

Spotlight Europe

Karlsruhe Report on European Activities 2016 – 2018
Focus: Urban Mobility





About this report

The European Union is inseparable from its cities. As already stated in the report of 2015, the European idea is lived, pushed forward and spread within the cities. Ever since the municipalities have politically gained in importance and with the Pact of Amsterdam, cities have become even more involved at EU level.

A fact of course, which also has an impact on this European report. Our newly created "European Magazine" sets its editorial focus on the "Urban Agenda for the EU" and urban mobility. The message is clear: Karlsruhe is taking over a leading role in Europe. Together with the Czech Republic and on behalf of many partners, the city is coordinating the "Partnership Urban Mobility", strengthening cooperation across borders in practical terms.

At the same time, we are updating previous reports on European Activities with new information. For example regarding our twin cities, particularly our enhanced political relationship with Nancy, but also cultural projects within Europe. For instance, the "Europäische Kulturtage" (Festival for European Culture), an outstanding example whose organisers well capture the spirit with their trendsetting mottos, like in 2018: "Awakening, Upheaval: Equal Rights for All".

Moreover, you will find up-to-date information on our increasingly important partnerships at the Upper Rhine: in the Eurodistrict PAMINA, with the City and Eurometropolis of Strasbourg, in the Upper Rhine Conference and in the Trinational Metropolitan Region Upper Rhine. Additionally, neatly arranged charts and many photos illustrate the European message most impressively.

The relationship between Europe and Karlsruhe is becoming particularly apparent within this current publication. Considering the European elections in May, we have to ask ourselves: Which way do we want our Europe to go? For Karlsruhe, at the heart of the continent, this is a key issue. There are positive signals, for example thanks to the recently concluded Treaty of Aachen, which should also facilitate relations across national borders. On the other hand, there are questionable signs such as Brexit. But then Nottingham has been our twin city for 50 years now. All the more, and despite Brexit, we celebrate together!

Karlsruhe will continue to intensify its active part within and for Europe. At the beginning of 2019 I took over the German section presidency of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR). Coinciding with the German EU Council presidency in 2020, this new task is of central importance to me. And I will gladly repeat myself: cities and Europe form an inseparable union.



Frank Mentrup

Dr Frank Mentrup
Mayor of Karlsruhe

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An “Urban Agenda for the EU” – Working with and for the cities

Guest contribution by Corina Crețu, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy

By 2050, four in five Europeans will live in urban areas¹. An increasingly urban Europe makes the development of cities ever more important for the sustainable development of the European Union and the well-being of its citizens.

Cities are important engines of the European economy, fostering jobs, growth and competitiveness. Cities are also confronted with challenges such as segregation, unemployment and poverty. Therefore, they need to be adequately involved in the conception and implementation of European and national policies. Local authorities are often the closest contact point for citizens, so the idea of working with and for cities can only bring the EU closer to its citizens.

The Urban Agenda for the EU came to fruition with the Pact of Amsterdam in May 2016. It introduced an innovative working method, whereby Member States, European cities, the Commission and organisations join their efforts to provide, on an equal footing, solutions to specific urban challenges. They concentrate on three pillars of EU policy-making and implementation: Better Regulation, Better Funding and Better Knowledge.

A „One stop-shop for cities” pulls together all EU information for cities. Moreover, the platform „URBIS” was set up under the Advisory Hub of the European Investment Bank, to support cities in designing and delivering investments. On the international front, the Urban Agenda for the EU is the Union’s contribution to the United Nations New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

In the first two years of the Urban Agenda for the EU, twelve Partnerships covering key urban themes (jobs and skills in the local economy, urban poverty, climate adaptation or urban mobility) were established, involving over 80 cities. Two additional Partnerships were established under the Austrian

EU Council Presidency in October 2018, one on security in public spaces and one on culture and cultural heritage in cities.

Urban mobility is one of the key areas for sustainable urban development. It is of high importance for both citizens and businesses. The quality of the urban transport system has a direct impact on the quality of people’s life and the competitiveness of economic actors.

Many cities, however, are struggling today to successfully address the negative effects arising from current mobility patterns, such as congestion, poor air quality, CO2 emissions or traffic accidents.

To address these issues, the Partnership Urban Mobility has brought together five Member States, eight cities, two regions, European institutions, several European city networks, as well as experts on issues like public transport, cycling and walking to jointly develop an Action Plan for better and more sustainable urban mobility. Under the lead of the City of Karlsruhe and the Czech Republic, the partnership has made very good progress since its launch in 2017, and will shortly start implementing its Action Plan, with measures to promote safe cycling and walking, sustainable public transport and clean buses, new mobility services and innovation.

Since the launch of the Urban Agenda, experience has clearly shown the strengths of tackling urban challenges together, in a partnership approach. By the end of 2019, the Commission is planning to carry out an assessment of the Urban Agenda for the EU, to assess its implementation and performance, and explore possible ways for improvement. This assessment will be pivotal for understanding where the opportunities and challenges of the Urban Agenda lie, in order to further increase its added value for cities.

In its legislative proposal regarding Cohesion policy for the next funding period 2021 – 2027, the Commission has suggested streamlining the instruments on the urban strand by setting up a European Urban Initiative. This initiative will provide a coherent offer of services for all cities, in capacity-building, innovation and knowledge. It will also further support the implementation of the Urban Agenda. This is a recognition of the pivotal role cities are playing in the EU, and of their possibilities to contribute even more to shaping EU policies.



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¹ United Nations, World Urbanization Prospects (2014)



Photo: European Commission, DG Regio

More information on the “Urban Agenda for the EU” can be found at:

ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/urban-agenda

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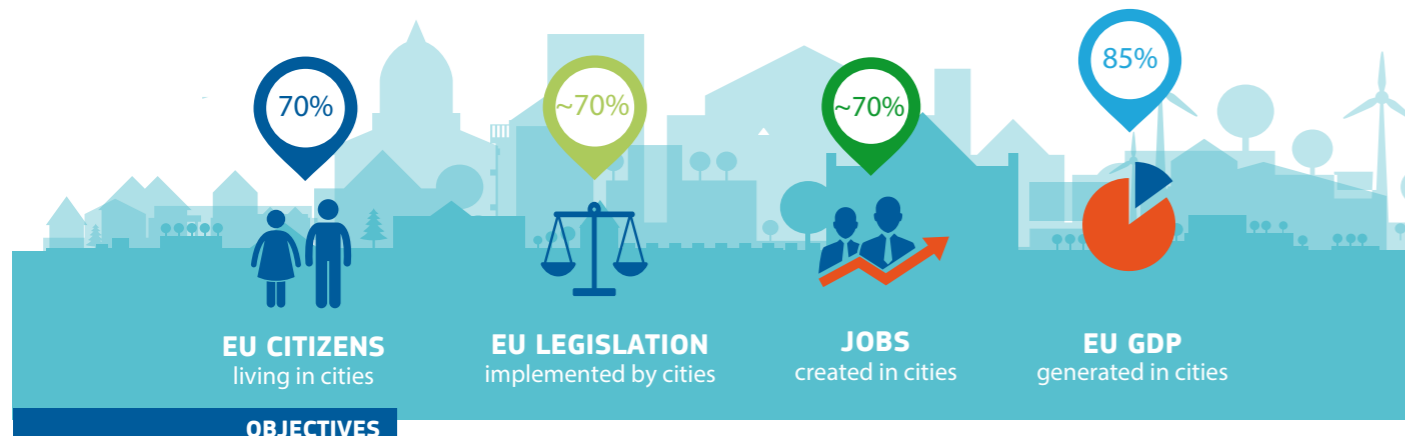
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URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

WORKING TOGETHER FOR BETTER CITIES



OBJECTIVES

- BETTER REGULATION
- BETTER FUNDING
- BETTER KNOWLEDGE

“THE COMMISSION WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE AND CONTINUE FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE URBAN AGENDA”

12 PRIORITY THEMES

PARTNERSHIPS WHICH ALREADY STARTED

- INCLUSION OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES
- AIR QUALITY
- HOUSING
- URBAN POVERTY
- ENERGY TRANSITION
- SUSTAINABLE USE OF LAND AND NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS
- DIGITAL TRANSITION
- PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
- JOBS & SKILLS IN LOCAL ECONOMY
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY
- CLIMATE ADAPTATION
- URBAN MOBILITY

KEY PRINCIPLES

- Multi-level governance
- Partnership working method
- Integrated approach
- Sustainable urban development
- United Nations goals
- Functional urban areas
- Urban-rural linkages
- Cities of all sizes

Cities in Europe

More than 70 percent of EU citizens already live in cities and urban agglomerations – and the number is rising. Sustainable, future-oriented urban development policy thus plays an important role for Europe. Its success is of the utmost importance for the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the EU and its citizens’ quality of life. At the same time, more than 70 percent of European legislation is directly implemented in local communities. Therefore, a large part of EU policy has a very concrete effect on the municipalities’ actions.

Pact of Amsterdam

The impact of EU legislation at the local level can sometimes be contradictory and its implementation can be difficult. In order to counteract this, it is foreseen to involve cities already in the development stage of strategies and EU regulations. This approach makes it necessary to improve and structure cooperation with local authorities. The “Urban Agenda for the EU” takes this requirement into account. Its concrete implementation was decided with the Pact of Amsterdam in 2016, at an informal meeting of EU ministers responsible for urban affairs. Germany was represented by the Federal Environment Ministry (Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit, BMU).

14 Thematic Partnerships

At the heart of the “Urban Agenda for the EU” is the establishment of strategic Thematic Partnerships in selected areas of urban life. The “Urban Agenda” was launched with twelve Thematic Partnerships (see infographic), two more were added in late 2018: “Culture and Cultural Heritage” and “Security in Public Spaces”. The diversity and breadth of the themes underlines the complexity of the challenges cities face. This is also reflected in the composition of the partners: cities and regions, the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and nation states as well as European specialist organisations are all contributing their know-how.

14 Action Plans

The aim of the Thematic Partnerships is to develop Action Plans in the three pillars of EU policy-making and implementation: better regulation, better funding, better knowledge exchange. The Action Plans are aimed at more effective implementation of existing EU policies, legislation and instruments. The goal is not the creation of new rules. Rather, urban needs are to be given a higher priority in existing and new regulations. The aim is also to improve the use of existing resources and to facilitate access to EU funding opportunities. In short, EU requirements are to become “more urban-friendly”, more effective and more efficient.

German participation in the “Urban Agenda”

Urban development policy is an important topic in Germany – at all levels. This is also acknowledged by the involvement of German ministries, cities and regions in the Thematic Partnerships: Germany is represented here by the Federal Environment Ministry (BMU), the Federal Ministry of the Interior (Bundesministerium des Innern, für Bau und Heimat, BMI), and the cities of Hamburg, Berlin, Duisburg, Bielefeld, Munich and Karlsruhe as well as the Stuttgart region. The following topics are covered:

- Urban poverty
- Digital transition
- Air quality
- Culture and cultural heritage
- Inclusion of migrants and refugees
- Urban mobility
- Sustainable land use and nature-based solutions
- Public procurement

Further information on the Urban Agenda for the EU is available here:

ec.europa.eu/futurium/en
ec.europa.eu/info/departments/regional-and-urban-policy_en

The Pact of Amsterdam is available here:

ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/policy/themes/urban-development/agenda/pact-of-amsterdam.pdf

Partnership “Urban Mobility” – Working together for the mobility of tomorrow

Climate change, searching for fossil fuel alternatives and other finite resources, advancing urbanisation, and the crisis in public budgets are examples of developments that will shape transport and mobility developments across Europe.

The challenge lies in meeting the growing demand for individual mobility with a broad and interlinked repertoire of measures and strategies, and at the same time in developing resilient mobility systems that are able to withstand unexpected disruptions and developments.

The Partnership “Urban Mobility” faces a particular challenge. The European Commission has for many years approached almost all facets of transport planning and mobility with a view to better regulation (in particular in terms of environmental legislation), also prioritising financial resources and the sharing of knowledge between cities. Concerning the promotion of pedestrian and bicycle traffic, many European cities – especially the City of Karlsruhe – prioritise in favour of a sustainable transport network, to a greater extent than the EU’s multi-annual financial framework (MFF) has done. The measures therefore reflect the focal points of the partners at the current time and do not claim to cover all transport issues.

Governance and planning

Multi-level governance means partnership in the design and implementation of different policies. This requires a holistic, integrated concept of sustainable urban development. Administrative structures need to be linked to governance structures at the scale of the upcoming challenges, this includes planning and financing processes. Governance systems are therefore a structuring element for all individual measures.

Active mobility and public space

Cycling gets people moving and decongests our inner cities. In addition to stress and malnutrition, inadequate physical activity is one of the most common causes of preventable diseases. Where an attractive design of streets and squares invites physical activity, it can have a significant impact on the quality of life and the environment. Design affects the type of use and mobility as well as the possible variety of activities in public space.

Public transport and accessibility

Public transport is a service of general interest – an indispensable part not only of our mobility and culture but also of ecomobility, of “being mobile without a car”. However, its appeal is measured by its accessibility, coverage and connectivity. Only good accessibility and networking of urban-friendly and environmentally friendly modes of transport can increase the acceptance of ecomobility, so that motorised individual traffic will decrease.

New mobility services and innovations

Mobility means individual freedom and autonomy but also entails a multitude of disadvantages for citizens and the environment, such as nerve-wrecking traffic jams, lengthy parking searches and harmful emissions. One of the solutions here is “Mobility as a Service”, which involves the use of mobility offers as a service and the departure from motorised private transport. New mobility services such as ride-hailing apps, car-sharing services and bike-sharing systems are attracting a great deal of interest and will form an essential part of the cities’ ecomobility offers in the future.

Win-win situation for the City of Karlsruhe

Our commitment comes with the expectation of making integrated urban development policy “urban-friendly” and convincing the European Commission of strengthening the urban dimension of EU policy: better coordination of urban affairs within the Commission, the establishment of a one-stop shop for urban affairs, and regular reporting to the European Council. Karlsruhe as a lead project partner has a twofold advantage: It brings in its long-term experience in the development of innovative urban, regional and cross-border mobility concepts. At the same time, it communicates the experience gained in the exchanges to forums at a national and international level. This has earned us various invitations for contribution, notably to the second National Meeting

“Leipzig Charter and EU Urban Agenda” of the Federal Institute for Building, Urban and Spatial Research, to the sixth National Cycling Congress of the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, to the short-distance mobility congress of the Hessian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Energy, Transport and Regional Development, and as keynote speaker to the 24th International Conference on Urban Planning and Regional Development in the Information Society (REAL CORP 2019).

