



RURal-uRBAN synergies emerged in an immersiVE innovation ecosystem

Meeting Agenda

RURBANIVE meeting #1 – EU Agenda for Cities	
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1	ICCS - EREVNITIKO PANEPISTIMIAKO INSTITOUTO SYSTIMATON EPIKOINONION KAI YPOLOGISTON
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7	CZU - CESKA ZEMEDEL'SKA UNIVERZITA V PRAZE
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13	KDM - KEDAINIU RAJONO SAVIVALDYBES ADMINISTRACIJA
14	SAR - PERIFEREIA NOTIOU AIGAIU
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About the Meeting

We are pleased to invite you to **RURBANIVE Forum #1: The EU Agenda for Cities**, taking place online on **3 March, 09:30–11:00 CET**.

This session opens a new Forum series from the **RURBANIVE Horizon Europe** project dedicated to understanding and shaping the future of urban–rural governance in Europe.

This event, organised by project partner AEIDL, is particularly relevant for researchers, EU policy actors, urban and rural networks, and territorial development practitioners who wish to understand how the newly proposed EU Agenda for Cities (2025) may influence their work in the coming years.

Why this event matters — and why you should join

The European Commission's renewed EU Agenda for Cities is set to become a central reference for urban policy during the 2024–2029 EU term. Yet, the Agenda also signals a shift: it increasingly acknowledges that cities cannot be understood in isolation but must be considered within their functional territories, closely interacting with rural and peri-urban areas.

What's in it for you

- Early insights into a major new EU policy initiative (EU Agenda for Cities 2025) before implementation accelerates.
- Evidence-based analysis from RURBANIVE on emerging rural–urban dynamics, including demographic, innovation, environmental, and governance challenges.
- Clarity on how the Agenda could affect your research, your advocacy priorities, or your organisation's policy positioning.
- Opportunities to engage directly with leading networks (including Eurocities) and EU-level experts shaping debates on territorial development.
- A space for co-creation, to help define what integrated, functional area approaches could look like in practice.

Themes and questions we will explore

1. How should the EU Agenda for Cities evolve after 2027?
2. How can it strengthen urban–rural synergies and functional area approaches?
3. How can it support innovation and competitiveness without negative spillover for rural areas?
4. How will evidence from Horizon Europe research feed into future policy cycles?

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From (CET)	To (CET)	Duration (min)	Topic	Partner	Presenter
09:30	09:35	5'	Welcome & opening	AEIDL	
09:35	09:50	15'	RURBANIVE project presentation	ICCS	
09:50	10:20	30'	Keynote interventions (2 speakers) Keynote 2 : Rural-Urban interfaces Keynote 1: EU Agenda for Cities	Jan Olbrycht, former MEP Urban Intergroup chair, RURBAN Preparatory Action Valentin Roth, Expert, Eurocities	
10:20	10:35	15'	Policy findings presentation	AEIDL	
10:35	10:55	20'	Roundtable discussion & Audience Q&A	Moderated by AEIDL	
10:55	11:00	5'	Wrap up & next steps	AEIDL	

Additional Information

About the RURBANIVE Forum Series

The RURBANIVE Forum builds capacity for anticipatory governance, helping policymakers, researchers, and practitioners make sense of rapid changes shaping Europe's territories—from climate pressures to service provision gaps to demographic trends. They translate analytical evidence into practical insights, supporting better-informed EU policymaking.

Registration link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/RURBANIVEForum1TheEUAgendaforCities>

Link to the RURBANIVE project page: rurbanive-project.eu - *RURal-uRBAN synergies emerged in an immersIVE innovation ecosystem*

Venue

Microsoft Teams – the link will be circulated within the registered personnel.

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