



How to make our cities more liveable and more sustainable? The implementation the "new urban agenda" to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals was the topic of the annual Urban Breakfast event which took place at the Residence Palace in Brussels on 9 October.

The high-level panelists agreed that success would depend on a combination of increased collaboration between cities, innovation and research, dialogue with citizens and creative ways of financing innovative solutions in urban areas.

The panel discussion took place a year after the adoption of the New Urban Agenda by the international community at the Habitat III Conference in Quito and two years after the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 11 which is dedicated to sustainable cities and communities.

In her opening remarks, the Deputy Director of UNRIC underlined the duality of cities: "Cities are hubs of promise, jobs, technology and economic development. But as well as being centres of promise and innovation, cities are also the epicentre of many of the challenges of sustainability".

October marks [World Habitat Day](#) , [World Cities Day](#) , and [Urban October](#) in addition to the European Week of Regions & Cities, an opportunity for key stakeholders such as mayors and city representatives to come together and work on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. All actors engaged in the cross cutting sector of urbanisation need to re-think how to plan, manage and live in our cities.



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