

REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

29 – 30 MARCH 2023 | HYBRID EVENT | GENEVA & ONLINE



SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Event title

Voluntary Metropolitan Reviews

How to implement the SDGs across territorial units with their own political mandate and institutions

Background and Rationale

According to the OECD, metropolitan areas are defined as a population between 500 000 and 1.5 million people. The UNECE region has several such metropolitan areas which are often agglomerations of different separate cities and towns which became integrated into a larger size urban areas. These separate areas often retain some form of autonomy making it very challenging for the larger metropolitan agglomeration to coordinate sustainable growth of its infrastructure, personal mobility, safeguarding food security, managing waste and social development such as education, health, security and housing rules and regulations. This side-event focuses on the implementation of SDG 11 at a metropolitan scale which goes beyond the traditional VLR reporting and introduces instead a VMR (Voluntary Metropolitan Review). This side-event is organised as an opportunity to learn from experiences made by the metropolitan areas of Strasbourg, Barcelona and Grand Genève. Representatives will give an overview of their SDG implementation and highlight a particularly difficult moment in their urban growth process inviting the audience to brainstorm how they might have solved the respective difficulty.

The critical moments consist of the following:

BARCELONA: The 2030 Agenda of Barcelona, a legitimate tool for the assessment and balancing of social, economic and environmental needs;

GENEVA: Prospective visions for Greater Geneva. Inhabiting the City-Landscape of the 21st Century,

STRASBOURG: The PACTE, a community of territorial actors in dialogue and action to achieve the ecological transition; Conclusions by CSEND.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

To provide three examples of SDG implementation at a metropolitan level as a means of illustrating the need for a new SDG review namely the VMR (Voluntary Metropolitan Review)

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Organizers

Lead organizers: Raymond SANER, CSEND, Geneva; Ramon CANAL OLIVERAS, Director del Gabinet Tècnic de Programació Gerència d'Agenda 2030, Transició Digital, Coordinació Territorial i Esports; Panos MANTZIARAS Directeur, Fondation Brillard Architectes, Genève; Yves ZIMMERMANN, Directeur de projet, Ville et Eurométropole de Strasbourg, Direction générale des services

Agenda and Structure

16h00-16h10	10 minutes	Introduction	Raymond Saner
16h10-16h20	10 minutes	Barcelona, SDG overview lead up to description of challenge that needed to be solved	Ramon Canal Oliveras
16h20-16h25	5 minutes	Audience puts forward hypothetical solutions	Audience
16h25-16h30	5 minutes	Informs audience what happened	Ramon Canal
16h30-16h40	10 minutes	Grand Genève, (as above)	Panos Mantziaras
16h40-16h45	5 minutes	As above	Audience
16h45-16h50	5 minutes	As above	Panos Mantziaras
16h50-17h00	10 minutes	Strasbourg (as above)	Yves Zimmermann
17h00-17h05	5 minutes	As above	Audience
17h05-17h10	5 minutes	As above	Yves Zimmermann

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17.10-17h25	15 minutes	Each speaker summaries lessons learnt (3x5 minutes)	Yves, Ramon, Panos
17h25-17h30	5 minutes	Closing	Raymond

List of Panellists

Moderator:

Raymond SANER, CSEND, Geneva

Speakers :

Ramon CANAL OLIVERAS, Director del Gabinet Tècnic de Programació Gerència d'Agenda 2030, Transició Digital, Coordinació Territorial i Esports

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Sign-up / Registration Link

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