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We, the **Managing Urban Europe-25** initiative, co-funded by the EU and about 30 European Local Governments, Local Government Networks and Research Partners, would like to invite you the

BREAKFAST MEETING

Integrated urban management – Local solutions to fulfil EU legislation and policies

Date: June 13
Time: 08.00-09.30
Location: Avenue de Cortenbergh 52,
Stockholm Region Office

Many current EU policies and strategies call for an integrated management approach to be used at local level to pave the way for a sustainable development of Europe. In Managing Urban Europe-25 cities and towns have been furthering their existing instruments and processes towards an integrated management system for sustainable development of urban areas. The results - co-developed and piloted by 25 European Local Governments- support the implementation of European policy and legislation related to sustainable development on a local level.

The Commission recognised in its communication about the Thematic Strategy for the Urban Environment that urban areas play an important role in delivering the objectives of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy. In urban areas the environmental, economic and social dimensions meet most strongly. Cities are where many environmental problems are concentrated, but they are also the economic drivers, the places where business is done and investments are made. 4 out of 5 European citizens live in urban areas, and their quality of life is directly influenced by the state of the urban environment. A high quality urban environment also contributes to the priority of the renewed Lisbon Strategy to "make Europe a more attractive place to work and invest".

It has been recognised **WHAT** needs to be done and **WHY**. However, the implementation of the sustainability agenda creates various challenges for national and local decision-makers and it is the **HOW** question that needs an answer.

The informal breakfast meeting should provide an opportunity to present experiences and exchange information and views with representatives of European Commission, European Parliament, EU Member States and others on how MUE-25 support the implementation of European policies and legislation at the local level and what role the Commission and EU Member States can take in distributing the experiences in more than 115,000 EU local governments.

If you would like to take part in this breakfast meeting please register no later than June 7th to anna.szary@turku.fi.

For more information about the breakfast meeting get in touch with Ms Annika Claesson, annika.claesson@ubc.net

The MUE-25 partners are looking forward to open up a discussion for how integrated urban management can be used as a key instrument in urban areas of EU-27.



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