

DUT Conference 2024 Programme

10 April

Hybrid session

Only onsite

09:30

Registration opens

Meet and greet with coffee in AREA 2. Be sure to arrive 10.30 at the latest!

11:00

Welcome addresses and setting the scene

Introduction to the conference by the moderator, Anna Gumbau.
DUT promotion video & check-in with participants.

Speakers:

- Rosalinde Van Der Vlies, Clean planet Director, European Commission
- Anna Wang, Chair of the Governing Board, DUT Partnership

11:20

Leading change - Who and what is driving urban transitions?

Discussion moderated by Johannes Riegler, DUT Stakeholder involvement officer, exploring drivers behind change and keys to successful cooperation together with urban leaders from cities and local action groups involved in DUT.

Speakers:

- Johannes Riegler, DUT Partnership
- Tim Taylor, Thriving Communities Initiative
- Gerfried Ambrosch, Grassroots environmentalist, Munich, Germany
- Sophia Silverton, ICLEI Europe
- Sampo Ruoppila, University of Turku

11:55

The Driving Urban Transition approach

Presentation by Margit Noll, CEO DUT Partnership of the DUT instruments in place to ensure relevance and validity of R&I and synthesis outcomes and to put knowledge in action.

Speaker:

- Margit Noll, CEO DUT Partnership

12:10**The contribution of DUT to the Green Transition and the Cities Mission**

Panel discussion moderated by Philippe Froissard, Head of the “Future Urban & Mobility Systems” Unit, DG RTD, European Commission with aim to demonstrate the DUT contribution and impact to the successful implementation of the Cities Mission and the digital and green transition. This session highlights the key role of cities and their point of view on what is really needed for a successful transition, with key focus on DUT key contribution to the Cities Mission.

Speakers:

- Philippe Froissard, Head of the “Future Urban & Mobility Systems” Unit, European Commission
- Anna Lisa Boni, Deputy Mayor, city of Bologna, Italy
- Johan Kuylenstierna, Director General of Formas, Sweden
- Margit Noll, CEO DUT Partnership
- Ovidu Cîmpean, State Secretary, Ministry of Investments and European Projects, Romania
- Thomas Osdoba, Programme Director NetZeroCities

11:00**Instructions to the Open Area by the moderator****13:00****Lunch (Area 2)****13:45****Activities in the DUT Open Area (Area 3)**

Workshops and dialogues taking place in a fluid setting to showcase key activities in DUT, local cases and partners initiatives. Separate programme.

15:00**Coffee break (Area 2)****15:30****New perspectives and approaches to urban transitions**

A forward-looking session with case presentations from projects funded in the JPI Urban Europe program and a discussion addressing areas and perspectives of growing importance in R&I and policy to achieve resilient, inclusive and sustainable urban transitions.

Case presentations:

- Francesc Bardo, Vrije Universiteit, COOLSCHOOLS: Realizing potentials of nature-based climate shelters in school environments for urban transformation
- Joanna McIntyre, University of Nottingham, The Art of Belonging: Social integration of young migrants in urban contexts through cultural place-making
- Tobias Arnoldussen Tilburg University & Lisa De Roeck, University of Antwerp, CONTRA: Drama labs to handle conflicts in Transformations

16:30**Wrapping up with final words from DUT national funding agencies**

Speakers:

- Anna Wang, Policy Officer, BMK (Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology), Austria
- Dorottya Szemere, National Research, Development and Innovation office, Hungary
- Elena Simion, International Projects Expert, UEFISCDI (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding), Romania
- Lorel Scriven, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, UK
- Marie-Carmen Bex, Deputy Director-General, Innoviris, Belgium

17:00**Wrapping up and celebration**

Announcement and celebration of the 48 projects 2022 funded in the DUT 2022 call and the 20 new members of the Urban doers Community.

