3, 2, 1... action!
Opening plenary

Tuesday, 29 September 2026

ELEFTHERIA SQUARE

09:30 – 10:15

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Welcome!

Anamaria Vrabie

Vivian Doumpa

Masters of Ceremony





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Charalambos Prountzos

Mayor of Nicosia



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Patrina Taramidou,

Housing Policy Director,
Minister of Interior, Cyprus



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Jenny Koutsomarkou

URBACT Secretariat

To celebrate the work and results of :

30



273 partners, including Nicosia!

10



61 partners



27 partners

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WHO ELSE IS HERE?

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Chiara Petroli

Events officer,
URBACT Secretariat

Over 300 cities are here !



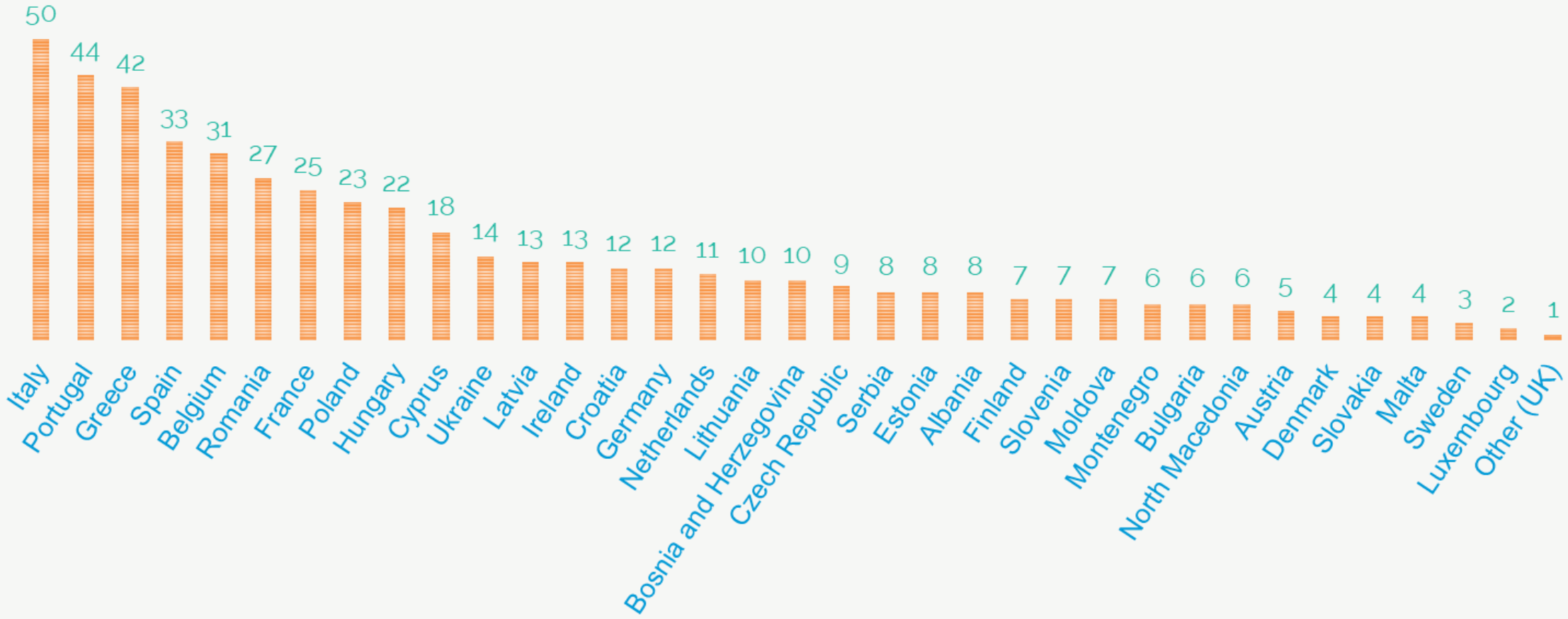
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Over 500 participants from 35 countries !

ATTENDEES BY COUNTRY



The URBACT City Festival team

Staff:

- **URBACT Secretariat**
- Event Agency
- Volunteers

In collaboration with:

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Who else is here?

