

Invitation:

# Driving Urban Transition towards Sustainable Futures

An online workshop for experts from Latin America and the Caribbean

**28th of June 2021**

15.00-19.00 UTC+2 (Brussels)

10.00-14.00 UTC-3 (Buenos Aires)

Addressing the challenges in urban areas are crucial to solve the overarching grand societal and planetary challenges in the contemporary world. While goals and strategies, such as Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals are global ambitions, enhancing sustainability and livability on local urban scale is key. This workshop aims at developing visions on sustainable and livable urban areas in Latin America and the Caribbean, discuss the pathways to make those visions a reality and how international cooperation can support local urban transitions.

**JPI Urban Europe** is the knowledge hub for urban transitions, an intergovernmental and strategic partnership of countries addressing the challenge of sustainable urban development through coordinated research and innovation. Currently, **Driving Urban Transitions (DUT)**, a partnership programme between Member States and the European Commission for the years 2022-2028 is in its final stage of development. As sustainable urbanization is a global issue, with global policy references, international cooperation plays an important role in DUT.

As a preparation for the future internationalisation activities, JPI Urban Europe invites you to this workshop to bring in your perspectives, experiences and knowledge. The aim is to identify critical fields for action on urban transitions which have the potential to be addressed jointly. Your participation and input will help shaping upcoming outreach activities to Latin America and the Caribbean and will be used for organise upcoming activities, and as a basis for discussions with agencies, ministries and other organisations for future cooperation opportunities.

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## What you can expect from the workshop

- **Exchange** with peers and experts addressing urban challenges and transforming urban areas to sustainable and livable places
- **Co-creation:** engage in interactive exercises to jointly reflect on how urban actors such as local administration, municipalities, business, researchers, social innovators and inhabitants can be enabled to drive transformations
- **Networking:** You are welcome to connect to the AGORA community, the network of urban actors maintained by JPI Urban Europe.

## Aim of Workshop

- Identify the **most pressing issues**, challenges and dilemmas connected to the three pillars of Driving Urban Transitions in Latin American and Caribbean countries
- **Identify access points** to jointly address those issues, challenges and dilemmas in cooperation schemes
- **Exchange on opportunities** for international stakeholders to continue the dialogue and engage in the partnership

## Draft Agenda

10 min	Welcome and introduction to workshop
20 min	Tour de Table (in plenary or break out groups)
15 min	Introduction to JPI Urban Europe and Driving Urban Transitions
60 min	<b>Session 1: Visioning in break out groups:</b> How would a 15 Minutes City / a Regenerative Green Neighbourhood / a Positive Energy District look and feel like in your city?
20 min	Break
60 min	<b>Session 2: How to make the vision a reality</b> What needs to change in your city to make the vision a reality? What are the most pressing issues to achieve a 15 Minutes City / a Regenerative Green Neighbourhood / a Positive Energy District in your country?
10 min	Wrap up of discussions
45 min	Next steps and opportunities to engage; Closing of Workshop

## More information:

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