Strong political support is needed, particularly in the implementation of projects and goals. Only in practice it becomes clear that mobility is not just a technical solution but also a task for society as a whole.

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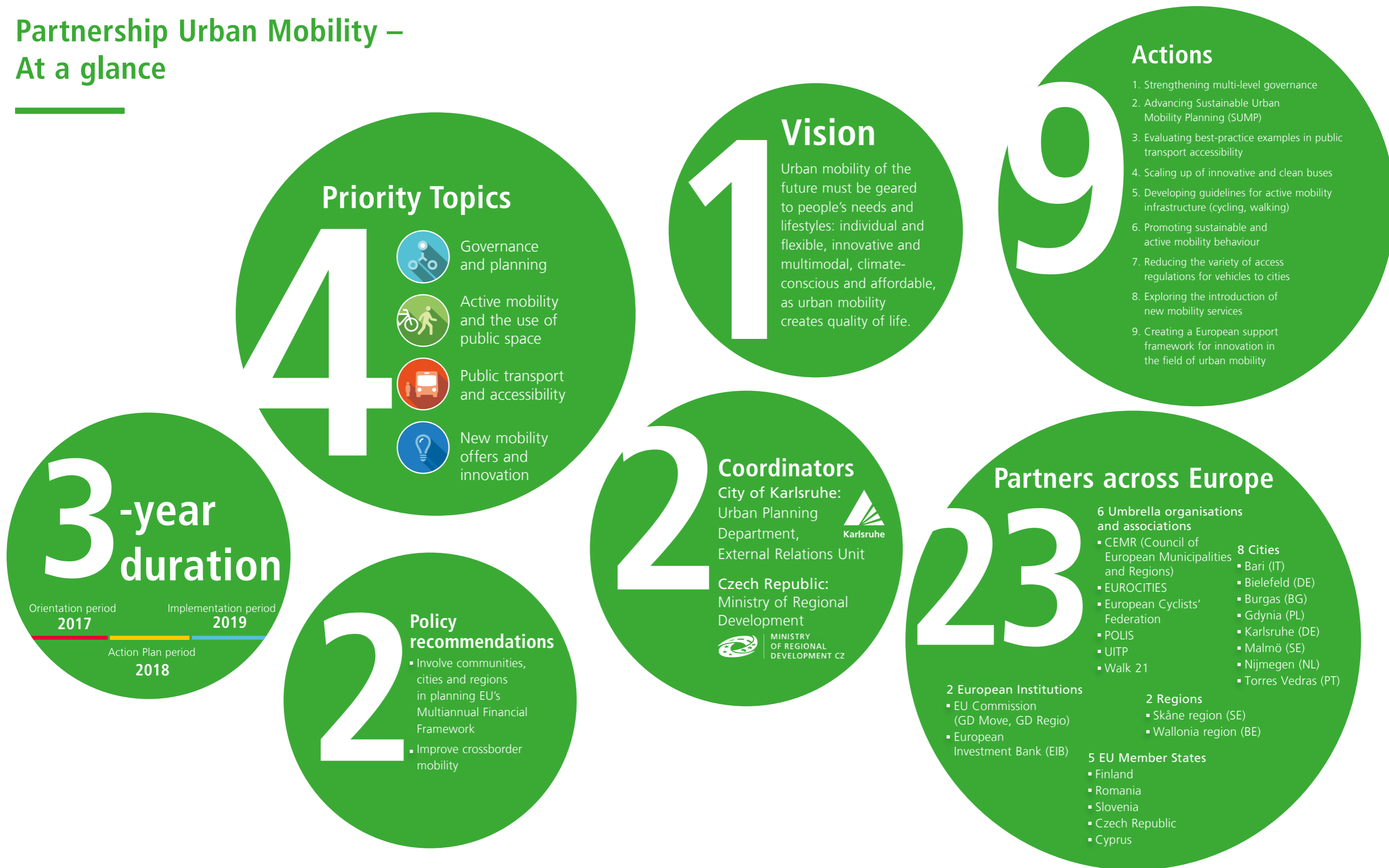
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Partnership Urban Mobility – At a glance



Actions

1. Strengthening multi-level governance
2. Advancing Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (SUMP)
3. Evaluating best-practice examples in public transport accessibility
4. Scaling up of innovative and clean buses
5. Developing guidelines for active mobility infrastructure (cycling, walking)
6. Promoting sustainable and active mobility behaviour
7. Reducing the variety of access regulations for vehicles to cities
8. Exploring the introduction of new mobility services
9. Creating a European support framework for innovation in the field of urban mobility

1 Vision

Urban mobility of the future must be geared to people's needs and lifestyles: individual and flexible, innovative and multimodal, climate-conscious and affordable, as urban mobility creates quality of life.

4 Priority Topics

-  Governance and planning
-  Active mobility and the use of public space
-  Public transport and accessibility
-  New mobility offers and innovation

2 Coordinators

City of Karlsruhe:
Urban Planning Department,
External Relations Unit 

Czech Republic:
Ministry of Regional Development 

2 Policy recommendations

- Involve communities, cities and regions in planning EU's Multiannual Financial Framework
- Improve crossborder mobility

Partners across Europe

- 23**
- 6 Umbrella organisations and associations**
 - CEMR (Council of European Municipalities and Regions)
 - EUROCITIES
 - European Cyclists' Federation
 - POLIS
 - UITP
 - Walk 21
 - 2 European Institutions**
 - EU Commission (GD Move, GD Regio)
 - European Investment Bank (EIB)
 - 5 EU Member States**
 - Finland
 - Romania
 - Slovenia
 - Czech Republic
 - Cyprus
 - 8 Cities**
 - Bari (IT)
 - Bielefeld (DE)
 - Burgas (BG)
 - Gdynia (PL)
 - Karlsruhe (DE)
 - Malmö (SE)
 - Nijmegen (NL)
 - Torres Vedras (PT)
 - 2 Regions**
 - Skåne region (SE)
 - Wallonia region (BE)

3-year duration



Partnership Urban Mobility – Actions in a nutshell



Governance and planning

Detailed information available at:
ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/urban-mobility

Action No. 1: Reinforcing multi-level cooperation and governance

In future, cities will be increasingly involved in the development and implementation of urban planning and transport policies. Only through the close cooperation of all levels (cities, regions, states, EU) can efficient solutions be found. The objective of the Action is to collect and make visible successful examples of multi-level governance. Political recommendations are to be developed and decision-makers at all levels to be encouraged to improve cooperation in the multi-level political system.

Coordinated by: EUROCITIES, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

Action No. 2: Reinforcing the uptake of Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (SUMP)

The SUMP concept is a key element of EU policy to help cities develop and implement long-term urban development strategies, transport and mobility infrastructure and mobility services. The objective of the Action is to promote the SUMP approach by revising existing guidelines, strengthening national frameworks and providing best-practice examples.

Coordinated by: European Commission
(DG Regio, DG Move)



Public transport and accessibility

Action No. 3: Evaluating best-practice examples in public transport accessibility

Local public transport is a core element of urban infrastructure. The availability and accessibility of public transport systems to people is of central importance. The objective of the Action is to identify and evaluate best-practice examples of improved accessibility to public transport; this includes the accessibility of public transport for pedestrians. Cities of comparable size should thus be enabled to compare their strategies and learn from each other. The Action contributes to the implementation of the global Sustainable Development Goals by identifying options for developing public transport (Goal 11.2).

Coordinated by: UITP, Walk21, City of Karlsruhe

Action No. 4: Scaling up innovative and clean buses

Alternatively powered buses (e. g. by electricity or hydrogen) can offer significant benefits to urban areas by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise. The Action will support the market entry of clean buses through the Clean Buses Deployment Initiative and EU funding, among others.

Coordinated by: European Commission (DG Move), UITP



Active modes of transport and the use of public space

Action No. 5: Developing guidelines for active mobility infrastructure

Active mobility, such as walking and cycling, increases well-being and improves quality of life. There are currently no common standards or recommendations at European level for designing safe, comfortable and attractive infrastructure for active mobility. The Action will contribute to the development of European guidelines and encourage Member States to develop their own guidelines on this basis. EU funding opportunities for active mobility are to be made more apparent to cities.

Coordinated by: European Cyclists' Federation,
European Commission (DG Move)

Action No. 7: Reducing diversity of Urban Access Regulations (UVAR)

The growing number of environmental zones, congestion zones and other access regimes in the EU may lead to growing confusion among citizens and businesses. The

Action No. 6: Promoting sustainable and active mobility behaviour

The Action focuses on factors and tasks that are necessary and meaningful for promoting sustainable and active mobility behaviour in the EU. Specifically, best-practice examples of mobility plans in schools and in companies will be collected. In addition, the Action will focus on actors who can trigger a change in citizens' mobility behaviour.

Coordinated by: City of Gdynia (Poland)

Action aims to increase transparency and to address the fragmentation of systems through non-binding guidelines. Relevant information is to be made accessible to the public more easily, more effectively and increasingly in digital form.

Coordinated by: European Commission (DG Move)



New mobility services and innovation

Action No. 8: Exploring the deployment of New Mobility Services

New Mobility Services, such as ride-hailing apps, car-sharing services and bike-sharing systems, are becoming part of the mobility offers of many European cities. The Action aims to explore the possibilities of integrating these services to assist transport authorities in managing congestion, air quality challenges and a more sustainable transport service development.

Coordinated by: POLIS

Action No. 9: Creating a European framework for fostering urban mobility innovation

It is often an administrative challenge for cities to receive European funding for innovative projects. The modalities are too strict and the funding programmes are not always tailored to new business models. The objective of the Action is to develop a position paper on existing bottlenecks and possible solutions. The paper will be presented to the National Contact Points and discussed at specialist conferences in order to raise awareness for the cities' needs.

Coordinated by: City of Nijmegen (Netherlands)

Voices from the partnership



Karlsruhe, Germany

Dr Frank Mentrup
Mayor

"I fully support 'The Urban Agenda for the EU' as an initiative to give cities a powerful voice at EU level. Cities play a decisive role in developing pragmatic and future oriented solutions for the challenges ahead – and urban mobility is a key topic that strongly affects the daily life of European citizens. The Partnership gives us the chance to position cities as strategic partners for the future of Europe."



Cyprus

Athena Aristotelous-Cleridou
Diretor, Department of Town Planning and Housing, Ministry of Interior

"We will facilitate the dissemination and implementation, within the scope of its remit, of the Partnership's deliverables, aiming to foster the sustainability of our cities' mobility and their prosperity within the European urban network."



Gdynia, Poland

Katarzyna Gruszecka-Spychala
Deputy Mayor

"It's an honour for Gdynia to participate in the Urban Agenda community that makes our cities liveable and sustainable. Being one of the leaders in active mobility actions, we do our best to create more walkable and cyclable cities, at the same time benefiting from our PUM partners' experience."



Finland

Anne Berner
Minister of Transport and Communications

"The world is changing rapidly. We are at the beginning of a new, service-based era of transport. Urban areas are leading the way in Mobility as a Service. We as governments need to enable and facilitate the process of digitalisation by introducing appropriate legislation. The key element is how we handle the use of data."



Wallonia Region, Belgium

Carlo Di Antonio
Minister for Mobility, Land Use Planning and Environment

"55% of Walloons live in urban regions; in a Europe wide trend to metropolisation, cities have a key role to play. Urban mobility must be at once more fluent, green, secure and multimodal. The Partnership is a way to shape and promote solutions fitted for middle-sized cities, in close link with rural nearby areas."



Skåne Region, Sweden

Mätta Ivarsson
Chair of the Regional Development Committee

"Skåne has ambitious mobility goals set for the future, and our challenges are shared by several European cities. The Partnership has addressed important issues and pointed out key measures which need to be taken into consideration by the EU."



UITP

Mohamed Mezghani
Secretary General

"UITP sees the Urban Agenda as a vital collective mechanism that will empower all levels of government to turn urban challenges into great opportunities. Public transport makes cities what they are, connecting communities and creating the conditions for economies to flourish."



Bari, Italy

Antonio Decaro
Mayor

"The Urban Agenda is a key tool for the future mobility in European cities. I consider the promotion of sustainable mobility and the reinforcing of the multi-level cooperation as instruments that can make our cities more liveable. Rethinking our cities in a new way will guarantee us a better future."



Czech Republic

David Koppitz
Deputy Minister for Regional Development

"Through our engagement as one of two coordinators of this 3-year 'project' we have gathered lots of new experience and learnt new ways of approaching the EU, national and local policies in terms of multi-level cooperation and governance on the varied field of urban mobility that ranks among highest priorities of our cities. In general the modern urban mobility should be focused on sustainable mobility, active modes of transport or new trends in mobility."



POLIS

Karen Vancluysen
Secretary General

"Urban mobility is going through a paradigm shift that is both dynamic and exciting, but local authorities at the same time need to address severe societal challenges such as congestion, air pollution, and safety. Now is the time for city authorities to step up and create the kind of mobility ecosystem and regulatory framework that favours healthy, clean and sustainable travel habits. POLIS is honoured to be part of the Partnership for Urban Mobility as a stakeholder and action leader for new mobility services."

IT-TRANS Karlsruhe – A platform for high level political talks

The IT-TRANS International Conference and Trade Fair for Intelligent Public Transport Solutions in March 2018 provided a meeting platform for the Urban Mobility Partnership's political leaders.

The project partners discussed how a more partnership-like cooperation between national ministries, regional authorities, municipalities and the EU Commission might look like in future, the objective being to focus urban mobility on the concrete needs of people. Approaches to facilitating planning and financing processes for local and regional authorities were also discussed. The introduction of new mobility services and their compatibility with public transport was another topic.

There was agreement on the key role of cities in changing the mobility behaviour of people and that it was important to provide appropriate services and infrastructures.

The discussion was kicked off by representatives of the Federal Ministry for the Environment and the Dutch Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. The Netherlands had already made urban development a priority topic of its EU presidency in 2016. Germany plans to build on this commitment in 2020 with a policy paper on sustainable urban development.

Subsequently, the partners agreed on a joint position paper reaffirming the political will to support the "Urban Agenda for the EU" and to implement the Mobility Action Plan. This was then forwarded by the two coordinators, the City of Karlsruhe and the Czech Republic, to EU Commissioners Violeta Bulc (Transport) and Corina Crețu (Regional Policy), and to selected members of European Parliament.

During the official tour of the IT-TRANS Fair, the partners spoke to international and local companies about current IT trends and innovations in public transport.