National URBACT Points

Video and photography team

Local & European organisations

Locals

LET'S CHECK-IN!



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The venues



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Today, 29 September

09:30 – 10:15	3, 2, 1... action! Opening plenary
10:15 - 10:45	A trailer to the marketplace
10:45 – 12:30	Local actions marketplace
13:00 – 14:00	National networking lunch
14:30 – 15:30	Local actions in sessions
16:00 – 17:00	Local actions in sessions (continues)

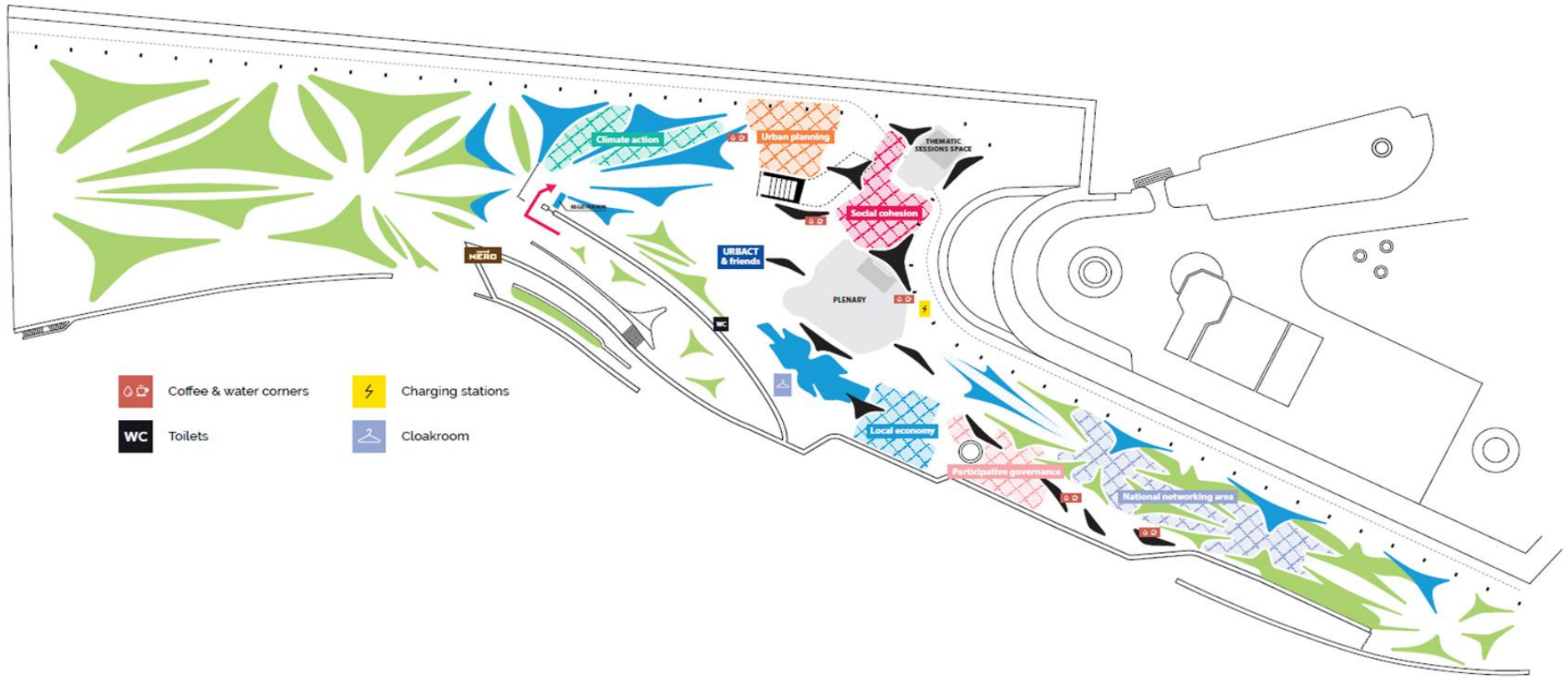
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Tomorrow, 30 September

09:00 – 09:30	Highlights and preview of the day
09:45 – 10:45	Thematic sessions
11:00 – 12:00	Future urban challenges and cities' capacities
12:00 – 12:30	Happy ending: closing plenary
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:30 – 16:30	City visits
19:00 – 00:00	Nicosia After Dark Party

