





INNSBRUCK MEETING NOVEMBER, 15-17, 2022

The UniverCity's influence on sustainable urban development

PROGRAMME

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DESCRIPTION

Contributing to the achievement of the SDGs is an integral part of the network's ambition, which is why the topic of the Innsbruck meeting will focus on sustainability in general and particularly on **the UniverCity's influence on sustainable urban development.** It will do so by putting an emphasis on the following topical clusters:

- Clean Energy
- Sustainable Housing & Communities
- Sustainable Mobility & Transportation
- Urban Planning

Through the lens of city-university cooperation projects from both Innsbruck and the network partners, we will identify and discuss opportunities, challenges, risks and rewards linked to the topic of the meeting. By learning from and with each other, the meeting aims at an increased understanding of how to better structure and develop city-university collaboration in the field of sustainable urban development. The programme will include a mix of plenary formats, workshops, site visits and the traditional marketplace format.

The meeting will be organized as a Green event.

PARTICULAR TARGET GROUPS

- Sustainability Coordinators within universities and cities
- Academics and experts within the topical clusters
- Political representatives interested in the topical clusters
- Representatives from municipal companies (e.g. housing, transport services, etc.)
- Members of university Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) and municipal funding services
- Students active in sustainability initiatives at their universities





OPENING KEYNOTE: VERENA RINGLER

EUniverCities: Magic Gardens of People and Ideas



In Europe, the intertwined development of cities and universities is nearly a thousand years old. This physical concentration of citizens in their habitat and the questions they inquire upon in their academic quarter turns university cities into special places and spaces vis-a-vis the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On the one hand, we can see our cities as living laboratories of research and development, of rapid prototyping, and for experiments of participation and conflict resolution on the SDGs. On the other hand, university cities here in Europe provide over a unique history of citoyens, over a precious "civic patina", in a time where powerful private and particular interests challenge our public spaces and places, goods and services.

In her opening keynote, Verena Ringler likens our university towns to magic gardens of people and ideas. She invites us to take a fresh look at our local voices and networks, resources and hidden champions. She is convinced that our cities are well placed as avantgarde towards the SDGs when the city and the university cooperate and devote as much attention, time and resources to formats of co-creation and cross-fertilization as they place on the technical elements of the climate agenda (e.g. mobility, energy).

A cross-sectoral innovator and alumnae of Innsbruck University herself, Verena spent many years abroad, e.g. in Essen, Pristina, and Washington D.C. She now returned to her hometown to include societal and cultural perspectives into pathways to sustainability and, through her studies and projects, to ultimately help "bring ideas to power." In her work, the chairwoman of the non-profit association "AGORA European Green Deal" (www.agora-egd.eu) brings together diplomats and students as well as politicians and CEOs - regionally and across borders. In June, Ringler helped open the 1st European Bauhaus Festival on the Hafelekar. (Picture: © Peter Mayr)





TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 2022

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	SPEAKERS
15:00-16:00	Registration and welcome coffee	Foyer/ Kaiser-Leopold-Saal	
16:00-16:30	Welcome from the City and University	Kaiser-Leopold-Saal	Introduction: Katherine Shingler EUniverCities Network Secretariat, University of Exeter Georg Willi Mayor of the City of Innsbruck Christine Oppitz-Plörer City Councilor for Economy, Children, Youth, Families, Senior Citizens, Universities, Twin Cities and Europe, City of Innsbruck Wolfgang Streicher Vice Rector for Infrastructure and Sustainability, Universität Innsbruck
16:30-18:00	"Sustainable urban development – challenges and perspectives at the university-city nexus"	Kaiser-Leopold-Saal	Keynote: Verena Ringler Director, European Commons & non-profit AGORA European Green Deal, Innsbruck Participants for Panel Discussion: Ursula Schwarzl City Councilor for Environment, Energy and Mobility, City of Innsbruck Wolfgang Streicher Vice Rector for Infrastructure and Sustainability, Universität Innsbruck Chair: Lorenzo Rieg Sustainability Coordinator, Universität Innsbruck
18:00-19:30	Free time		
19:30-22:00	Dinner	Hotel Sailer	Hotel homepage: https://www.sailer-innsbruck.at/en/index.html Google Maps link: https://g.page/HotelSailerInnsbruck?share





WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 2022

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	SPEAKERS
09:00 – 10:30	Sustainable Urban Development – Panel Session 1	Kaiser-Leopold-Saal	Wolfgang Streicher Vice Rector for Infrastructure and Sustainability; Professor for Energy Efficient Buildings and Renewable Energies, Universität Innsbruck Topic: SINFONIA - Smart INitiative of cities Fully cOmmitted to iNvest in Advanced large-scaled energy solutions Chiara Rabini and Giovanni Pernigotto City Council Member for Culture, Environment, Integration Policies and Equal Opportunities, City of Bolzano; Assistant Professor in Building Physics and Building Energy Systems; Faculty of Science and Technology, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano. Topic: Study for the energy renovation of a neighbourhood Georg Preyer and Wolfgang Andexlinger Head of Technology Division, IIG Innsbrucker Immobilien GmbH & CoKG (Innsbruck Real Estate GmbH & CoKG), City of Innsbruck; Head of the Office for Urban Planning, Urban Development and Integration, City of Innsbruck Topic: Sustainable Real Estate Planning and Buildings Sophia Neuner Sustainability Coordinator, IKB Innsbrucker Kommunalbetriebe AG (Innsbruck Municipal Services) Topic: Decarbonisation of heating systems e.g. use of mountain heat from BBT project Chair: Willem van Winden
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	Foyer	EUniverCities Advisor and Director, Urban IQ, Amsterdam
10:45-12:00	Sustainability Walks with on-site visits and presentations		Walk 1: Climate fit urban spaces Markus Pinter, Head of Green Spaces Department, City of Innsbruck; Manfred Kleidorfer, Professor of Sustainable Urban Water Infrastructure at Unit of Environmental Engineering, Universität Innsbruck (tbc) Walk 2: Haus der Musik ("House of Music") with guided tour Wolfgang Laubichler, Director, Haus der Musik; Georg Preyer, Head of Technology Division, IIG Innsbrucker Immobilien GmbH & CoKG (Innsbruck Real Estate GmbH & CoKG), City of Innsbruck Walk 3: SINFONIA city's power transformer Alexander Navratil, IKB Innsbrucker Kommunalbetriebe AG (Innsbruck Municipal Services)
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Foyer	
13:00-13:30	Walk to City Hall		Meeting point in the foyer