17:15**Evening networking with food and music****20:00****End of event**

Venue Map

ENTRY

DUT Conference 2024

Area42 - upper level

AREA 3 Open Area



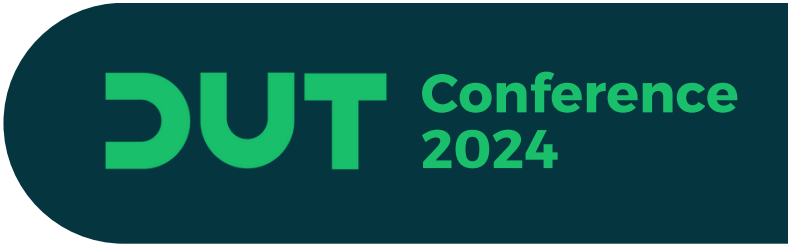
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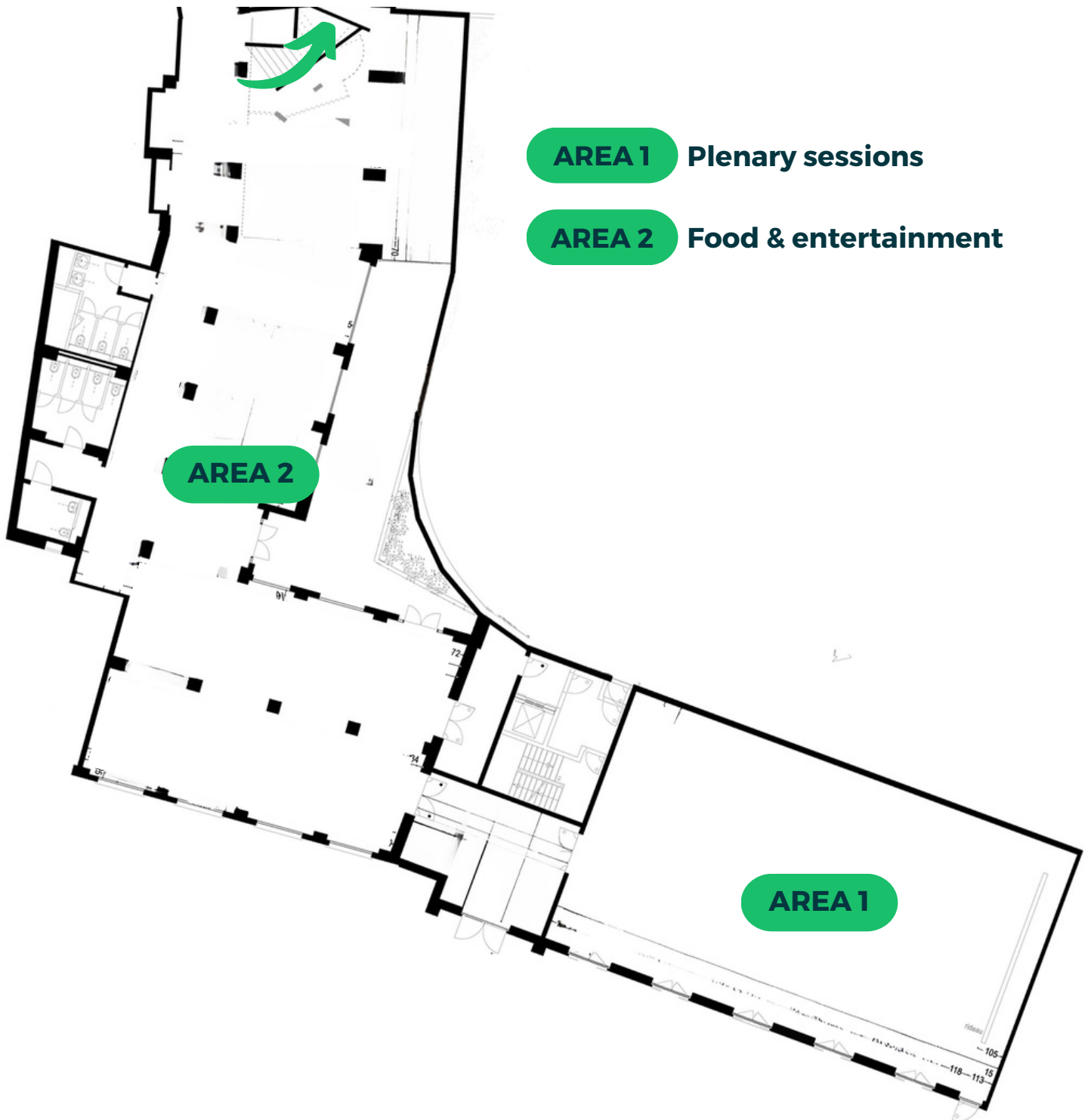
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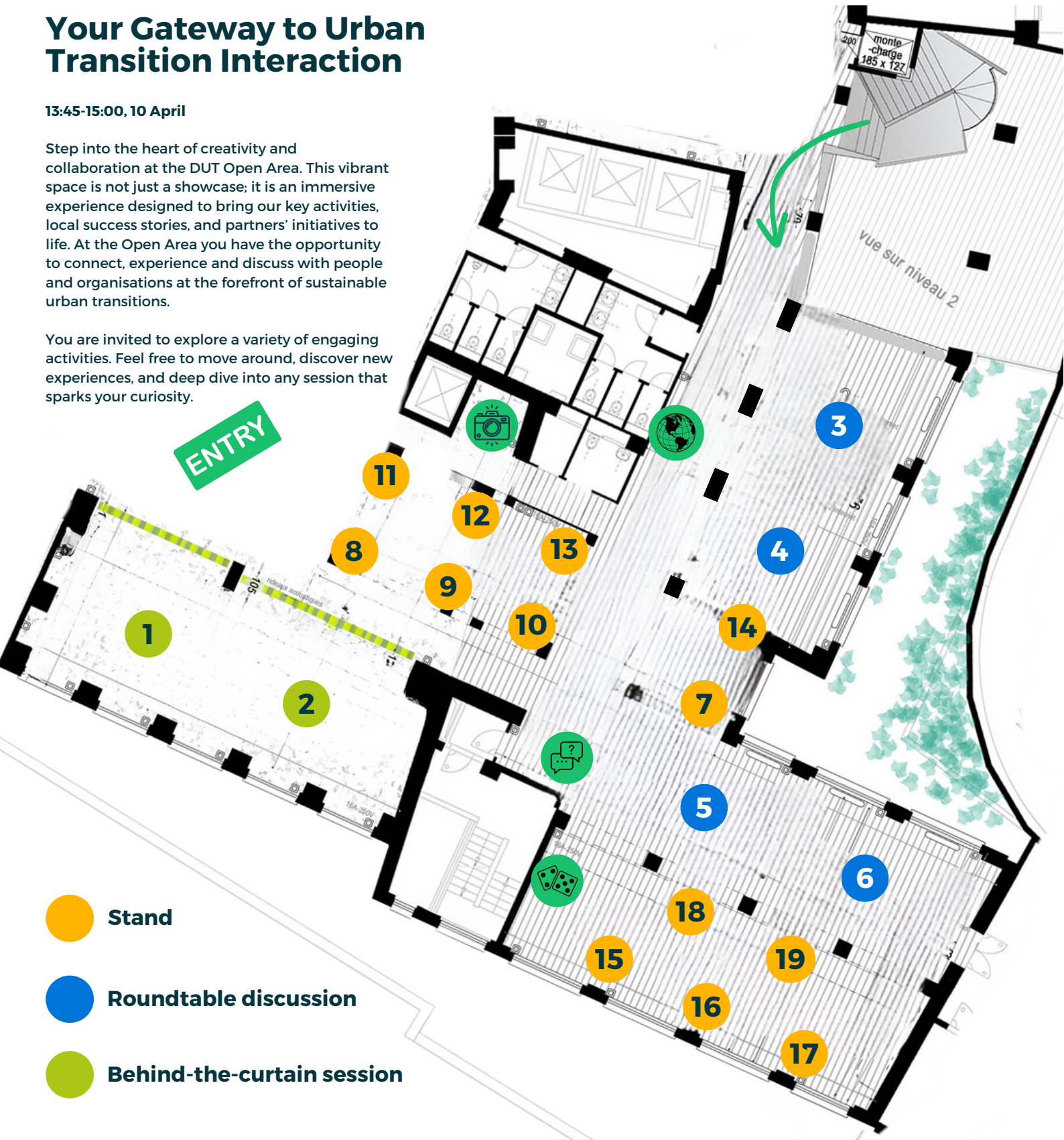
DUT Open Area