Today, 29 September

10:45 – 12:30 Local actions marketplace



Today, 29 September

13:00 – 14:00 National networking lunch (for people with badges)
Royal Hall - Carrafa Room

During lunch take the time to **check the venue of your thematic session** of the afternoon on the back of your badge

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Today, 29 September

14:30 – 15:30 Local actions in sessions

Session 1 Local Economy
Eleftheria Square - Plenary

Session 2 Digital transition
Royal Hall - Gallery d'Avilla - floor 0

Session 3 Nature-based solutions
Eleftheria Square - Thematic sessions space

Session 4 Health and wellbeing
Royal Hall - Rooftop - floor 2

Session 5 Mobility
Royal Hall - Loredano - floor 1

Session 6 Welcoming cities
Royal Hall - Grand Hall (Plenary) - floor 0

Badges


Your thematic sessions
29 September 2026
14:30 - 15:30
Health and wellbeing
Royal Hall - Rooftop
16:00 - 17:00
Urban planning
Eleftheria Square - Plenary
Your city visit
30 September 2026
14:30 - 16:30
GROUP A
HerStory: Walk of female history

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Today, 29 September

16:00 – 17:00 Local actions in sessions (continues)

Session 7 Social data management
Royal Hall - Gallery d'Avilla - floor 0

Session 8 Urban planning
Eleftheria Square - Plenary

Session 9 Greening urban economies
Eleftheria Square - Thematic sessions space

Session 10 Gender equality
Royal Hall - Rooftop - floor 2

Session 11 Youth
Royal Hall - Loredano - floor 1

Session 12 Storytelling for citizens' engagement
Royal Hall - Grand Hall (Plenary) - floor 0

Badges



To find:

Wifi code

Programme

Maps of venues

Menus

URBACT Secretariat's contacts

....and other practical information

Join the URBACT City Festival Community on WhatsApp to stay up to date throughout the event!

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Low carbon event

Recycled & handmade seeded badge

Plant it once back home!





Low carbon event



Food

- Local food circuit
- Vegetarian & vegan

>>> CO_2 emissions cut to half in comparison to meat-based menu

Low carbon event

Material

- To be recycled/reused/upcycled
- No goodies

CO2 measurement & off-setting

- Full CO2 measurement by specialised agency
- Off-setting with financial support to projects in Cyprus for afforestation of plots & other local green initiatives

Practical information

Services available at Eleftheria's Square

Food/Water/coffee

Toilettes

Electric charge

Health assistance

A Red Cross lorry is on site

Security guards

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Safe space

Your trustees from the URBACT Secretariat



Maria Laura



Jenny

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Share your experience!



