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## Berlin City Link Conference Sustainable Cities, United Efforts: A European Approach

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## Tuesday, 15 July 2025

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| 09:00 – 09:30 h | <b>Registration and Welcome Coffee</b>  |
| 09:30 – 10:00 h | <b>Welcome and introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Greeting</b> by Georg Klußmann, Chief of Protocol of the Federal State of Berlin</li> <li>▪ <b>Keynote</b> on the importance of European city cooperation in municipal climate and environmental protection   Prof. Dr. Jürgen Kropp, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research</li> </ul>  |
| 10:00 – 11:00 h | <b>Input-Session: Best Practices from across Europe</b><br>Inspirational short presentations on successful projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Berlin Urban Nature Pact</b>   Rebecca Noebel, Senate Department for Mobility, Transport, Climate Protection and the Environment Berlin</li> <li>▪ <b>Designing Cities for All</b>   Faezeh Mohammadi, Programme Lead, Pakhuis de Zwijger</li> <li>▪ <b>Climate Action &amp; Urban Innovation: Best Practices from Piraeus</b>   Electra Nisidou, EU Programmes Consultant of the Municipality of Piraeus</li> </ul>  |
| 11:00 – 11:30 h | Coffee break & thematic networking tables: Connect & Exchange   |
| 11:30 – 12:45 h | <b>Interactive workshops (parallel)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Workshop 1</b><br/>Future visions: What will sustainable cities look like in 2050?   Thijs Koster, Policy Advisor Visitors Economy, City of Amsterdam</li> <li>▪ <b>Workshop 2</b><br/>Teaming up for better cooperation and integration of climate data in municipal climate work   Leonie Laug, Zoe Hoffmann, Birte Dohlen; Climate-Team Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg</li> <li>▪ <b>Workshop 3</b><br/>Empowering Territories Together: Fostering Energy Communities through Culture, Policy, and Public Trust   Chiara Tisat, EU Office Bergamo; Lucio Brignoli, President Fondazione SINERGIA; Marco Donadoni, CEO HServizi SPA</li> <li>▪ <b>Workshop 4</b><br/>Sustainable Territorial Innovation: Experiences from the Municipality of Fundão, Portugal   Mariana Salvado, Municipality of Fundão</li> </ul> |
| 12:45 – 13:45 h | Lunch break   |

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| 13:45 – 15:00 h | <p><b>Deep Dive Sessions (parallel)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Session 1</b><br/>Financing sustainable urban projects at the European level   Dr. Henrik Scheller and Marie Munzert, German Institute of Urban Affairs</li> <li>▪ <b>Session 2</b><br/>Your City, Your Space: How to use top-down approaches to endorse bottom-up participation in urban planning   Eva Němečková; Andrea Midlochová; Aneta Soukopová, Prague Institute of Planning and Development</li> <li>▪ <b>Session 3</b><br/>The value of a Regenerative Approach to Tourism for European cities   Esther Bouw, ULT-Lab (Urban Leisure and Tourism Lab) Amsterdam</li> <li>▪ <b>Session 4</b><br/>Talking Climate, Building Change: Strategies Against Misinformation and Inaction   Martin Baumgarten, klimafakten</li> </ul> |
| 15:00 – 15:30 h | Coffee break & thematic networking tables: Connect & Exchange  |
| 15:30 – 16:30 h | <p><b>Panel Discussion: "European Cities as Pioneers for Sustainability"</b><br/>Discussion with experts from politics, science, and civil society on the challenges and opportunities of international cooperation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pat Bohland, LIFE e.V.</li> <li>▪ Chiara Tisat, EU Office Province of Bergamo</li> <li>▪ Dr. Beatrice John, adelphi / Centre for Climate Adaptation</li> </ul>   |
| 16:30 – 17:00 h | <p><b>Conclusion of the day: Summary and Outlook</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Summary of results</li> <li>▪ Outlook on next project activities (Prague, Bergamo, Amsterdam)</li> <li>▪ Official closing of the conference</li> </ul>   |
| 17:00 – 18:00 h | <p><b>Informal Networking &amp; Get-together</b><br/>Space for further discussions, experience exchange, and joint planning</p>  |

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