Your Gateway to Urban Transition Interaction

13:45-15:00, 10 April

Step into the heart of creativity and collaboration at the DUT Open Area. This vibrant space is not just a showcase; it is an immersive experience designed to bring our key activities, local success stories, and partners' initiatives to life. At the Open Area you have the opportunity to connect, experience and discuss with people and organisations at the forefront of sustainable urban transitions.

You are invited to explore a variety of engaging activities. Feel free to move around, discover new experiences, and deep dive into any session that sparks your curiosity.



Stand

Roundtable discussion

Behind-the-curtain session

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In the behind-the-curtain sessions you will get a first glimpse of DUT's position papers on the 15-minute City (15mC) and Circular Urban Economies (CUE). There will be two behind-the-curtain-sessions, one starting at 14:00 and the other one at 14:35, each 20 minutes long.

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Towards Regenerative Neighborhoods: European Cases, Insights and Initiatives

The DUT Policy Conference is the launch of the first Position Paper compiled by the Circular Urban Economies Transition Pathway. Join this session to gain insights into the process and envisioned outcomes of our curated compilation, featuring regenerative practices from European cities. Engage firsthand with contributors who will be present to share their perspectives and experiences!

Programme:

- Introduction and overview of the position paper
- Insights from contributors: perspectives and experiences
- Interactive: audience engagement and dialogue

Moderator: Johannes Riegler

Editors: Ann Maudsley & Björn Wallsten (CUE TP Coordinators)

Participating Contributors:

- Gerfried Ambrosch, Environmental Activist (Austria)
- Liwen Li, Environmental Psychology division of University of Regensburg. (Germany)
- Ludovica Medori, [RINGSCAPE ARCHITECTURE](#) (Italy)
- Laura Parker-Tong, [European Community Land Trust Network](#) (Belgium)

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Key Learnings and Open Questions from the 15-minute City Transition Pathway

The 15mC Position Paper and Mapping of City Practices

The last months in the 15-minute City TP were dominated by two thematic activities that support the strategic development of the Pathway: Firstly, we defined shared positions on the 15mC concept within DUT and closely connected stakeholders. Secondly, a team of expert collected and analysed existing 15mC approaches and relevant policies. In this session, we want to bring and share aspects of these two activities and think it further together: What should be the next step? Which existing initiatives and overviews can we connect to?

Programme:

- Position Paper: our work and critical issues
- Mapping: key aspects of cities practices
- Reflections: How to think the activities further? How to connect to (which) existing initiatives and overviews?

Host: Maximilian Jäger, DUT Partnership & AustriaTech



Roundtable discussions

For the roundtable discussions, we welcome small groups of participants to engage in focused conversations. The discussions will commence at two main starting times: 14:00 and 14:35, with each slot lasting 20 minutes. Please note that the roundtables are in a fluid space where individuals can freely join and leave as desired.

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Workshop: Developing DUT Valorisation Strategy

The DUT Partnership is seeking to support urban actors by mobilising transnational R&I funding for projects that create value beyond the usual financial business cases. An important rationale is to prepare cities and urban areas for the economic change that will be needed for our societal transformation towards climate neutrality.

