

INCOMING BELGIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION 2024

High-level event under the auspices of Belgium EU
Presidency

“A European urban policy fit for the future”

23 & 24 January 2024 in Brussels

Draft programme

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Afternoon	Arrival of delegations and check-in at their hotel
19.00-22.00	Networking cocktail and dinner – Institute of Natural Sciences

24 January 2024 – High-level Event

Event moderated by Mrs Katrina Sichel

8.30-9.30	Registration, cloakroom, welcome coffee
9.30	Welcome session
9.45	Opening and official addresses from the Brussels-Capital Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rudi Vervoort, Brussels-Capital Region Minister-President- Ans Persoons, Brussels-Capital Region State Secretary for urbanism & European and international relations
10.05	Official address from the EU institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Younous Omarjee - Chair REGI Committee, European Parliament (TBC)- Other speakers to be announced
10.30	Keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sandrine Dixson-Declève, President of Club of Rome
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	Panel reactions from Mayors <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moderated interview with mayors and the keynote speaker
12.00	Wrap up of the morning sessions
12.05	Signing ceremony of the declaration and family picture
13.00	Lunch break

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14.30	Interactive roundtables <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How to foster the urban and metropolitan dimension of European policies? Moderation & introductory intervention by EMA and METREX.2. How to better finance and implement the just green transition in cities? Moderation by CEMR Introductory intervention by Claire Dupont, Research Professor of European and international governance at Ghent University3. Shifting paradigm, going beyond growth: what model for future-proofed cities? Moderation by ICLEI Introductory intervention by Federico Savini, Associate Professor in Environmental Planning, Institutions and Politics at the University of Amsterdam4. How to better involve cities in the EU decision making process? Moderation & introductory intervention by Eurocities.
16.00	Coffee break
16.30	Wrap up from the interactive roundtables
17.00	Conclusions
17.30	Networking cocktail

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