

Conference “European Urban Forum”

Prague, Ministry of Regional Development, 13 October, 2017

Welcome and opening

- **Ms Karla Šlechtová**, Minister of Regional Development, Czech Republic
- **Ms Olga Algayerová**, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and UN Under-Secretary General

Session One – Efficient implementation of the UN and EU urban agendas – possible synergies and cooperation (one hour)

Moderator:

- **Dr Elena Szolgayová**, Chair of the Committee on Housing and Land Management of the UNECE

Key-note address:

- **Prof Brian Evans**, presentation of the situation in the UNECE region – Regional Report for the “Habitat III” conference, United Kingdom

Panellists:

- **Ms Ana Moreno**, Secretariat of the UN Programme on Human Settlements (UN-Habitat)
- **Mr Nicolas Gharbi**, European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy, Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development
- **Mr Anthony Boanada-Fuchs**, international architect and urban planner, Switzerland
- **Mr Tadashi Matsumoto**, representative of the OECD

Lead discussant (reflecting briefly the panelists' debate):

- **Mr Tomáš Lapáček**, Director of the Strategic Section, Prague Institute of Planning and Development, Czech Republic

Reactions from the auditorium

Brief answers by panellists and the key-note speaker

Summary and closing by the moderator

Session Two - Strategic role of cities and municipalities in urban and housing development

Moderator:

- **Mr Mart Grisel** - Director of the European Urban Knowledge Network EGTC

Key-note address:

- **Mr David Koppitz**, Director of the Regional Policy Department, Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic

Panellists

- **Dr Elanor Warwick**, Head of Strategic Research at Affinity Sutton Housing Association, United Kingdom
- **Dr Elena Szolagyová**, Chair of the Committee on Housing and Land Management of the UNECE
- **Mr Miroslav Andrt**, Deputy Mayor of Štětí, Czech Republic
- **Mr Joop de Haan**, Deputy Director at Project Management Agency Municipality of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- **Prof Luděk Sýkora**, Faculty of Science, Social Geography and Regional Development Department, Charles University, Czech Republic
- **Prof Karel Maier**, Spatial Planning Institute, Faculty of Architecture, Czech Technical University, Czech Republic

Reactions from the auditorium

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Summary and closing by the moderator

Session Three - Strategic approach, resources and tools for future territorial and urban development / Cohesion Policy of the EU

Moderator:

- **Mr David Škorňa**, Director of the Partnership Agreement, evaluations and strategies Department, Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic

Key-note address:

- **Ms Olga Letáčková**, Deputy Minister for Coordination of EU funds and international relations Section, Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic

Panellists:

- **Mr Peter Wostner**, Secretary and expert on Smart Specialization, Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, Slovenia
- **Mr Wouter Boesman**, Policy Director, Council of European Municipalities and Regions, Belgium
- **Mr Petr Zahradník**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Czech Republic
- **Mr José Valanta**, Director of Business Development, City of Vantaa, Finland
- **Mr Tomáš Ctibor**, Director of 4CT Innovative urban services providing and expert on spatial and regional planning, Czech Republic

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