Value, in this new context, will be appreciated in ways that are quite different from today, and business value might turn out to be of less importance than in the past. Many cities are already establishing their own ways of assessing and appreciating the investments that they are planning, to keep their local economy prosperous and their citizens safe in the future.

The workshop will highlight the valorisation approach that is being developed by DUT, discuss its different dimensions of value, and invite participants to contribute and share from their own experience.

Table host: Hans-Günther Schwarz

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A Demonstration of PED Toolkit: Powering the Energy Transition at the District Level

Through inspiring experiences from different cities across Europe, we will explore different approaches and strategies to guide and coordinate the PED development process. Using the knowledge, potential questions, challenges, considerations and methodology collected in the PED Toolkit, we will demonstrate an approach for you to start to build a step-by-step process for your Positive Energy District (PED).

- How do you initiate and guide a PED?
- With whom do you build the district strategy, when and where do you start?
- How do you connect to neighbourhood dynamics?
- Which city instruments can help you to implement a PED?
- What are your targets and how do you assess whether or not you are reaching them?

Table host: Chiara Cicchianni, Architecture Workroom Brussels

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Roundtable Exercise on Mission-Led Urban Transformation

To meet the challenges of the 21st century, our urban communities need to make rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes. Otherwise, we face compounding social and ecological crises. Although this has been clear for some time, communities in most places are still only managing slow, incremental and fragmented change that is insufficient to address the challenges of our time.

A mission-led approach pushes us to explicitly reframe, rethink and reorganise around what is actually needed - rather than what we currently think is possible. This demands a massive shift in our mindsets. It means working very differently to how most of us have been trained and rewarded to operate. It will require substantial organisational reshaping.

During this participatory roundtable exercise, we will test our current capacities for mission-led change work, and explore some key ingredients of a mission-led approach to change for our communities.

Table host: Tim Taylor, Korimako (www.korimako.org)

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Driving Just Urban Transitions - Equality as a Driving Force for Inclusive Cities

Sustainability is not only a question of the earth's ecological boundaries, but also of social justice, equality and the fair distribution of resources and space. Cities in particular are centres of social life and economic activity, in which a variety of people with different backgrounds, lifestyles, needs, wishes and requirements comes together. Given these circumstances, the urgency of addressing equity issues in urban contexts is clear: urban transformation ultimately needs to serve all - ensuring equal access to resources and opportunities.

In this roundtable, we want to bring together interested participants to discuss the challenges and opportunities of equality in cities. We want to discuss, what equality in the context of urban transitions means, which stakeholders need to be part of the conversation and collect best practice examples and pioneering projects that can be valuable for taking this topic further.

Table host: Lena Zeisel and Kristin Hanna, DUT Partnership & AustriaTech

Stands

The stands showcase key activities by the DUT Partnership and the impactful initiatives of our partners, united in mission-led urban transformation. Discover how you can get engaged in DUT and be inspired by Urban Doers and innovative projects.

7 Driving Urban Transitions Information Stand

Here you find general information about the DUT Partnership and our formats for engagement.

8 Showcasing Best-Practice Examples of European Circular Urban Economy

An ongoing initiative to map best-practice cases throughout Europe is carried out by the DUT Circular Urban Economies (CUE) Transition Pathway in collaboration with Sweco. The activity is focused on a data collection process to map circular urban economy cases across European cities and towns. The activity serves to develop a framework and enable deep dives with selected cases for subsequent compilation within the CUE innovation portfolio. You are welcome to add candidate cases to the data collection by scanning this QR code.



9 European Community Land Trust Network

The European Community Land Trust Network is a platform for over 350 Community Land Trusts (CLTs) across Europe. The Network's goal is to grow the CLT movement by supporting the creation of new CLTs and reaching new countries.

As its European voice, they work to raise awareness of the CLT model among policymakers, non-governmental organisations, and activists in the cooperative housing sphere, and to collaborate with development partners to drive social, design, construction and environmental innovation within housing.