Camilla Chiappini

URBACT Secretariat

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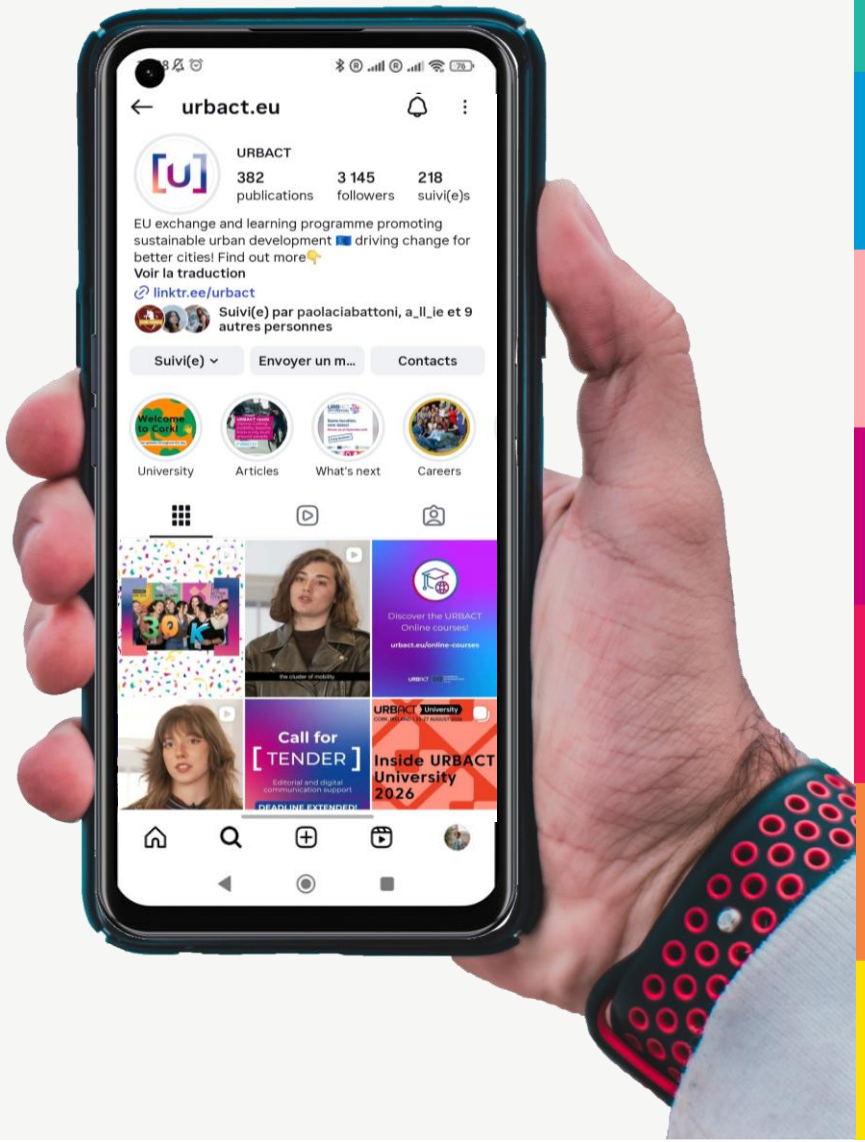
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Or scan the QR code on the screen!



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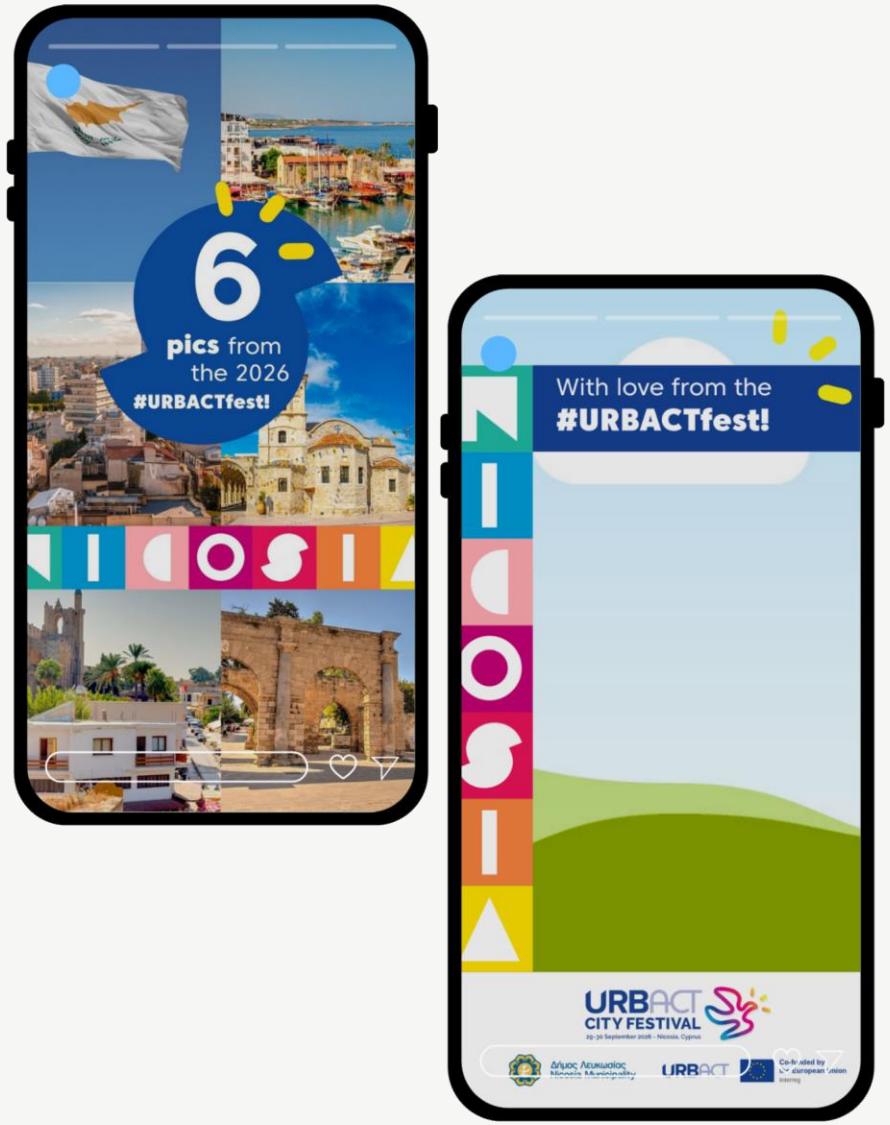
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Join the fun with our new Instagram filter!