Meeting of the political leaders of the Partnership Urban Mobility. Photo: KMK/Behrendt & Rausch

Partners with potential

Karlsruhe and UITP (Union Internationale des Transports Publics), the International Association of Public Transport, are expanding their cooperation. As a world association with 1,500 member companies in 96 countries, UITP is the only network that brings together all public transport stakeholders: transport authorities and operators, scientific institutes, the public transport supply and services industry. UITP is committed to advancing sustainable urban mobility worldwide.

Representation of interests and knowledge transfer with and for Verkehrsbetriebe Karlsruhe

As members of UITP, the public transport companies "Verkehrsbetriebe Karlsruhe GmbH" (VBK) and "Albtal-Verkehrs-Gesellschaft" (AVG) benefit from knowledge transfer within the network, from contact with other market participants and from direct access to innovations. VBK brings in its expertise in numerous specialist committees and makes an input to the association's work. In doing so, its focus is on the global Sustainable Development Goals: for example, UITP was present when a two-system Karlsruhe tram set off on a special trip to the UN Climate Conference 2017 in Bonn.

Additional information:
www.vbk.info (German)

Partnership "Urban Mobility"

As one of the most powerful project partners, UITP – together with VBK – leads on the topic of improving public transport:



the focus here is on easier access for all sections of the population to public transport and on the implementation of the Global Sustainability Goals.

Additional information:
ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/urban-mobility

Reinforcing Karlsruhe as a trade fair location

Partnering with the trade fair and congress corporation "Karlsruher Messe- und Kongress GmbH" (KMK), UITP is a co-host of IT-TRANS, the international conference and trade fair for intelligent solutions in public transport.

IT-TRANS is the industry's leading event for discussing and developing digital solutions: account-based ticketing, on-demand travel, multi-modality, and Mobility as a Service (MaaS) are discussed here with participants from around 65 countries. This successful cooperation between KMK and UITP started in 2008. Since then, IT-TRANS has been able to steadily expand its significance as a trade fair and innovation platform.

Additional information:
www.it-trans.org/en/

International visibility for Karlsruhe as a mobility location

At the UITP Global Public Transport Summit in Montreal in 2017, the "TechnologieRegion Karlsruhe GmbH" (TRK) presented itself with its research institutions and productive companies as one of Europe's most innovative and strongest locations for mobility. UITP training on autonomous driving, scheduled for the beginning of April 2019 in Karlsruhe, kicks off the establishment of a regional UITP training centre in the Karlsruhe TechnologyRegion. In June 2019, TRK and its regional partners will attend the UITP transport summit in Stockholm as an exhibitor group.

Additional information:
www.technologieregion-karlsruhe.de/en/home.html

Cooperation on an equal footing – Experiences from the thematic partnership

The “Urban Agenda” and the thematic partnerships strike a new path to increase the participation of cities in EU policy-making. Cities are to be heard by the EU institutions, and local interests and needs are to be given more consideration at EU level. The “Urban Agenda” thus stands for a new, experimental approach to cooperation in the multi-level governance system, for partnership on an equal footing.

An innovative and promising approach like this is not always easy to implement in the daily project work. The thematic partnerships cooperate both horizontally across different policy areas and vertically across different areas of responsibility. Different working cultures and approaches as well as communication in English are further challenges that require a high degree of professionalism and intercultural competence.

Pooling expertise, individual interests and expectations

In concrete terms, the “Urban Mobility” project means that architects, environmental engineers, and city and transport planners of medium to large cities are brought together with mobility experts from the European Commission and

specialists from the European Investment Bank, experts from national and regional ministries of transport, European umbrella organisations and world associations. The expertise gathered here is enormous. At the same time, different interests and expectations may clash: for one partner, the development of new mobility services is in the foreground, while for others, cycling has priority. In addition, cities often lack the experience of working closely with the EU and acting as powerful “lobbyists” of urban interests. The “equal footing” in the partnership must first be demanded, developed and learned – by all partners.

Bringing all this together and developing a common mind-set in a very short time – this is the special achievement of the Partnership “Urban Mobility”.

Firmly anchoring the new role of cities

The “Urban Agenda” has developed a great momentum. Never before have cities received so much attention. Karlsruhe is the only German city that has taken on the coordination of a thematic partnership. Together with cities such as London, Vienna, Oslo and Amsterdam, Karlsruhe is proactively helping to shape the “Urban Agenda”. It is important now to firmly anchor and develop a new role of cities in the political dialogue at EU level. The experiment must evolve into a recognised working method. Give cities a stronger voice! The City of Karlsruhe will continue to advocate for this and contribute its experiences from the Partnership “Urban Mobility” at all levels.

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EUROCITIES Mobility Forum – Europe-wide networking of urban transport experts

The EUROCITIES Mobility Forum brings together city and transport planners from 140 major European cities. The focus is on the exchange of information and expertise on current developments in transport and urban development policy, best-practice examples and EU projects.

Mobility is a key issue for the development of the city of the future. Advancing innovative forms of environmentally friendly mobility is crucial for Karlsruhe as a livable and future-oriented city. The challenges for cities in Europe are often very similar. In many places, solutions are already being created that can serve as models and be taken up by other cities.



EUROCITIES Mobility Forum Lisbon 2017. Photo: Verena Wagner

Exchange of expertise on Karlsruhe mobility topics

The Karlsruhe city and mobility planners were actively involved in the mobility forums in Münster, Lisbon, Toulouse, Prague and Burgas. The topics of cycling, sustainable urban transport planning, multi-modality and new mobility services were at the forefront of this exchange. Cities were able to compare their own approaches with those of other cities, and new ideas were taken up. Through own contributions, such as speed networking sessions and workshops beginning in 2017, the contents of the Partnership “Urban Mobility” were discussed and received feedback.



Europe-wide visibility for the Karlsruhe mobility profile

Active participation does not only increase our own expertise but also makes a concrete contribution to the Europe-wide visibility of Karlsruhe’s mobility profile. After all, Karlsruhe and the TechnologyRegion are a stronghold for practical mobility solutions and high-quality research output in the mobility sector. The EUROCITIES Mobility Forum is an ideal disseminator for this. In March 2019, Karlsruhe will host the forum: 120 experts from all over Europe will be exchanging views on “Reducing CO2 emissions in traffic” at the City Hall for three days – and for the first time, Karlsruhe-based companies will also be present.

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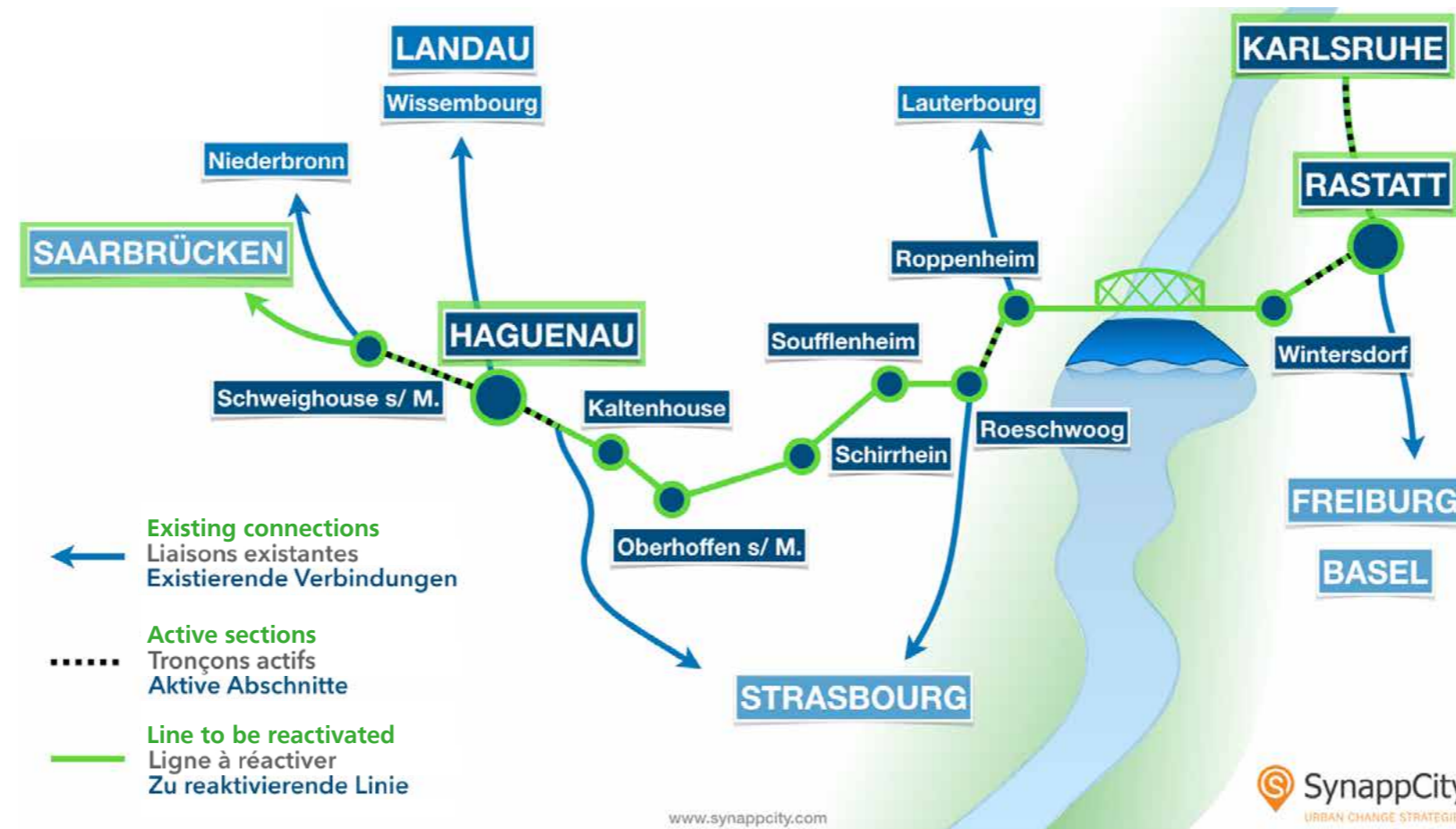
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Action Plan Mobility of the EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA: Cross-border mobility as a driving force for the region

With its Action Plan Mobility PAMINA, the EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA is committed to an improved mobility offer and common spatial development across borders.

The European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) Eurodistrict PAMINA has been developing and accompanying cross-border projects in the fields of transport, spatial planning, economy, social affairs, youth and culture for 30 years. The PAMINA region (Southern Palatinate, Middle Upper Rhine and Northern Alsace) is characterised above all by a heterogeneous distribution of population density and economic power. The majority of its 1.7 million inhabitants live in the Baden region on the German side, where most of the business operations, especially transregionally and internationally significant companies, are located.

The fact that the cross-border economic area is already closely networked is shown by the roughly 16,500 cross-border commuters who travel to their workplaces – mostly from France to Germany – on a daily basis. On the German side, Karlsruhe, Rastatt and Landau are economically strong cities. Northern Alsace has Haguenau, an emerging but economically isolated, mid-size centre. However, due to a lack of mobility opportunities between France and Germany, the Eurodistrict PAMINA cannot reach its full potential. The existing cross-border mobility offer does not adequately meet today's demands on the social, employment and economic levels.



Reactivating the railway line Karlsruhe – Rastatt – Haguenau – Saarbrücken

The central project of the Action Plan is the reactivation of the Karlsruhe – Rastatt – Haguenau – Saarbrücken railway line, which follows the historic Nuremberg – Luxembourg line and whose tracks and buildings have been preserved. The route crosses the bridge between Beinheim and Wintersdorf, which was twice destroyed and rebuilt during the Second World War. Its reactivation is much more than just a symbol of Franco-German friendship.

A rail link across the Rhine and across Northern Alsace will sustainably advance the economic development of the Eurodistrict PAMINA. It will connect important cities in the region and provide a much-needed east-west connection north of Strasbourg. The significance of the route is supranational, as it links the region in the heart of Europe to the most important European rail corridors. The European Commission has identified this “missing link” as in need for major action, offering a particularly high potential. For the reactivation, a feasibility study – funded by INTERREG V A Upper Rhine – will be carried out in 2019/2020. This will not only assess the reactivation of the railway line for its feasibility but also examine how to improve the wider transport network in the PAMINA region. Only then can the common vision of a multimodal cross-border mobility service be achieved.

The City of Karlsruhe is a founding member of the Eurodistrict PAMINA and is represented on the board by Dr Frank Mentrup, Mayor of Karlsruhe.

A shared vision for a borderless region

With the Action Plan Mobility, the EGTC Eurodistrict PAMINA has set itself the task of noticeably, sustainably and permanently improving conditions for cross-border mobility and exchange in the PAMINA region. Territorial cohesion and cooperation is to be advanced across borders, living conditions are to be improved and the location strengthened. Adopted in 2016 by the 15 members of the Eurodistrict PAMINA, the Action Plan Mobility consists of approximately 20 short-, medium- and long-term transnational mobility projects. These involve rail, bus and bicycle traffic, a cross-border mobility platform and solutions for cross-border timetables and tickets.

The Action Plan Mobility is not just a transport project, it is used by the partners as an instrument for joint spatial development. After all, the economic development of the region also depends on good cross-border transport services. This concerns access to the cross-border labour and training market and to local supplies, as well as cultural exchange. Projects such as the PAMINA Skills Alliance or the educational online game “The Globetrotter”, which gives school classes an impetus to meet their neighbours both virtually and through mutual visits, closely depend on improved mobility.

“Cross-border mobility is both a prerequisite and the result of successful cross-border cooperation.”



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European cooperation on traffic corridors

Karlsruhe: European traffic hub

Karlsruhe lies at the intersection of two European transport corridors:

East-West: Main Line for Europe,
North-South: Rhine-Alpine Corridor.

The Rhine as the most important waterway in Europe, as well as efficient railways and highways are a prerequisite for growth, prosperity and a positive future development. The City of Karlsruhe has found that other cities and regions along the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) are facing similar opportunities and challenges in terms of transport development. A joint quest for European solutions contributes not only to greater sustainability but also to cohesion within the European Union.

“Main Line for Europe”

Already in 1990, the City of Karlsruhe recognised that a reactivation of the rail link on which the Orient Express used to connect Paris and Constantinople for European high-speed traffic would form a first-class locational advantage. Together with other cities, it then founded the “Main Line for Europe” initiative, which has been working to improve rail infrastructure along the Paris – Bratislava/ Budapest axis ever since. The strategic alliance now represents the interests of 24 cities, regions and chambers of commerce and industry in France, Germany, Austria and Slovakia. Chairman of the initiative is Karlsruhe’s Mayor Dr Frank Mentrup. The initiative’s office, which is based at the City of Karlsruhe, increases awareness and importance of the “Main Line”, which is part of the TEN-T Rhine-Danube Corridor, through press and public relations as well as network and lobbying work. The 24 partners are, however, seeking even closer cooperation and are therefore examining the possible establishment of a European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC).

