *Network structures*  
Objective of the discussion: identify the structural and organisational changes that can be beneficial to EUROCITIES in the future in terms of, for example, developing a silo free approach to urban challenges and opportunities; organising work around broader transversal policy areas; envisaging new/different types of activities/services that can best fulfil the main goals of the network (advocacy, knowledge sharing, etc.).
  2. *Achieving impact and results*  
Objective: identify ways forward that bring together our fixed internal structures and the need for clarity in relation to the desired results, with a more flexible, bottom up, network driven way of working. This session will focus on work in forums and WGs as well as ExCom.
  3. *Communication tools for the future*  
Objective: propose improvements to existing tools or identify new ones to make the most of the network's potential in terms of its main missions and to fully benefit the members. This involves proposing ideas for the website, online activities as well as other tools or services. We will also refer to the recent survey on communications for inspiration.

12:45-14:00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Focus groups (round 2) 'future of EUROCITIES'

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15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-16.45 plenary session 'future of EUROCITIES'  
feedback from focus groups and next steps

19:00 Reception & dinner  
City hall, Athinas 63, Athens 105 52

Friday, 18 May

venue: Serafeio Sports, Culture & Innovation Center, Pireos & Petrou Ralli, Athens

9.30-10.35 What's happening in 2018? Network update  
EUROCITIES policy & project teams

- overview of recent and forthcoming policy and project work related to the five themes of our strategic framework: cities as drivers of jobs and growth, inclusive diverse and creative cities, green, free-flowing and healthy cities, smarter cities, and urban innovation and governance.

10:35-10:45 Approval of EUROCITIES accounts 2017  
Warsaw, EUROCITIES treasurer

- participants will be invited to approve the financial results 2017

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11.15-13.00 Speednetworking

13:00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Study visits

1. Municipal Market, Kypseli district: The Municipal Market was built in 1935. After many years of abandonment and with the residents of the area repeatedly preventing the demolition of the building, this emblematic

municipal building has been restored from a crawling place to a modern public space of artistic, cultural and social entrepreneurial activities, with the use of EU funding. The Municipality invited non-profit organisations, collaborative social enterprises and charitable entities, to collaborate on ideas regarding the overall management of the Market. Through this synergy of civil society and public stakeholders, the citizens of Kypseli district have the opportunity to use this building by means of an innovative cooperative model of urban regeneration and citizen participation to the benefit of the local community.

<https://athens.impacthub.net/en/kypseli-municipal-market/>

2. City of Athens Technopolis: Technopolis is a multi-purpose cultural and innovation centre located in an old gasworks plant from 1857. Today, the site is a living museum of industrial archaeology and architecture, a source of inspiration for various branches of sciences and the arts as well as a vibrant home for a variety of cultural and artistic events in the heart of the city: concerts, festivals and performances; exhibitions, projections, interactive tours, educational programmes, seminars and actions of the Industrial Gas Museum; seminars and workshops dedicated to new technologies, networking and exchange of know-how between start ups, initiatives for the development of entrepreneurship and innovation at the premises of INNOVATHENS hub, are only some of the 800 events taking place every year in Technopolis. Furthermore, from the Watchtower, the tallest building in Technopolis, you can enjoy a panoramic 360° view of Athens. In addition, Technopolis is the home of the 9,84 Municipal Radio.

<http://www.technopolis-athens.com/web/guest/home>

3. National Garden: The National Garden in the city centre represents an emblematic landmark of natural, historical, cultural and athletic value. Through its recent regeneration and upgrade, it aims to be not only a point of reference in historical, social and cultural terms but also a 'green lung' of vital importance for Athenians and a safe home for the urban fauna and flora. Here, local people and visitors can admire hundreds of species of plants, a large variety of birds and animals, wander around and observe the statues of historical personalities, the solar clock, pergolas, lakes and charming green rooms. Furthermore, children, apart from playing in the playground, can visit the Children's Library that welcomes school visits, hosts meetings for young readers, organises educational programmes and cooperates with various stakeholders, groups and individuals.

<http://www.thisisathens.org/explore/venues-attractions/12-attractions/national-garden-zappeion/>

4. Athens Coordination Centre for Migrant and Refugee issues (ACCMR): ACCMR was established to lead the efficient coordination of various and parallel initiatives related to the provision of services to migrants and refugees in Athens. The centre brings together municipal authorities, the civil society, national and international NGOs, migrant community groups and other relevant stakeholders operating within the city, to facilitate information exchange and collaborations in order to respond efficiently to immediate and longer-term needs. Through its 'Digital Platform of Coordination and Interconnection', ACCMR also connects organisations with individuals, businesses and other actors that wish to offer support. ACCMR's main goal is to shape the necessary conditions and a strategic action plan for the smooth integration of migrants and refugees currently living in the city of Athens, but also for dealing, through a preparedness mechanism, with emergency situations linked with future migration flows. The initiative, through AORI

(Athens Observatory on Migrant and Refugee issues), is also leading the collection of much needed data on refugees to help improve service delivery and inform planning and policy; this data is being shared with other municipalities and global leaders to aid the refugee response and promote best practices. In the same building, there is also the Migrant Integration Centre, the Diadromes Centre (for legal consulting and promotion of employment), and the Woman and Child Protection Centre for migrants and refugees.

[www.accmr.gr/en](http://www.accmr.gr/en)

5. Athens Commercial Triangle Revitalisation Programme: An innovative programme of strategic interventions for the comprehensive regeneration and revitalisation of the Athens' most lively district, aiming at the return of public space to the citizens and the enhancement of citizens participation and engagement in public affairs. Pedestrianisation of roads, removal of illegally parked vehicles, clear delimitation of the public space occupied by shops and other establishments, replacement of old lighting elements with new street lamps, upgrade of urban furniture, decoration of telecom cable terminals by artists, placement of potted plants outside shops, removal of graffiti/spray paint/posters from the walls and the shops' roller shutters, cleanliness of buildings and opening to the public for artistic and cultural use, are some of the actions that aim to transform this district into a more viable and vibrant commercial area, friendly and hospitable to the local people and tourists, day and night, with tangible economic, environmental and social benefits for all.

<http://athenspartnership.org/commercialtriangle/>