"Add Yours" feature for Instagram Stories!

1. Head over to the URBACT Instagram account
2. Find the filter in the "Story Highlights"
3. Click on the button and join in the fun!



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Photo / Video challenge

[U]R BEST VIDEO

[U]R BEST GROUP SELFIE

[U]R BEST MOMENT



And to conclude...capture the moment until the very end!

Party. Pose. Repeat.

The closing party calls for a few final photos!

Grab your crew and make the most of the URBACT City Festival backdrop.



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SLI.do time!

So, what is the Local Actions Marketplace?

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Hundreds URBACT Cities gathered in 5 thematic clusters

- CLIMATE ACTION
- LOCAL ECONOMY
- PARTICIPATIVE GOVERNANCE
- SOCIAL COHESION
- URBAN PLANNING

The ABCs of the Marketplace

A - Actions

B - Buddies

C - Clusters

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Cluster Ambassadors!

CLIMATE ACTION	Tina Koler, Ormož (SI) - ECONNECTING
LOCAL ECONOMY	Léonie Yang, Grand Paris Metropole (FR) - Cities@Heart
PARTICIPATIVE GOVERNANCE	Miso Hudak, Košice (SK) - Cities for Sustainability Governance
SOCIAL COHESION	Hans Sakkers, Utretcht (NL) - WELDI
URBAN PLANNING	Ilva Markus-Narvila, Dienvidkurzeme (LV) - PUMA

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Cluster Ambassadors!

CLIMATE ACTION

Tina Koler, Ormož (SI) - ECONNECTING

BiodiverCity	10 cities
COPE	8 cities
EcoCore	9 cities

ECONNECTING	8 cities
GreenPlace	9 cities
EmPoweringUs	5 cities

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Cluster Ambassadors!

LOCAL ECONOMY — Léonie Yang, Grand Paris Metropole (FR) - Cities@Heart

C4TALENT	10 cities
Cities After Dark	10 cities
Cities@Heart	10 cities
LET'S GO CIRCULAR!	10 cities

Remote-IT cities	8
future	9 cities
Future STEAM Cities	Residents of the 5 cities

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Cluster Ambassadors!

PARTICIPATIVE GOVERNANCE Miso Hudak, Košice (SK) - Cities for Sustainability Governance

Agents of Co-Existence	9 cities
One Health 4 Cities	9 cities
U.R. Impact	10 cities
GenProcure	9 cities

2NITE	5 cities
CITISENSE	5 cities
REinventing culture in urban places	6 cities
Cities for Sustainability Governance	9 cities

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Cluster Ambassadors!

SOCIAL COHESION — Hans Sakkers, Utretcht (NL) - WELDI

Breaking Isolation	10 cities
DIGI-INCLUSION	9 cities
FEMACT-Cities	8 cities
NextGen YouthWork	10 cities
Re-Gen cities	9
TechDiversity s	9 citie
WELDI s	10 citie
Cities 4 Co-housing	6 cities
Plan Einstein Academy	6 cities
WISH CITIES	7 cities

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Cluster Ambassadors!