Cooperation on the Rhine-Alpine Corridor

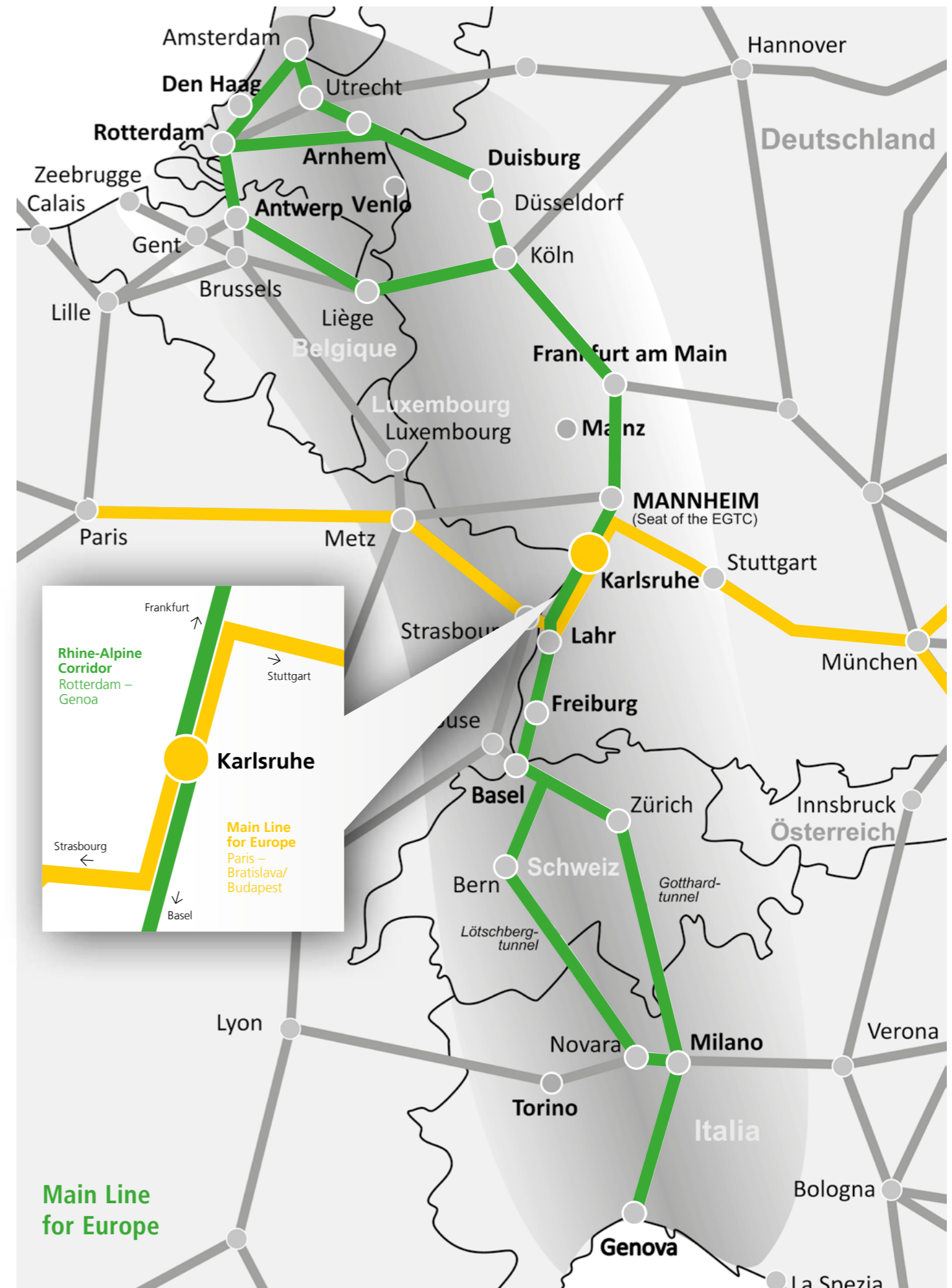
The proximity to the Rhine means that Karlsruhe is located midway on the TEN-T Rhine-Alpine Corridor between the North Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. The transalpine north-south axis, often referred to as the “Rotterdam – Genoa” axis, comprises the economically most important waterway and the most important rail freight corridor in Europe. It connects some of the most economically dynamic regions of our continent.

From the EU project CODE 24, an EGTC emerged in 2014, of which the City of Karlsruhe is a founding member. Here, 24 cities, regions and port authorities from the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy represent common interests in the development of the Rhine-Alpine Corridor. At the same time, knowledge is exchanged and new solutions for current problems are developed jointly, also within the framework of EU project work. Current EU-funded projects are working on

- the reduction of noise emissions by rail freight,
- better coordination of freight flows through “smart terminals”,
- the decarbonisation of freight transport and, in particular, inland navigation,
- better linking of long-distance traffic and city traffic in the hubs.

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regiomove – Seamless mobility for the Karlsruhe Region

The “regiomove” project brings together bus, train, car and bike sharing in one app – for an attractive, future-oriented and sustainable range of mobility.

You may have been in this situation before: You need to go somewhere, fast, and suddenly there's a whole host of choices to make: Should you go by car? Your own car? Considering the traffic situation your bicycle might be the better option. Or perhaps a bike sharing would be better? But don't you need to get an account for that? Maybe just take the train. But which line? The multitude of mobility options available to us currently come with their own set of challenges. Wouldn't it be nice if all available mobility services

were connected, so that you could reach your destination as quickly and economically as possible? Without needing to worry about train schedules, pick-up locations or multiple customer accounts?

Networked travel chain from a single source

The “regiomove” project will offer exactly this service. It connects bus, train, car and bike sharing together in one app, both multimodally and intermodally. This means that you may use multiple modes of transport within one trip. This way, even routes notes covered by public transport – the so-called first and last mile – can be integrated into the travel chain. Here's the best part from the user perspective: the entire travel chain, from travel information, to booking, to billing, is covered by a single source. It is no longer necessary to register with each mobility provider individually. A single registration is sufficient to use all modes of transport available under the “regiomove” portal.

Following this vision, the Karlsruhe Transport Authority (KVV) is currently evolving from a classic transport network into a mobility platform. The regiomove project, which is funded with about €4.9 million by the State of Baden-Württemberg and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), began in late 2017.

Cooperation of administration, economy and science

The project group is made up of a range of regional partners from both public and private sector. The KVV is the project coordinator. Other partners are the Regionalverband Mittlerer Oberrhein (RVMO), the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), the Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences, the FZI Research Center for Information Technology (FZI Forschungszentrum Informatik), raumobil GmbH, the PTV Group, INIT GmbH, Stadtmobil CarSharing, the City of Karlsruhe and the Rastatt County.

More than “just” an app

regiomove is more than just an app: Connecting diverse modes of transport also requires physical nodes, where different modes of transport can be pooled and users may switch between modes. These so-called “Ports” are another key element of the project. The regiomove partners are conducting complex location analyses, taking into account both the mobility demand as well as socio-demographic conditions. The Ports are meant to improve the accessibility of mobility services within the KVV service area in the long-term. Over the course of the project, seven pilot ports will be planned and implemented as living laboratories in order to demonstrate the connective potential of the app and Port system.

Public transport, car and bike sharing as supporting pillars

The regiomove app will be launched in 2020, giving users access to intermodal travel including the public transport system, car sharing and bike sharing. From here, the service is meant to grow: Once the basic legal and technical framework is operational, further mobility services such as taxi or ride pooling services can be included. The objective is to provide a real alternative to owning a private vehicle., environmental benefits included.

“The “regiomove” project is the first step in creating a new mobility experience for the region and, above all, for the people.”

Dr Frank Pagel, KVV, Project Manager “regiomove”

The further expansion of the regiomove Ports is also set to continue. New modes of transport create new opportunities for connection, which also calls for the creation of additional transfer points, where different modes are provided. An extensive network of Ports allows for better transport accessibility in rural areas, as it unlocks the potential of shared mobility services.

Communication as a factor of success

Regiomove is accompanied by its sister project “regiomove_komm” under the direction of the RVMO. In this case, “komm” stands for both “Kommunikation” (communication) as well as “Kommunen” (the municipalities of the region). Raising awareness for the offers and opportunities of “regiomove” will pave the way for its future success. As project coordinator Maren Mayer de Groot emphasises: “The mobility transition begins in our minds.”

regiomove is accompanied by its sister project “regiomove_komm”, which is managed by the RVMO. It coordinates the communications side of the project, with a special focus on the municipalities of the Karlsruhe Region. Building awareness for the services and opportunities if regiomove is of crucial importance for future success. As project coordinator Maren Mayer de Groot explains: “The shift to a more sustainably mobility behaviour begins in our minds.”

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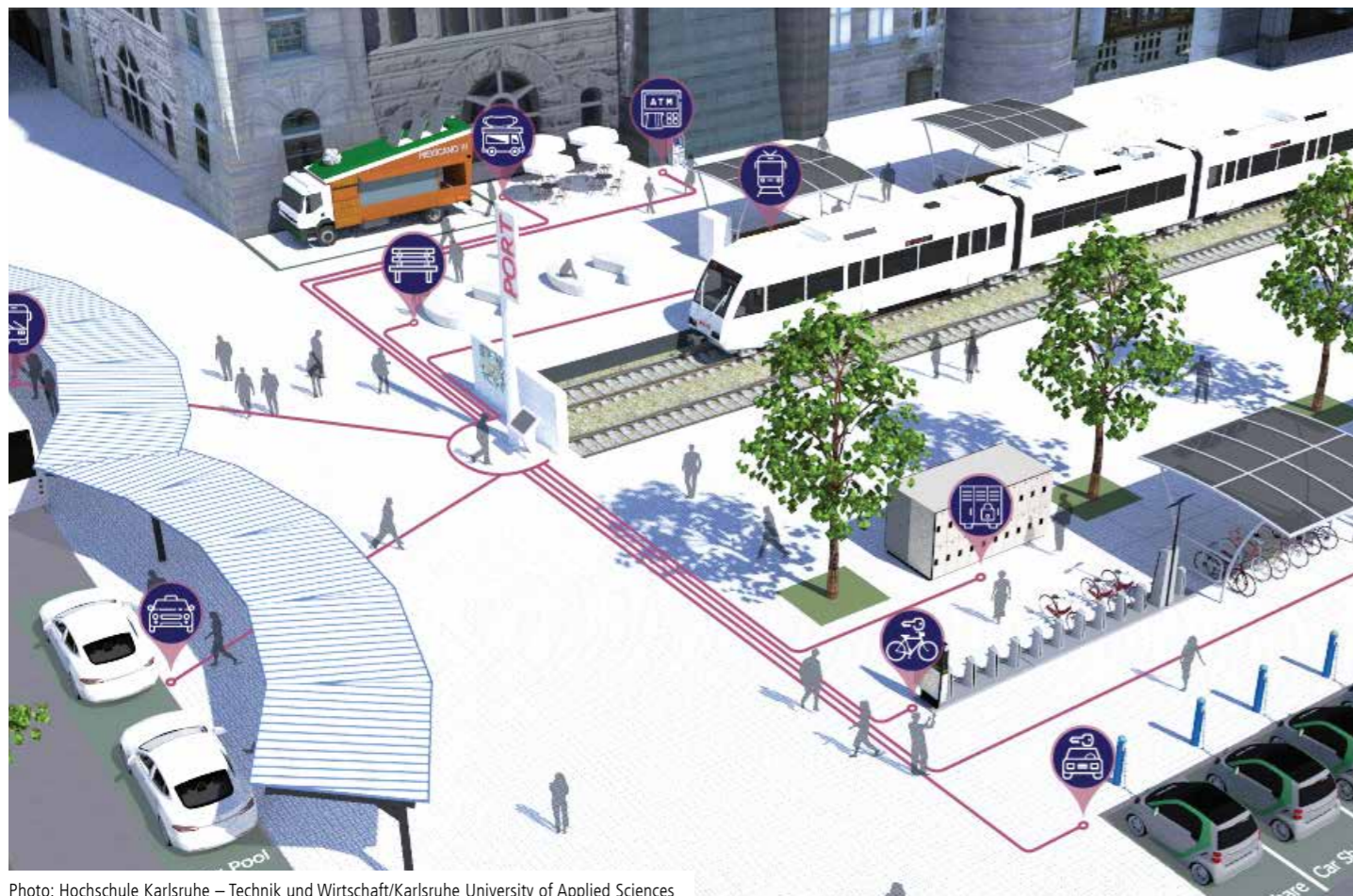


Photo: Hochschule Karlsruhe – Technik und Wirtschaft/Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences

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EU-funded Projects

The City administration implements EU-funded projects – Facts and figures

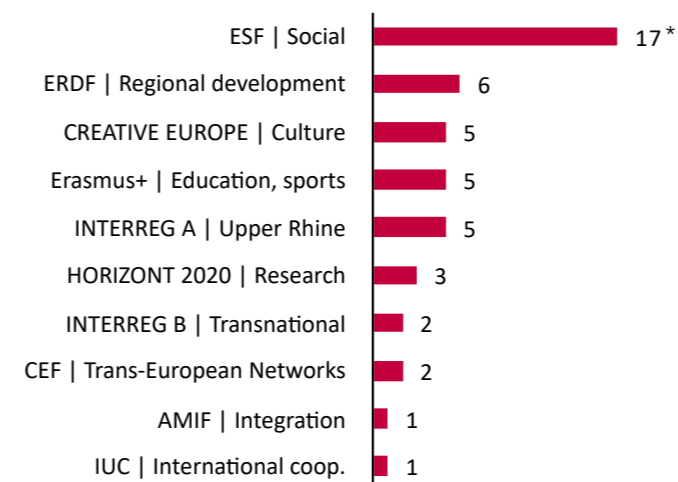
EU funding makes an important contribution to key urban issues and brings significant added value to the city administration. Between 2016 and 2018, a wide variety of support programmes were used, in cooperation with numerous partners in Karlsruhe, the region and the entire EU.

What does a “popcorn bike” have to do with the EU? In this specific case, it is about an EU-funded project that uses hands-on activities in Karlsruhe’s neighborhoods to create momentum for climate protection. This goes to show that many innovative ideas and projects in the city and region can be EU-funded.