10 The CrAFt Cookbook: A Recipe for Climate-Positive Cities and Communities

The CrAFt Cookbook outlines seven stages for urban transformation inspired by the New European Bauhaus, covering everything from conceptualisation to execution, documentation, and replication. Each stage highlights key principles and joint strategies, with real-life examples from CrAFt Cities, to inspire any city's initiatives.

11 DUT Public Officers and Practitioners Community

The Public Officers and Practitioners Community (POP-C) enables local authorities and municipalities to translate urban transition strategies into local action. The aim of DUT is to create, support, and engage members of the POP Community through capacity building on main gaps and promote international cooperation. For this reason, the POP-C Tool was developed: a repository platform with a social dimension specifically designed for members of the POP Community

12 DUT City Panel

The DUT City Panel facilitates direct engagement with urban public authorities to advance climate-neutral, inclusive cities. Through active consultation and collaboration, we shape solutions with urban administrators, leveraging their expertise and needs. Established in 2022, the City Panel serves as a collaborative platform, offering cities two key benefits:

- Peer-to-peer learning: Cities exchange insights and strategies for achieving urban climate neutrality, sharing project experiences and tools.
- Strategic influence: Cities contribute needs to shape DUT's initiatives, ensuring alignment with urban goals.

Meet with the coordinators and the hosts of the next City Panel meeting, taking place in Umeå, Sweden 28-29 May 2024.

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CapaCITIES: Advancing national support for climate-neutral cities

CapaCITIES is the European growing network connecting the national support structures and platforms that work in their contexts to advance the Cities Mission implementation at national level.

This stand will give you the opportunity to look into the 15 European countries and cases with their specific multi-level governance collaborations and models, gathering national and regional authorities and other stakeholders, that are being set-up to put in place innovative measures to support the cities in their fight to reach climate neutrality.

If you are working on a similar initiative or you are interested in joining an existing one in your country, drop by to meet the people behind these national endeavours for the Cities Mission' support and take your time to ask detailed questions and connect to your peers.

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Positive Energy Districts - Updating the Narrative

Positive Energy Districts (PEDs) play a crucial role in the transformation of cities towards a carbon-neutral future and the urban energy transition. However, the role of PEDs in the climate-neutral city has not been clearly defined yet and there is still ambiguity and regarding the precise framework of the PED concept. The Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) Partnership has initiated a broad stakeholder consultation process on updating the PED Framework Definition as a key building block towards climate-neutral cities - join in!

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Urban Transitions Mission Centre

The Urban Transitions Mission Centre (UTMC) is a global platform that promotes urban sustainability and facilitates climate-neutral transitions in cities worldwide. Their mission is to bridge the gap between local action plans and the pace of current transformations by providing evidence-based solutions, good practices, and advanced frameworks. Funded by the European Union's Horizon Europe, the UTMC collaborates with a consortium of urban experts from organizations such as the Austrian Research Promotion Agency, the European Network of Living Labs, Eurocities, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, and LGI Sustainable Innovation

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CIVITAS

CIVITAS is one of the flagship programmes helping the European Commission achieve its ambitious mobility and transport goals, and in turn those in the European Green Deal. It does this by acting as a network of cities, for cities, dedicated to sustainable urban mobility. Through peer exchange, networking and training, CIVITAS fosters political commitment and boosts collective expertise, equipping cities to put mobility at the centre of decarbonisation.

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Innovating (R)Urban Energy: The Transformation Journey of Coal Region Municipalities

How shared energy management can redefine urban resilience.

Urban Doers project: Shared Energy Management of the Tolštejn voluntary association of municipalities

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NetZeroCities

NetZeroCities supports cities in putting their climate ambitions into action.

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Design Circular: Waste Reconsidered - Poster Presentation

The poster presents the Circular Design results of SUSDESIGN's Urban Doers project.

Other activities

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