URBAN PLANNING — Ilva Markus-Narvila, Dienvidkurzeme (LV) - PUMA

ARCHETHICS	9 cities
Beyond the Urban	10 cities
In4Green	10 cities
METACITY	10 cities
PUMA	9 cities

S.M.ALL	9 cities
SCHOOLHOODS	8 cities
DARING Cities	7 cities
Hydro-Heritage Cities	6 cities

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European Economic and Social Committee

NET ZERO CITIES
EU MISSION PLATFORM | CLIMATE NEUTRAL AND SMART CITIES

DUT Driving Urban Transitions

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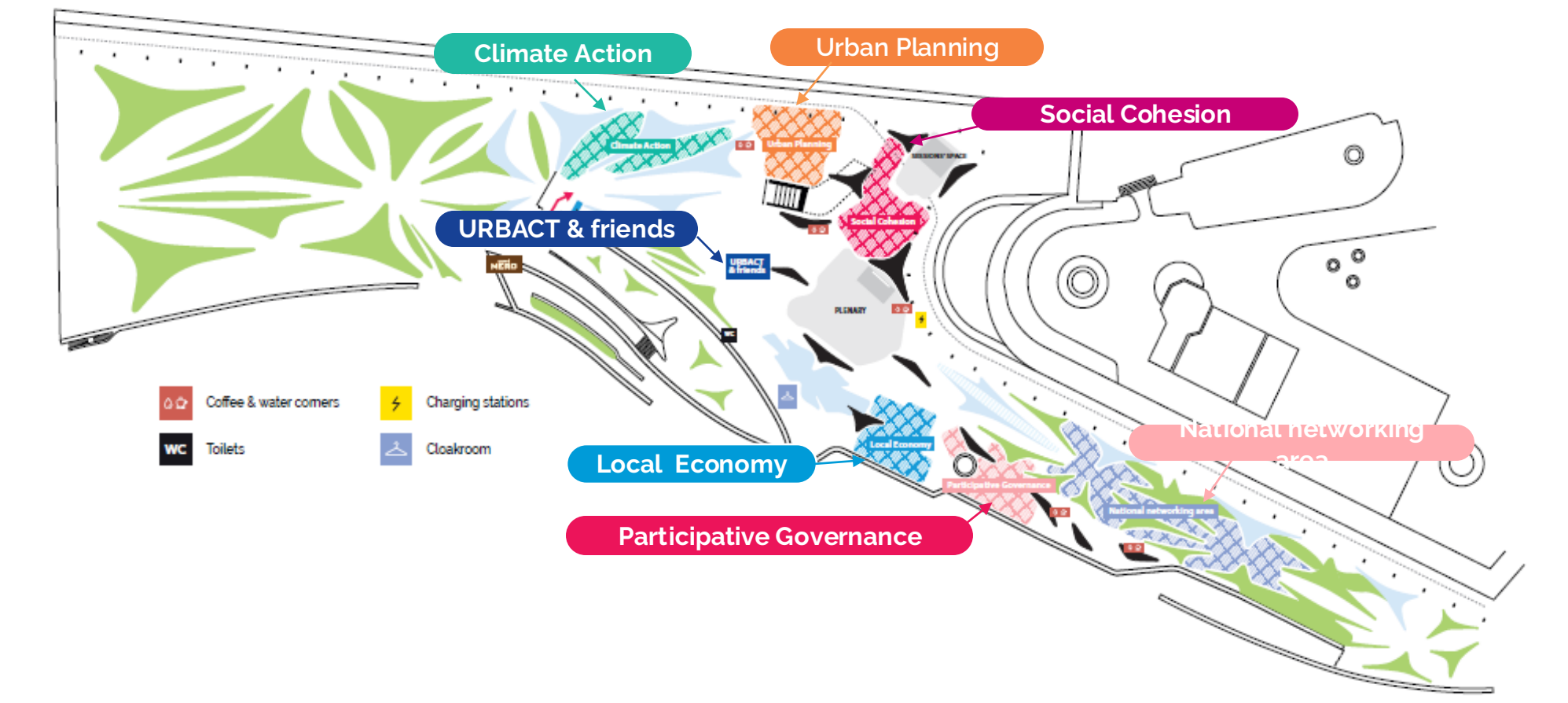
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Ready to go?
The Local Actions Marketplace is open!

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