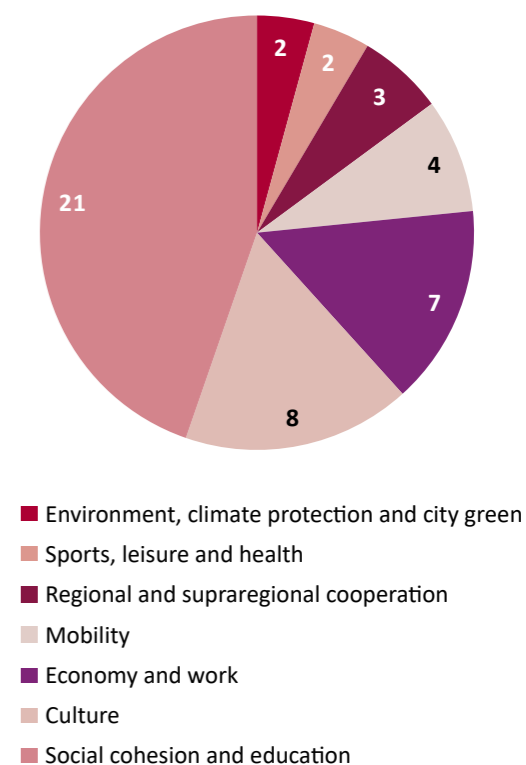
The projects contribute to many topics that are strategically important for the City of Karlsruhe, especially with regard to social cohesion and education.

Between 2016 and 2018 alone, 47 projects were implemented by or in cooperation with the municipality of Karlsruhe. Nine different EU funding programmes were used, most notably the European Social Fund (ESF).

Use of different EU programmes
Number of EU-funded projects 2016 to 2018



Connection with strategic topics
Number of EU projects 2016 to 2018

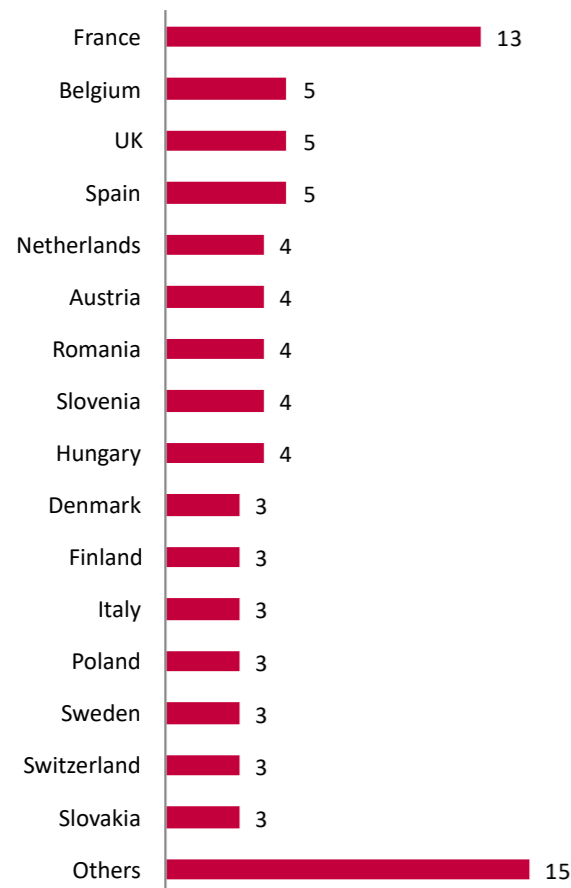


* From these, regional ESF funds are forwarded to nine projects in Karlsruhe.

Almost half of the projects are being implemented with partners from cross-border and European areas, especially in the field of culture. These cooperations are an important impetus for the long-term development and expansion of contacts and networks (see appendix "Overview of EU-funded projects of the municipality 2016 – 2018").

EU projects in cooperation with European countries

Number of projects 2016 to 2018
(min. 3 projects)



What's next with European funding? Who should receive it and for which projects?

These issues are currently being discussed by the governments of the EU Member States, the European Commission and the European Parliament. Brexit will reduce the financial scope at the European level, so that cuts must be expected.

What this means for Karlsruhe, is not yet foreseeable. The municipality is committed to ensuring that EU funds can continue to be used in the city and region in the future. In particular with regard to the European Social Fund (ESF), the City's Employment Promotion Office (Arbeitsförderungsbetriebe, AFB), in collaboration with the External Relations and Strategic Marketing Unit (Stabsstelle Aussenbeziehungen und Strategisches Marketing, SAM), are working hard to maintain this strategically important support. Easier funding rules and a more needs-oriented approach are also being discussed. These and other demands are being introduced by the municipality through the Städtetag (Association of Cities and Towns) Baden-Württemberg, the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and the EUROCITIES city network (see also articles on p. 63 and p. 67).

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The European Social Fund (ESF) in Karlsruhe – A success story

How does the ESF work in Karlsruhe?

Since 2000, the City of Karlsruhe has been responsible for part of Baden-Württemberg's ESF funds. Under the auspices of the City of Karlsruhe, social and economic representatives, municipal employees, schools and labour market players meet regularly in the "Working Group ESF and Local Employment Programme". Each year, €440,000 in ESF funds are distributed directly to innovative local projects, thus perfectly complementing municipality measures.

Which projects are funded?

The "regional ESF" deals with long-term unemployment, early school leaving and the training capabilities of young people. The ESF in Karlsruhe funds, for example:

- 20 hard-to-reach young people between the ages of 16 and 25 who have no access to education, training, employment promotion or work – the City's Employment Promotion Office (Arbeitsförderungsbetriebe, AFB) and the youth aid organisation "Verein für Jugendhilfe Karlsruhe" motivate them to develop and implement personal plans in the project "Geht was?!" (What's up?), allowing them to participate in the regular job market again. Funding comes from the ESF and the Jobcenter of the City of Karlsruhe.
[More information: www.afb-karlsruhe.de/de/jugendliche-schueler-azubis/geht-was.html](http://www.afb-karlsruhe.de/de/jugendliche-schueler-azubis/geht-was.html) (German)
- Young refugees and migrants without knowledge of German – in the school-supplementing project for refugees and migrants SCHEFF (SCHulErgänzende Förderung von Flüchtlingen und Migranten) they receive individual support in German, mathematics and vocational orientation. This enables them to obtain a school diploma and start an apprenticeship.
[More information: https://internationaler-bund.org/en/](https://internationaler-bund.org/en/)
- Young, mainly single parents with children under three years – the project BOBiE (Berufliche Orientierung und Beratung in Elternzeit) offers counselling on how to balance work and family life, on childcare, provides job application coaching and develops realistic perspectives for participants.
[More information: www.cjd-rhein-pfalz-nordbaden.de/angebote/esf-gefoerderte-angebote/bobie-berufliche-orientierung-und-beratung-in-elternzeit/](http://www.cjd-rhein-pfalz-nordbaden.de/angebote/esf-gefoerderte-angebote/bobie-berufliche-orientierung-und-beratung-in-elternzeit/) (German)

What difference does it make?

- Innovative pilot projects are made possible – without EU funds, they would not have been implemented.
- Networks are strengthened and new ways of cooperation are tested – so that target groups can be better reached and supported.
- Karlsruhe projects are honoured – the successful project "Social Garden", built with ESF funding, received a prize in the special competition "Social Nature" in 2018 as part of the UN Decade:
www.undekade-biologischevielfalt.de/projekte/aktuelle-projekte-beitraege/detail/projekt-details/show/Wettbewerb/1971/ (German)



Participants in the SCHEFF project.
Photo: Internationaler Bund/International Confederation

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The EU supports Karlsruhe's business location and its international networking

Bringing innovations directly from universities into companies, offering start-ups optimal development opportunities and sharing knowledge, also beyond Europe, on topics such as sustainable urban development.

Supported by EU funds, the Karlsruhe Economic Development Department, together with partners, implements various concrete measures and projects. The objective is to create synergies for a sustainable, future-oriented business and science location as well as for strong international cooperation.

Technology transfer from Karlsruhe – Turning innovation from universities into concrete application

Since 2015, the Karlsruhe Economic Development Department and Chamber of Trades have been working closely together to help small- and medium-sized enterprises innovate. Specifically, this means: technology transfer managers bring companies together with universities and research institutions to initiate projects and cooperations. This allows current scientific knowledge and technologies to flow into the development of new products, processes and services. The objective is to strengthen the competitiveness of companies in the long term. This cooperation, supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), is unique in Baden-Württemberg and has been extended until 2021.

More information:
www.technologietransfer-aus-karlsruhe.de (German)

CyberLab – An impetus for start-up promotion

The "IT Accelerator" CyberLab of the State of Baden-Württemberg offers tailor-made support to start-ups: With the help of EU funds (European Social Fund (ESF) and ERDF) as well as municipal subsidies, CyberForum offers prospective founders all-round support – in the form of advisory vouchers, premises and a mentoring programme. This includes access to companies and the CyberForum business angel network. After just three years, more than 400 jobs have already been created.

More information:
www.cyberlab-karlsruhe.de/en/

Smart Production Park – Making groundbreaking ideas for Industry 4.0 products and services successful

Karlsruhe has the best prerequisites for Industry 4.0 key technologies both on the corporate side and in the higher education sector – and thus also for high-tech start-ups in intelligent and networked production. This is exactly where the overall concept Smart Production Park, developed by the Karlsruhe Economic Development Department, comes into play. In the planned Smart Production Lab, start-ups at the interface between production and digitisation are to be specifically promoted. This first stage of expansion will be financed with ERDF, while the City of Karlsruhe will cover the other half of the investment costs. The concept is implemented by the funding recipient CyberForum.

More information:
presse.karlsruhe.de/db/stadtzeitung/jahr2018/woche31/wirtschaft_fordermittel_fur_smart_production_lab.html (German)

Towards a cross-border job market – PAMINA Skills Alliance

As part of a mentoring programme, German executives are supporting jobseekers from Northern Alsace. At the end of the process, ideally, there will be a job for the mentee, and the mentor will improve his image in the employment and job

market. The EU-funded project (INTERREG V A Upper Rhine) is coordinated by the Eurodistrict PAMINA. As one of the project partners, the Karlsruhe Economic Development Department advertises the project locally.

More information:
www.eurodistrict-pamina.eu/de/fachkraefteallianz-pamina.html (French and German)

A partnership for sustainable urban development between Karlsruhe and Nagpur in India

Karlsruhe continues to strengthen its cooperation with India: in May 2018, a partnership agreement was signed with the City of Nagpur. This City-to-City Pairing project is supported by the EU to advance international exchange of experience on sustainable urban development. Specifically, it deals with solutions in the areas of mobility and intelligent technologies.

During a delegation trip in November 2018, a joint action plan was defined, and concrete projects were agreed in the area of "non-motorised traffic" and in the implementation of a bike-sharing system.

More information:
www.india-karlsruhe.com/index.php/2-uncategorised/453-city-to-city-pairing-between-nagpur-and-karlsruhe (German)

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In the IT accelerator CyberLab of the State of Baden-Württemberg, start-ups from the IT and high-tech sector receive tailor-made funding. Photo: Christian Ernst

Trinational port cooperation on the Upper Rhine – Unique in the EU

How can a cooperation on the Rhine – one of the busiest waterways – be improved? How can inland navigation be strengthened as a reliable alternative in the transport system?

The ports on the Upper Rhine in France, Germany and Switzerland are proud of their long-standing cooperation. The fact that inland navigation benefits greatly from this has meanwhile become known throughout Europe. The nine participating ports are currently building up a digital port infrastructure and have thus taken on a pioneering role in Europe.

In June 2018, the EU-funded project "Upper Rhine Traffic Management Platform" was successfully completed after three years. Its aim was the development and introduction of an electronic traffic management system to handle container traffic efficiently. The ports of Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Kehl, Strasbourg, Basel-Mulhouse-

Weil am Rhein and Colmar/Neuf-Brisach were all involved. Particular attention was given to the requirements of users such as terminal operators, inland navigation companies and shipping companies.

Cooperation will become even closer, since a follow-up project in the cross-border INTERREG Upper Rhine programme is already in preparation.

EU Programme: Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)
Project management: RheinPorts Basel-Mulhouse-Weil am Rhein
Municipal sponsor: KVVH GmbH, GB Rheinhäfen
Duration: July 2014 – June 2018
Total project volume: €1,985,000
EU funding amount | Rhine ports: €144,000
Internet: www.upper-rhine-ports.eu/de (French and German)

Rhine ports of Karlsruhe

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Port directors on the occasion of the closing event on the MS Karlsruhe in June 2018. Photo: SUT/Nutsch

Young people from Karlsruhe and Nottingham being creative together

How can the EU's value be conveyed to teenagers and young adults? For five years, young students from Nottingham were able to gain unforgettable experiences in their German twin city.

Yasmeen: "My confidence has improved by working with new people and trying out new things." (Internship with stone sculptor)

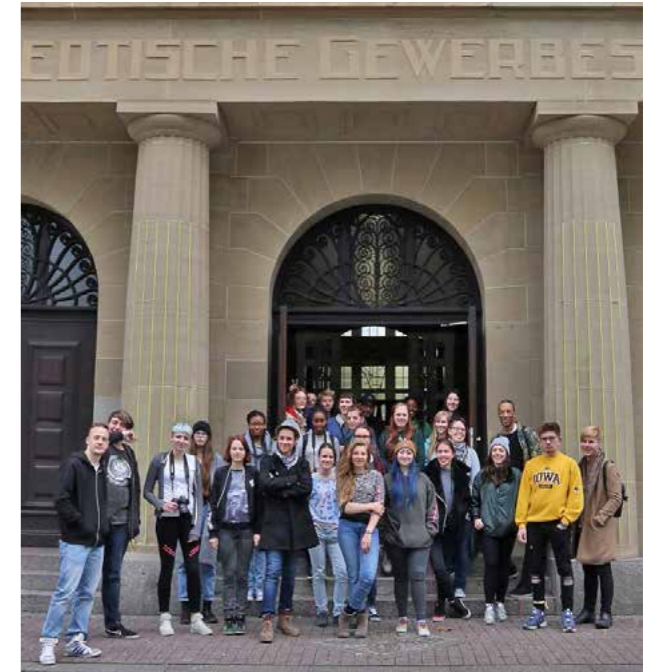
Imogen: "It (the stay in Karlsruhe) has shown me that I am capable of dealing with learning and working abroad." (Internship in a tailoring company)

Joe: "I have gained more knowledge and learned more skills than I would ever have imagined!" (Internship in an architect's office)

Thus commented enthusiastic participants of the scholarship programme "Creative Enterprise Scholarship" from Karlsruhe's twin city of Nottingham. Between 2013 and 2017, around fifteen students annually from Nottingham's Central College visited Karlsruhe's Carl Hofer School.

