



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

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