13:30-15:30	Urban Sustainable Development Workshops	City Hall, Plenarsaal and meeting rooms	Introduction in the Plenarsaal by Willem van Winden (10') Topics: 1) The Green Office Movement: A student-led sustainability initiative for universities and cities Room: 6.101 Hosts: Universität Innsbruck Green Office and Lorenzo Rieg, Sustainability Coordinator, Universität Innsbruck 2) Sustainable urban planning: Realising long-term concepts
			Room: 6.102 Hosts: Petra Köck, Office for Urban Planning, Urban Development and Integration, City of Innsbruck; Ian Collinson, Director of City Development, Exeter City Council; Katherine Shingler, EUniverCities Network Coordinator and Administrator Innovation, Impact and Business University of Exeter
			3) Towards zero energy: Sustainable housing & communities Room: 6.103 Hosts: Georg Preyer, Head of Technology Division, IIG Innsbrucker Immobilien GmbH & CoKG (Innsbruck Real Estate GmbH & CoKG), City of Innsbruck; Rainer Pfluger, Associate Professor, Unit Energy Efficient Buildings, Universität Innsbruck
			4) Abandoned or underused spaces – unlocking a potential for people and sustainability Room: Plenarsaal Introduction by Chiara Rabini, City of Bolzano Host: Kris Krois, Head of MA Eco-Social Design, Free University of Bolzano (together with Marielle Scharfenberg and Philipp Rier)
15:30-16:00	Coffee break		
16:00-16:30	Presentation of results by rapporteurs and wrap-up	Plenarsaal	Rapporteurs from the workshops will be asked to briefly report on the main findings from the discussions (á 5min per workshop).
16:30 - 18:30	Free time for Christkindlmarkt	Old Town	More information: https://www.christkindlmarkt.cc/en/markets/innsbruck-old-town/35-0.html
18:30 – 21:00	Dinner	Bierstindl	Restaurant link: https://www.bierstindl.eu/ Google maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/oY9DYPzJFHufTQCGA





THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 2022

TIME	ACTIVITY	ROOM	SPEAKERS
9:00-10:30	Sustainability Urban Development – Panel Session 2	Plenarsaal, City Hall	Markus Mailer Head of Unit, Department of Infrastructure, Unit of Intelligent Transport Systems, Universität Innsbruck Topic: Sustainable mobility in medium-sized cities Anne Roches Head of Climate Unit, Ville de Lausanne Topic: Climate Plan of the City of Lausanne Jess Dicken Research Fellow, European Centre for Environment and Human Heath, University of Exeter Topic: LCAT - Local Climate Adaptation Tool Tom Van Nieuwenhove and Alixe Degelin Project Manager Open Innovation, City of Ghent; and Master student in Electromechanical Engineering with thesis research on "System architecture design for a sustainable district heating system in the city of Ghent", Ghent University Topic: It takes two to tango. Working together in the transition to fossil-free neighbourhoods in Ghent Chair: Willem van Winden EUniverCities Advisor and Director, Urban IQ, Amsterdam
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	City Hall	
11:00-12:00	Marketplace	Plenarsaal, City Hall	Any topic welcome! Speakers so far:
			Willem van Winden and Marian Counihan Presentation of new book: "Cities for Talent: good practices of internationalization for medium sized European cities", at Groningen University Press, https://www.kleineuil.nl/ugp/cities-for-talent-details Laura Belli Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Parma Topic: Smart Parma: A Smart City Proof-of-Concept The Internet of Things (IoT) Lab of the University of Parma is involved on several activities related to the smart city concept. In particular, a collaboration, through its spin-off things2i ltd., with the municipality and the BTenia company is currently active to develop a Proof of Concept (PoC) aiming at enabling smart services through heterogeneous IoT sensors deployed in different city areas (e.g. smart parking sensors, people and car counter) using the LoRaWAN connectivity. The main goal is to integrate different kinds of data (from sensors but also from other possible data sources) in order to provide insights from the whole city perspective useful for municipality and citizens. Marieke Merckx Policy Advisor International Relations, Ghent University Presenting a call for student proposals for the Global Dialogue that is organized by Ghent's European University ENLIGHT: https://enlight-eu.org/for-cities-communities/qlobal-dialogues. . It is an online conference for and by students, on the topic of sustainable campuses and communities, and Ghent is reaching out to all of their international partners to convince students to send in proposals.





12:00-12:30	Closing words and outlook next meeting	Plenarsaal, City Hall	Chair: Willem van Winden EUniverCities Advisor and Director, Urban IQ, Amsterdam Katherine Shingler EUniverCities Network Secretariat, University of Exeter
12:30-14:00	Lunch	<u>City Hall</u>	