After a college-internal competition and a subsequent German course, the youth group and their teachers set off. They left to discover Karlsruhe for two weeks, to make new contacts, to try themselves out. In short: to live and work. Joint workshops with classes from the Carl Hofer School were followed by short internships in the creative field. As proof of their work experience, the students received a EuroPass Mobility Certificate.

The Cultural Office of the City of Karlsruhe played a key role in shaping this exchange over the years and, above all, enabled contact with local creative companies. Due to the uncertainties over the Brexit negotiations, the project has been suspended for the time being – a big loss for the young people of coming years.



Students from Karlsruhe and Nottingham outside the portal of the Carl Hofer School. Photo: Ernst Wolfspenger

EU Programme: LEONARDO DA VINCI / ERASMUS+
Project management: Central College Nottingham (now: Nottingham College)
Municipal sponsor: Cultural Office of the City of Karlsruhe (and Carl Hofer School)
Duration: 2013 – 2017
Internet: nottinghamlocalnews.com/local-students-working-in-germanys-creative-industries/

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New ways of bringing art and culture to people: the pilot project “smARTplaces”

How can cultural institutions become smart places for experiencing art? How to promote audience development?

The increasingly digitally networked world offers great opportunities for cultural institutions: they can better tailor their offers to the needs and desires of their audience. At the same time, they can appeal to new groups of visitors.

The Center for Art and Media (ZKM), together with nine other cultural institutions from all over Europe, is developing new strategies for art and cultural education in this large-scale EU project until 2020. Its main objective is the development of new visitor groups through innovative digital offers.

The participating cultural institutions convey media literacy, and network on several levels. They become smARTplaces: cultural spaces with functions that connect the public by creating a new digital cultural space, which grows into an innovative European network of cultural sites, that is: dialogical, networked, interactive, educational, integrated, accessible, user-based and involving.

ZKM's focus is the digitisation of services and the seamless expansion of visitor experiences into the digital space. The audience can digitally connect to the real world with an agile toolbox of social web tools, platforms, and location-based services. Augmented reality, adaptive storytelling approaches and gamification elements are also used.



Innovative digital offers from the EU project smARTplaces. Photo: ZKM/Felix Grünschloss

EU programme: Creative Europe
Project management: Dortmunder U
Municipal sponsor: ZKM | Center for Art and Media
Partner organisations: 10 cultural institutions from eight countries, European Center for Creative Economies (ECCE), EURO CITIES
Duration: June 2016 – May 2020
Total project volume: €2,000,000
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“Film am Oberrhein” – Space for creative cross-border initiatives!

With the INTERREG project “Film am Oberrhein”, twenty partners from the film and audiovisual media industry in the Upper Rhine region are intensifying their cross-border cooperation.

Since the beginning of 2018, the project has been working on building a new network in the film and audiovisual media industry in the Upper Rhine region (France, Germany, Switzerland). It aims to make the industry more dynamic, to increase its recognition, to stimulate new cooperations and to pool resources. An action plan includes numerous measures for industry professionals, students and teachers, such as workshops, EducTours and expert meetings, also with a focus on sustainable film production or “green shooting”.

The “Musician Expert of Modern Music” (MEMM) project in particular will work closely with the Independent Days | International Filmfest Karlsruhe. In this context, a cross-border bachelor's degree programme with a focus on film composition is to be created. The project is being developed with Filmboard Karlsruhe and other European and international partners.

The main partners of the initiative are the Eurométropole Strasbourg, the Media and Film Society of Baden-Württemberg, the Région Grand Est, the Swiss Association for Film and Media Art Balimage and the FilmCommissions Nordbaden and Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden. For Karlsruhe, Filmboard is the responsible partner.

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Project management: Région Grand Est
Municipal sponsor: Cultural Office of the City of Karlsruhe (via Filmboard Karlsruhe e. V.)
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Twin Cities and Project Partnerships

Overcoming borders – Connecting people

Town twinning is changing. Many people are now travelling abroad more often for work or leisure, and are making use of the wide range of online platforms for international dialogue.

The City of Karlsruhe therefore focuses on strong networks in order to find new ways of cooperation. The trilateral town twinning agreement between Karlsruhe, Krasnodar and Nancy was also concluded in this context. Together with its partners, the City of Karlsruhe promotes friendly exchanges between citizens, but also develops ideas for concrete cooperation.

It is of crucial importance that the international commitment of the City of Karlsruhe is also tangible in the everyday life of its citizens. They are invited to participate and join in. The associations for promoting town twinning are privileged partners in the planning and implementation of town twinning activities. This civic commitment is an important contribution to peace and stability in Europe and the world.



Nancy
Twin city since 1955



Timișoara
Twin city since 1992



Nottingham
Twin city since 1969



Rijeka
Project partnership since 2011



Halle
Twin city since 1987



Sakarya
Project partnership since 2016



Krasnodar
Twin city since 1992



Van
Project partnership since 2016

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Nancy – Twin city in the new region Grand Est

The short trip to Karlsruhe's longest-standing twin city has enabled numerous encounters between citizens. Exchanges in the spheres of culture, youth, schools and sports have created connections.

For example, actors of the Badisches Staatstheater performed at the "Neue Stücke" (New Plays) festival in Nancy, and young musicians from the conservatories of Karlsruhe and Nancy showed their skills in joint performances of the musical "Porgy & Bess" in both cities. Thanks to the French territorial reform, Nancy has also moved closer in political and administrative terms: the new region "Grand Est" extends from Lorraine to the Rhine. Outstanding in political terms were the joint municipal council meetings in 2017 in Nancy and in 2018 in Karlsruhe. The two committees developed objectives for closer cooperation – in line with the European idea. Further meetings are intended to advance cooperation, just like the Franco-German talks, organised by the Métropole du Grand Nancy, that Karlsruhe's mayor Dr Frank Mentrup attended with a delegation in 2018.

"Europe is at a crossroads today. In order to become aware again of the true meaning of Europe, which one tends to forget in peacetime and to remember after events of war, you have to leave the status quo behind and chart new paths. Karlsruhe and Nancy are constantly working together to achieve this. Whether it is peace work or ecological change, this positive and constructive town twinning fully relies on the power of participation and regularly highlights the strength and determination of European citizens united in a common quest for a better future."

Laurent Hénart, Mayor of Nancy



Meeting of the municipal councils of Karlsruhe and Nancy in July 2018 in Karlsruhe. Photo: Roland Fränkle, City of Karlsruhe

Nottingham – Twin city for 50 years in 2019

For many, 2019 is the year of Brexit. For Karlsruhe and Nottingham, it is the year of their "golden wedding" anniversary! The cities had already been partners before Britain became a member of the EU. In 2016, both cities reaffirmed their close cooperation in a "Memorandum of Understanding". Thus, in 2018, Nottingham, together with Design-Nation UK, was the international partner of the 10th EUNIQUE exhibition in Karlsruhe. Contacts in areas such as theatre, schools, youth orchestras, churches, sports, creative industries or law, as well as the exchange of municipality staff for 25 years reflect the close relationship and will continue to sustain the partnership in the future.

"Nottingham and Karlsruhe have been twin cities since 1969, with 2019 our 50th Anniversary. We have worked together to promote international co-operation, understanding and goodwill, and appreciation of respective national cultures. In these uncertain times of Brexit, it is more important than ever to nurture and grow our European links, our commitment to work with Karlsruhe on a whole plethora of projects remains strong, and we look forward to continued joint ventures."

Ian Curryer, Chief Executive of the Nottingham City Council



Leader of the Council and Deputy Chief Executive from Nottingham (on the left) on construction site tour under Karlsruhe's market square in 2016. Photo: Liane Wilhelm, City of Karlsruhe

Halle (Saale) – United Germany in a united Europe

Today's trainees of the municipalities of Karlsruhe and Halle (Saale) can no longer imagine a wall in the middle of Germany. And yet there are still many walls in their heads – for example, prejudices about “Wessis” and “Ossis” (West Germans and East Germans). Karlsruhe and Halle are working to counter these together, with each other instead of side by side. In 2017, Karlsruhe celebrated three partnership anniversaries together with Halle, Krasnodar and Timișoara. At the trainee exchange of the two cities as well as at the annual flight camp for young people of the aviation club “Flugsportverein Karlsruhe 1910 e. V.,” young people get to know each other and their twin city. Through citizen trips of the friendshipclub, its presentations on the Christmas market in Halle or numerous other activities, the twinning is filled with life.



Trainee exchange of the municipalities of Karlsruhe and Halle in 2017 in Karlsruhe. Photo: Liane Wilhelm, City of Karlsruhe

Krasnodar – Alliance for better mutual understanding



Presentation of the certificates of honour for an outstanding contribution to the local and regional cooperation between Germany and Russia by the two foreign ministers Heiko Maas (right) and Sergey Lavrov (left) to the two Mayors Dr Frank Mentrup and Evgeny Pervyshov. Photo: Deutsch-Russisches Forum e. V.

In 2017, the Russian City of Krasnodar and Karlsruhe celebrated the 25th anniversary of their partnership. Institutional cooperation and close personal relationships between people connect both cities. In the recent past, the city's youth orchestra “Jugendorchester Stadt Karlsruhe e. V.” visited Krasnodar; apart from language barriers, the youngsters quickly found common ground through joint rehearsals and performances with the local orchestra “Neue Welle” (new wave).

At the 2017 town twinning conference “Building contacts – launching projects – strengthening trust: stimulating German-

Russian relations”, 500 representatives from business, politics and civil society met in Krasnodar, including, of course, a delegation from Karlsruhe. At the end of the German-Russian Year of Local and Regional Partnerships, the Foreign Ministers of Germany and Russia awarded Karlsruhe and Krasnodar with an honorary certificate for their outstanding contribution to the cooperation between the two countries.

To create even more opportunities for cooperation and better mutual understanding, Karlsruhe, Krasnodar and Nancy formed a trilateral alliance. Mayors Dr Frank Mentrup, Evgeny Pervyshov and Laurent Hénart signed a corresponding agreement.

Timișoara – European Capital of Culture 2021



The Karlsruhe youth orchestra on concert tour in Timișoara in May 2018. Photo: Jugendorchester Stadt Karlsruhe e. V.

Lively exchanges between schools and universities, costume and folk dance groups, orchestras, ballet companies and theater ensembles shape the relationship between Karlsruhe and its Romanian twin city Timișoara. During its most recent trip, Karlsruhe's youth orchestra performed several times to an enthusiastic audience in Timișoara. In addition, experts from both cities regularly exchange ideas on different topics.

In 2021, Timișoara will be European Capital of Culture. During a visit in 2018, Mayor Dr Albert Käuflein emphasised Karlsruhe's support for the major cultural event: “Timișoara is an up-and-coming, colourful and cosmopolitan city in which people of different nationalities have been living together peacefully for centuries. Karlsruhe has supported the application of Timișoara as European Capital of Culture and is now looking forward to the event.”

Project partner cities – Concrete cooperation in defined areas

Rijeka – European Capital of Culture 2020

Since 2011, Karlsruhe and the Croatian City of Rijeka have been linked by a project partnership. Both cities aim to support each other through the joint development of solutions, the implementation of projects on local core issues and the transfer of knowledge. Mayor Martin Lenz traveled to Rijeka in 2018 to discuss housing needs of socially disadvantaged people with Deputy Mayor Marko Filipovic. Both sides emphasised a desire to work together more closely in the future.

With its programme “Rijeka, Port of Diversity”, Rijeka has successfully applied for the title of “European Capital of Culture 2020”. Karlsruhe supported this application from the beginning and plans to participate with cultural contributions.

Sakarya – Project partner city in western Turkey

In March 2016, a delegation from the Turkish City of Sakarya came to the Karlsruhe Town Hall to sign the joint project partnership. A year later, experts from the drinking water supply and sanitation system in Sakarya met their Karlsruhe colleagues for an expert exchange. Sakarya students have been participating in the exchange project since 2017, and in 2018 two students from Karlsruhe completed a three-week internship at the municipality of Sakarya for the first time.

Van – Project partner city in eastern Turkey

The project partnership with the City of Van, which is located in the south-east of Turkey on Lake Van, has been in existence since 2016, when its mayoral tandem and delegation visited Karlsruhe. The current political situation in Turkey severely limits the possibilities for cooperation. Nevertheless, meetings took place on a civic level.

Citizens' commitment to exchange and friendship

Youth Conference – The Same Spirit 1918–1968–2018!

With “YouConf2018 – Lebensgeföhle 1918 – 1968 – 2018”, Karlsruhe’s Municipal Youth Committee implemented a project on a trilateral level for the first time. Over a period of several months, 30 young people and their minders from Karlsruhe, Krasnodar and Nancy discussed their attitudes towards life (Lebensgeföhle) and the human and fundamental rights that enable them to lead a self-determined life. The young people exchanged views on a joint online platform as well as in a real-life meeting in Karlsruhe and Baerenthal in the Grand Est region. At the end stood the question of current challenges to freedom and democracy and what it is worth standing up for.



Participants of YouConf 2018 in Karlsruhe. Photo: Stadtjugendausschuss Karlsruhe

Change of perspective for students: Regarding their own culture and other cultures

Every summer, students from Karlsruhe’s twin cities complete four-week internships in municipal departments and at the artist association “Verband der Gemeinschaften der Künstlerinnen und Kunstförderer GEDOK e. V.”. The project gives young people insights into other working and living environments in order to gain valuable professional and personal experiences. Through shared accommodation and free time, students get to know not only the City of Karlsruhe but also the culture and origins of the other participants. Frequently, friendships are formed, which also deepen relations between Karlsruhe and its twin cities.

Come Together – Music knows no boundaries

The youth orchestra “Jugendorchester Stadt Karlsruhe e. V.” was founded in 1883. It offers children affordable instrumental lessons and represents the City of Karlsruhe with regular appearances in Karlsruhe and its twin cities. With their music, the young musicians not only inspire audiences near and far but also return back home from the concert tours with positive impressions and the experience of warm hospitality. The youth orchestra regularly invites orchestras from its twin cities to Karlsruhe, and often the young people from different cities stay friends through social networks and other personal meetings. After all, music knows no boundaries.



Community concert of the Karlsruhe youth orchestra and the Neue Welle orchestra in the Organ Hall of the Town Hall in Krasnodar. Photo: C. Kerl



Mayors' handshake following the signing of the trilateral partnership in Karlsruhe in October 2017 (from left: Evgeny Pervyshov, Laurent Hénart and Dr Frank Mentrup). Photo: Roland Fränkle, City of Karlsruhe

Trilateral partnership between Karlsruhe, Krasnodar and Nancy

Krasnodar and Nancy signed a bilateral twinning agreement in October 2017 – with Karlsruhe as a binding link. As a result, the three cities entered into a tripartite partnership. Together, the three mayors Dr Frank Mentrup, Evgeny Pervyshov and Laurent Hénart advocate for trilateral understanding and sustainable peace and stability. In addition to the expansion of already existing projects on a trilateral level, new cooperations will be initiated. Especially in the field of education and youth, Karlsruhe, Krasnodar and Nancy aim to work closely together in the future, with their main objective being the networking of the civil societies.

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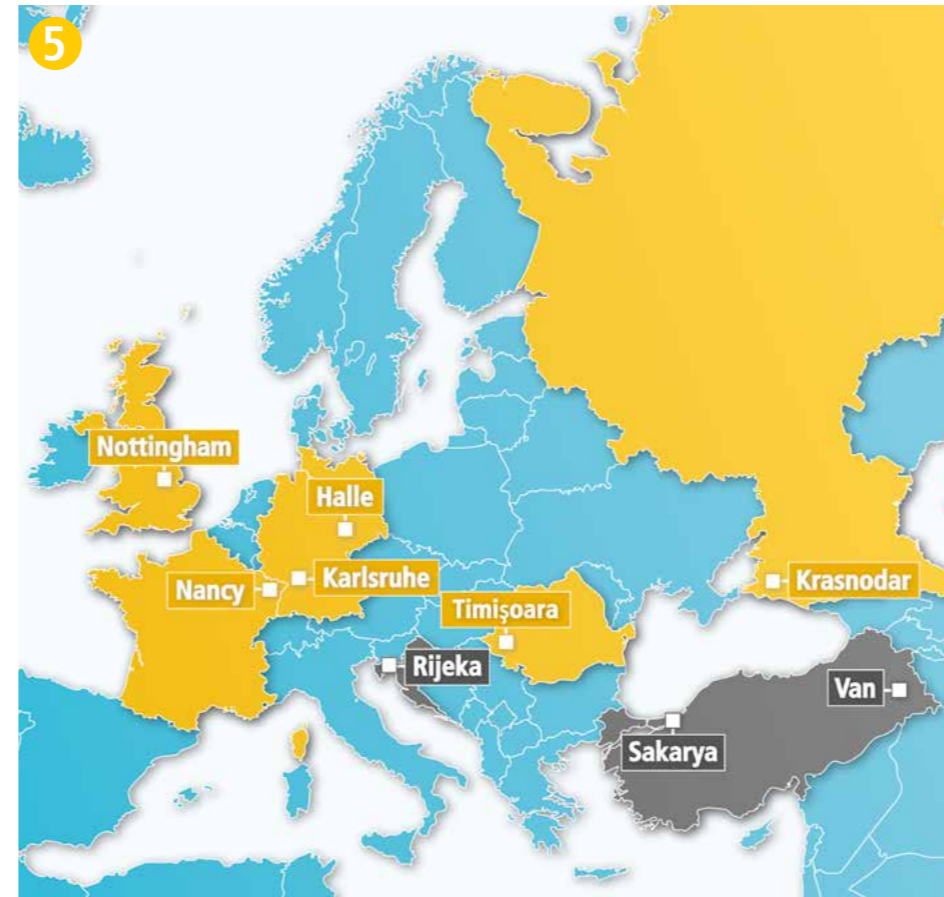
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Photo: City of Timișoara
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Culture

Civic impetus for trinational projects



Project week "Youth in Europe" in October 2018, theatre workshop. Photo: GEDOK

Multinational projects and partnerships teach tolerance and cross-border understanding, show the importance of communication and exchange, and create a common European identity.

Young people discover trans-European culture of remembrance

The artist association "Verband der Gemeinschaften der Künstlerinnen und Kunstförderer GEDOK e. V.", in cooperation with the Franco-German association "FemmesPAMINAFrauen", developed the project idea "Youth in Europe: yesterday – today – tomorrow" based on the transnational contemporary witnesses' book "Frauen PORTRAITS de Femmes" and a similar project by the Nikolaus Lenau Lyceum Timișoara.

Experiences with contemporary witnesses in schools and readings from the book show that personal experiences make history tangible for students, in a very different and much more profound way than history taught in a theoretical and abstract way ever could.

Romanian, French and German teenagers each spend a week together in Germany, France and Romania to get to know different aspects of European history from the perspective of Eastern and Western European contemporary witnesses.

10 young people each from Karlsruhe, Nancy and Timișoara get to know each other, exchange ideas, collaborate creatively on the memories, reflect on the current situation and develop visions for a future Europe. The first project week took place in October 2018 in Niederbronn-les-Bains in France. At the end of October 2019, different pupils from the same schools and cities will come together in Karlsruhe for the second project week.



Guest groups from Krasnodar and Nancy at Christopher Street Day 2018 in Karlsruhe. Photo: Amnesty International Karlsruhe

A third project week is expected to take place in Timișoara in the spring of 2021, as a contribution to the "European Capital of Culture Timișoara".

The project offers the possibility of forming a common identity and is intended to counteract nationalist tendencies in European societies.

During the four-day visit, many contacts and an eclectic network emerged that is already bearing fruit: During his visit to Krasnodar in October 2018, Dr Frank Mentrup, Mayor of Karlsruhe, met the REVERS group; his colleague from Nancy, Mayor Laurent Hénart, invited the Karlsruhe and Russian groups to Nancy for May 2019.

Trinational CHRISTOPHER STREET DAY

At the beginning of 2018, Amnesty International Karlsruhe developed the idea of using the newly sealed trinational partnership between Karlsruhe, Nancy and Krasnodar as a platform for civic exchange. Together with the Christopher Street Day (CSD) Karlsruhe and with the support of the City of Karlsruhe, LGBTI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex) clubs from Krasnodar and Nancy were invited to the CSD in Karlsruhe in early June.

This was an opportunity and a challenge, especially for the not openly active Russian LGBTI group REVERS. On the eve of the CSD, a very well-attended lecture took place at the Center for Art and Media (ZKM), where activists from Russia and France reported on their work and their experiences. The two groups from Krasnodar and Nancy also gave an opening speech before the CSD parade.

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Invitation to Europe – The Karlsruhe European Cultural Days

The Karlsruhe European Cultural Days (Europäische Kulturtage, EKT) use art and culture to highlight a current socio-political topic that draws attention to Europe, its history, its present and its perspectives.

The EKT have been sponsored by the City of Karlsruhe and the State of Baden-Württemberg since 1983 and are organised by the Cultural Office and the Badisches Staatstheater. They first dealt with epochs, countries, regions and cities in Europe, with social issues and phenomena, and in 2012 with the theme “Music builds Europe”, as a tribute to composer Wolfgang Rihm. As of 2014, the cultural festival has been focused more clearly on socio-political issues. EKT:2014 drew attention to the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the First World War. In 2016, the EKT was dedicated to the topic of “Migration – Happiness | Suffering | Strangeness” in light of the wave of refugees in Europe.

The subject of the 24th EKT:2018 were the complex changes and cracks in Europe in past and present. The festival explored in how far equal rights for all are realised today, especially in the area of gender equality.

“A peculiarity of these European Cultural Days: Karlsruhe does not pedestal the great consensus on the law and the rule of law, but puts it up for discussion.”

Prof. Dr Susanne Baer, Judge of the First Senate of the Federal Constitutional Court



Pulse of Europe. Photo: Beate Müller-Haug

Ambassadors give the EKT a voice

With a passionate opening speech, Prof. Dr Susanne Baer, Judge of the Federal Constitutional Court, made herself the equally welcoming and admonishing voice of EKT:2018 and its theme “Awakening, Upheaval: Equal Rights for All”. The President of the Federal Court of Justice, Bettina Limperg, TV journalist Markus Brock, street artist Baske ToBeTrue and former world boxing champion Regina Halmich, together with many other well-known personalities, all contributed to the programme book and other publications as well as to the festival website as ambassadors for EKT:2018.

Strong cultural partners shape the festival programme

Karlsruhe’s cultural institutions and artists are invited by the EKT to contribute to the festival with their own theme-related programmes and to shape its content in terms of cultural diversity in Europe. In 2018, 37 partners were involved, among them the Center for Art and Media (ZKM), the Baden State Museum, the City Museum and the Centre Culturel Franco-Allemand.

The EKT benefit from the expertise, resources and charisma of their partners, who also bring along their own target groups. As a result, a very broad audience can be addressed. At the same time, Karlsruhe showcases the wide range of its cultural potential through the involvement of so many partners.

Inspiring people through participation

The central vision of the EKT is a festival of participation. In the overall programme, formats are therefore demanded and promoted that invite people to participate actively and thus enable the highest degree of sustainability in the sense of a cultural resonance in the urban society.

Participatory formats at EKT:2018 included, among others, the theatre education project “Wir brechen auf!” by the Staatstheater, an event on the civic movement “Pulse of Europe” or “La Parade du Oui et du Non” by the Centre Culturel Franco-Allemand.

“Take your rights! Nimm dir dein Recht!”: With this demand young people promoted a project within the framework of EKT:2018. In a trailer, filmed on the “Platz der Grundrechte” (Square of Fundamental Rights), they confidently formulated their fundamental right to

human dignity and freedom of the person, to freedom of expression and of the press, to equal treatment, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly and freedom of choice.

In the course of the project, young teams from facilities of the City Youth Committee engaged with a human right chosen by themselves. They used music and film, conversation and interviews, acrobatics, rap and other forms of expression and also engaged in conversation with judges of Germany’s Federal Constitutional Court.

Young visions on “Open Borders”

EWith its exhibition “Open Borders” in the Orgelfabrik in Karlsruhe-Durlach, the District Association of Visual Artists Karlsruhe (Bezirksverband Bildender Künstlerinnen und Künstler Karlsruhe, BBK) highlighted a particular European issue within the framework of EKT:2018. The question, “How does a young generation of artists look at political events and the civic desire for change in their country, which began with the 1968 uprising?” was the subject of a call for contributions by 60 young artists in Halle, Krasnodar, Nancy, Nottingham, Timișoara and Karlsruhe. cities and countries, which underwent completely different political and historical developments during this period.



Performance at the opening of the "Open Borders" exhibition at the Orgelfabrik, a former organ factory in Karlsruhe-Durlach. Photo: Michael M. Roth, MicialMedia

17 works from all cities were selected by the expert jury. With the exhibition, the BBK provided a platform for dialogue and discussion in search of commonalities and differences in the experiences of the past 50 years in the participating European cities and countries, which underwent completely different political and historical developments during this period.

Approaching the anniversary edition

In 2020, the European Cultural Days will take place for the 25th time. The anniversary comes up against a Europe that is increasingly shaped by national self-interest. All democratic forces are called upon to oppose increasing nationalism, populism and right-wing radicalism. In this sense, the theme of the EKT 2020 is "Invitation to Europe" (working title).

The organisers are convinced that, with the involvement of cultural creators and with the means of art and culture in the year 2020, it will be possible to show the spiritual, cultural and political wealth of Europe in Karlsruhe and to engage with the vision and organisation of a united Europe in cultural diversity.

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Networks and Representation of Interests

Three questions to Dr Frank Mentrup, Mayor of Karlsruhe

... and President of the German section of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) since November 2018

As CEMR President, you represent the interests of around 800 German municipalities at EU-level. What is it that attracted you to this task?

“My new task coincides with a decisive time for Europe: With the European elections in May 2019, there will be a new European Parliament with a likely clearly changed – Europe-sceptical – balance of power. And in the autumn of 2019, there will be a reshuffle in the EU Commission. At the same time, the post-2020 Cohesion policy debate continues and the “Urban Agenda for the EU” initiative enters its fourth year. It is important now that local authorities in Germany and Europe position themselves as serious partners for EU decision-makers. We have already achieved a great deal here: municipalities – including Karlsruhe – have increasingly spoken up, made local demands visible and made specific demands on EU policy. As the CEMR President, I want to continue this process.”

What goals do you pursue in the three years of your presidency?

“My goal is to strengthen the voice of German municipalities in the umbrella organisation CEMR. This is important because only in close cooperation with the local level will it be possible to find practical solutions to future challenges such as immigration and integration, the fight against terrorism, climate change or the call for a more social Europe. German

municipalities have developed many successful approaches and solutions here. I want to make these visible at the European level. Specifically, I would like to advance the “Urban Agenda for the EU”: here, the City of Karlsruhe not only participated in the project “Urban Mobility” but also took over its coordination as the only German city, together with the Czech Republic. The results from the 14 thematic partnerships should be actively integrated into EU policy and not disappear in a drawer.

But it’s not just about representing urban interests at EU level. In times of increasing scepticism about Europe, populism and polarisation, I would like to bring the European project closer to urban society. People need to become aware of the

benefits of Europe again. Here, my job as CEMR President will be to refute European-critical arguments and to give Europe a positive image. As a firm believer in the European idea myself, I bring a lot of passion to this task!”

Which concrete topics are you advocating at local level?

“In concrete terms, I want to work for young people and their vision of Europe to be heard. Engaging with young people on Europe and communicating their expectations and ideas to the European level – that’s important to me! Also,

young decision-makers in politics and civil society need new instruments of participation and influence. At the CEMR, we are currently starting this process with young elected representatives. In addition, I will advocate that, once a year, every pupil in school will have the opportunity to visit the European institutions and talk to Members of the European Parliament.”

Further information about CEMR (German section):

www.rgre.de (German)



CEMR delegation at the CEMR Policy Committee meeting. Photo: Barbara Baltsch

EUROCITIES – Karlsruhe representation of interests at EU level

EUROCITIES, the network of major European cities, brings together local experts and politicians from over 140 municipalities. The exchange of information and expertise on urban issues is at the heart of its networking. Positions and demands are worked out together and brought into the political discourse at the highest level: at the European Commission and the European Parliament. Objective: to strengthen urban interests in the development and implementation of EU policies.

EUROCITIES Culture Forum – Lively Europe-wide exchange on issues of cultural policies and practices

The City of Karlsruhe's Cultural Office is actively involved in the Culture Forum, which organises thematically focused conferences twice a year. With the K3 office, Karlsruhe is also represented in the "Creative Industries" project.

In October 2016 in Oulu, Finland, as part of the "Access to Culture" working group of the Culture Forum, the Cultural Office presented the digital project "Memorial Book for the Jews of Karlsruhe" managed by the City archive. The project met with great interest there. In April 2018, the Cultural

Office presented the forthcoming Karlsruhe European Cultural Days 2018 – "Awakening, Upheaval: Equal Rights for All" – to the plenary.

The exchange in the Culture Forum shows that the advancement of culture and education in European cities faces similar challenges everywhere and seeks similar solutions. Recent discussions focused on questions such as the opening up of cultural institutions as "Third Places" of analogue encounters in the digitised world, as well as urban and district development through cultural projects. The opportunities as well as the responsibility of culture for social cohesion are very clear here. Karlsruhe with its Cultural Concept 2025 and the emphasis on the right to culture finds itself in a mutually fruitful exchange with the other European member cities of the Culture Forum of EUROCITIES.



Working group "Urban Agenda" and Cooperation Platform

Represented by the External Relations and Strategic Marketing Unit, the City of Karlsruhe regularly participates in the working group "Urban Agenda". Members discuss the progress of the 14 thematic partnerships and make recommendations, which then feed into the network's lobbying of the EU Presidencies and EU decision-makers. Karlsruhe contributes its experience from the coordination of the Partnership "Urban Mobility" here. The preparations for the German EU Council Presidency in 2020 are currently being debated: Germany intends to use the "Leipzig Charter 2.0" to set a focus on sustainable urban development in Europe.

Working group "Municipal Services and Procurement"

Municipal services ("services of general interest") and institutions form a mainstay of civic life. They ensure a generally accessible basic supply at affordable prices and in good quality. The EUROCITIES working group on Services of General Interest advocates that local authorities continue to be able to determine how such public services should be provided. The City of Karlsruhe is regularly represented here by its Central Legal Advisory Service and the municipal works Stadtwerke Karlsruhe GmbH.

In 2018, among other things, the working group discussed how public services could be exempted from the liberalisation commitments of the current free-trade agreements. To this end, an updated EUROCITIES statement on free-trade agreements is planned, which will be drafted with the assistance of experts from the City of Karlsruhe.

EUROCITIES Social Affairs Forum

The City of Karlsruhe – represented by the Office in Charge of Social and Youth Affairs – attended the EUROCITIES Social Forum in Athens in October 2016. Against the background of refugee movements to Europe, around 150 participants discussed the challenges of accommodating and integrating refugees and exchanged best-practice examples. In October 2018, the municipality was part of the podium for the future of the European Social Fund (ESF) at the Social Forum in Stuttgart.

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EUROCITIES Culture Forum, Oulu 2016. Photo: EUROCITIES

ECCAR – European municipalities jointly fight racism, discrimination and xenophobia

The International Coalition of Cities Against Racism (ICCAR) was launched in 2004 as a UNESCO initiative to create a global network of cities that work together effectively to combat racism, discrimination and xenophobia. In order to meet the geopolitical peculiarities of the respective regions, regional coalitions have been set up with their own action programmes, including the European Coalition of Cities Against Racism (ECCAR).

The network's activities are based on a ten-point action plan

In addition to Karlsruhe, ECCAR now includes 145 cities, municipalities and local authorities from 23 European countries and from Israel. Its work is based on a ten-point action plan that identifies concrete action areas and strategies for member cities.

The Cultural Office presents the positions and activities of the City of Karlsruhe to the twice-yearly meetings of the Steering Committee and the annual General Assembly as well as the annual exchange of representatives of the German ECCAR member cities. Special highlights are set by the general conferences that take place every three to four years.

Karlsruhe's activities are internationally recognised

After the General Conference 2015 in Karlsruhe, UNESCO and the UNU (United Nations University) repeatedly invited the City to discussions and lectures on the importance of cultural policy in cities for the success of immigration to Europe. In 2016, the head of the Cultural Office spoke on "Welcoming cities for refugees: promoting inclusion and protecting rights" at the UNESCO in Paris, on "Cities of welcome, cities of transit" at the UNU in Barcelona and on "The human face of migration: historical perspectives, testimony and policy considerations" at the UNESCO/UNU Conference in 2017. In July 2017, ECCAR received for the first time a report from Karlsruhe, which focused on the key actions of municipal services and institutions against racism and discrimination.

Objective: to jointly strengthen the European idea

The exchange in the ECCAR city network also supports Karlsruhe's activities in using culture and education to contribute to a successful dialogue and encounter with "the other". Members can learn from each other in the fight against discrimination and respect for human dignity. Through their activities, they strengthen the European idea and the foundations of the EU Charter at the local level.

"ECCAR is an important network in our joint active fight against all forms of racism."

Dr Susanne Asche, Director of the Cultural Office of the City of Karlsruhe

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Presenting – The EUROPEAN THEATRE CONVENTION

Badisches Staatstheater has been a member of the EUROPEAN THEATRE CONVENTION (ETC) since 2011.



Stage Your City, attendee in the Staatstheater. Photo: Tom Kohler

The links established through the ETC enable the theatre, together with other theatres, to carry out EU-funded cooperation projects.

In April 2017, for example, the "ETC International Theatre Conference" took place in Karlsruhe in cooperation with the Center for Art and Media Karlsruhe (ZKM), on the subject of "Digital Developments in Theatre". This was the beginning of the European project European Theatre Lab, followed by the digital theatre project Stage Your City in 2018, with the ZKM and the Théâtre de la Manufacture in Nancy.

In addition, Badisches Staatstheater maintains intensive cooperations in the field of opera and acting with other European theatres, including in Karlsruhe's twin cities, such as the Romanian National Theatre and the German State Theatre Timișoara.

"...Being guided through the city by an app was a very surprising and interesting experience ..."

One of many enthusiastic public reactions.

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Germany – France – Switzerland: Cross-border cooperation on the Upper Rhine

Germany, France and Switzerland have a long tradition of cross-border networking. In Karlsruhe, on the northern Upper Rhine and in close proximity to Alsace, municipal development does not end at the city limits but always focuses on cooperation with neighbouring countries as well.

One focus of cooperation and networking is the improvement of cross-border mobility. It is an important prerequisite for the successful development of the common labour market and the basis for social participation, education, intergenerational justice and the coexistence of people.

The City of Karlsruhe represents its interests in cross-border committees such as the Trinational Metropolitan Region Upper Rhine (Trinationale Metropolregion Oberrhein, TMO), the Upper Rhine Council (Oberrheinrat, ORR), the Upper Rhine Conference (Oberrheinkonferenz, ORK), the City Network Upper Rhine (Städtenetz Oberrhein) and the EGTC (European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation) Eurodistrict PAMINA. It is involved in cross-border projects in many ways and cooperates with French and Swiss organisations on a political as well as technical level.

An example of this is the further development of the TMO until 2030 and, closely linked to this, the forthcoming EU programme INTERREG VI on the Upper Rhine, which will further strengthen the Upper Rhine in its role as one of the “motors” for Europe. In addition, the City of Karlsruhe is contributing to the State of Baden-Württemberg’s new France Concept currently in the works. At the heart of this are the topics of transport and mobility, economy, town twinning and language skills as well as communication and information. The idea behind the France Concept is to provide new impetus in cross-border cooperation to be supported and implemented at all levels.



It closely follows the Aachen Treaty based on the Elysee Treaty between France and Germany. One demand of Karlsruhe for the Treaty: an essential role for the border regions. By enabling a common development the border will become negligible in everyday life.

In addition, Karlsruhe is involved in numerous initiatives, such as the PAMINA Business Club, the PAMINA Youth Network and the PAMINA Rhine Park.

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Digitisation of the administration – Support by the European Union

The implementation of the Onlinezugangsgesetz (German Online Access Act), the local pilot processes within the framework of Service-BW and the competition “Cities, Municipalities, Counties 4.0 – Future Communities” show that there is a lot going on in Baden-Württemberg on the way towards the “digital local authority”. This article provides an overview on the EU funding available in this area.

Horizon

In order to achieve the highest possible EU added value, it is necessary that partners from different member states participate in the EU research and innovation programme “Horizon 2020”. For example, the Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region and fifty other organisations implement together a Horizon 2020 project on the linkage of e-government architectures and registers to realise the “once-only principle” of data collection. In the funding period 2021–2027 an increase in funding is planned for the successor programme “Horizon Europe”.

ERDF

It remains to be seen to what extent the part of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) managed by the State of Baden-Württemberg can be used for digitisation projects of local authorities. In the current funding period, the relevant EU regulation would allow ERDF support to “strengthen ICT applications for e-government”. However, this is not foreseen in the Operational Programme of the State of Baden-Württemberg.

Under some INTERREG cooperation programmes cross-border or transnational digitisation projects may be eligible for ERDF support. Knowledge transfer – among others, in the field of digitisation – is also supported by the ERDF-based programme URBACT. “Good practice” examples are identified and partly copied in other cities via transfer networks. Furthermore, ERDF funding as part of “Urban Innovative Actions” (UIA) for the testing of innovative solutions is an option. Partners from other member states are not necessary here. As of 2021, a “European Urban Initiative” will presumably succeed UIA and other instruments.

CEF

Projects that contribute to the completion of the Digital Single Market can also be supported by the “Connecting Europe” facility. The sub-programme “Wifi4EU” promotes the establishment of wireless access points in public spaces.

Digital Europe 2021 – 2027

In addition to updating previous funding opportunities, the EU Commission has proposed the establishment of a “Digital Europe” programme for the next funding period. This is dedicated to the “Deployment, best use of digital capacity and interoperability”, which also applies – according to the annex to the proposed regulation – to the modernisation of administrations and to solutions for “smart cities”. The draft programme also includes the joint purchase of high-performance computing and data processing capacities, access to open platforms and a common data space for artificial intelligence, cybersecurity support and advanced digital skills trainings.

EU Urban Agenda

Member States have identified in the EU Urban Agenda “digital transition” as an important local challenge. Thus, a partnership has been set up on this theme, bringing together representatives of eight cities, six member states, Directorates-General of the EU Commission and local authorities associations on an equal footing. The partnership has drafted an action plan with proposals for better knowledge sharing, better funding and better regulation and will accompany its implementation.

Services of the European Office

The European Office of Local Authorities of Baden-Württemberg uses inter alia the newsletter “Brüssel Aktuell” to report on developments at EU level relevant to local authorities – including in the area of digitisation. It is also committed to ensuring that the expertise and interests of cities, municipalities and counties are taken into account in EU legislation. Further information on the current funding opportunities for local authorities can be found in the EU Funding Guide of the European Office.

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Europe Competence

Fit for Europe

European project work, participation in EU funding programmes, exchange of expertise, and knowledge transfer with other cities in Europe as well as representation of Karlsruhe's interests in the EU will continue to gain importance in the future.

This requires employees to be trained in the required key skills. The promotion of so-called Europe competence is therefore a declared goal of the Karlsruhe municipality – at all levels.

Executives advise on Europe

As part of a strategic leadership conference on Europe in 2017, senior officials from the municipality and municipal companies discussed the growing importance of European guidelines for local action. In small groups, special emphasis was put on areas where Europe is important, which key competencies are required and what the concrete added value is. An impetus for the discussion was given by Henriette Wägerle, head of the European Department of the City of Munich, who presented the multifaceted European work of Munich.

Business English for European network and project work

Successful international networking, professional exchange and project work require advanced foreign language skills, first and foremost. In a pilot project of the External Relations and Strategic Marketing Unit with the adult education centre "Volkshochschule Karlsruhe", a three-day English course was

designed to meet the concrete requirements of internationally active staff – from moderating sessions held in English, practicing specialist lectures and speeches, to presenting their own field of work, to small talk and intercultural communication. Staff of all levels from seven municipal offices and companies participated in the training.

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Intercultural competence and communication

Appreciation of (cultural) diversity is a question of approach and part of the guidelines for leadership and cooperation of the City of Karlsruhe. Several times a year, trainings give municipal staff the opportunity to enhance their skills through intercultural competence and communication.

Backgrounds on the topic of interculturality create an understanding for the cultural dimension of communication and behaviour. This intercultural sensitisation creates the basis for improved communication, which benefits the work in the interdisciplinary fields of responsibility of the municipality.

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Europe up close

Junior staff from the City of Karlsruhe and the Karlsruhe Administrative Region visit the European Parliament in Strasbourg



Junior staff of the municipality and the administrative region in the European Parliament, 2018. Photo: Europe Direct Information Center Karlsruhe

EU policy increasingly determines the work of public administration. Requirements from Brussels and Strasbourg must be reviewed and implemented by the staff of local authorities. Understanding the context and backgrounds, getting an insight into the variety of topics in the EU and its decision-making processes, benefits their daily work. Therefore, the municipality and the Karlsruhe Administrative Region work together to increase the Europe competence of their junior staff.

In October 2018, Administrative Region Vice-President Gabriela Mühlstädt-Grimm and Mayor Dr Albert Käufle invited junior staff to a day of training in Strasbourg. There, Nadja Hirsch, Member of the European Parliament (MEP), gave informative insights into the work of the European Parliament. She explained how difficult it often was for MEPs from the 28 Member States to find a common position on content issues and to negotiate citizen-friendly solutions. During the subsequent visit to the plenary hall, the group experienced first-hand how the emotional topics of migration and Brexit were discussed by parliamentarians. The trainees were impressed by the fact that they were able to experience the diversity of languages in Europe in real life.

“Wow! So that’s the European Parliament!”

The training organised by the Europe Direct Information Center Karlsruhe in cooperation with Europa-Union Deutschland e. V. and financed by EU funds received a big “Like” at the end of the day.

Already in 2017, the junior staff met to experience the European legislative procedure in a playful way: Using “Legislativity!”, a strategy game developed by the Europa Zentrum Baden-Württemberg, the emergence of EU directives and regulations in the field of consumer protection, such as the Toys Directive, the Roaming Regulation or the Chocolate Directive, could be re-enacted in the “jungle” of the EU institutions.

The series of events continues in 2019. In the future, the Landratsamt Karlsruhe district office with its junior staff will also join the European training.

“Legislativity!” is also suitable for schools and other educational institutions (europa-zentrum.de, German). Institutions in the administrative district of Karlsruhe can borrow the game for free at the Europe Direct Information Center (europedirect-karlsruhe.de, German).

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EU Citizens’ Dialogue shows local impact of European funding

**“What exactly does the EU do for us locally?”
A good 100 interested people discussed this question in the Tollhaus cultural centre in September 2018**

“I think it’s great that EU funds are spent on the environment, research and development, and I’m excited to see what products and innovations are created.”

With similar statements, participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity for information and exchange. Miguel Avila from the Directorate-General for Regional Policy and Urban Development of the European Commission spoke on the development of “Cohesion policy”: from solidarity with poorer regions to a competition policy for the whole of Europe.

The regionally managed funds were presented one after another. The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) in particular supported the “innovation cycle”, said Georg Ris, head of the ERDF Managing Authority at the Ministry of Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection. The regional development competition RegioWIN attracted attention throughout Europe. The European Social Fund (ESF) in turn promotes social innovation. “Through regional funding, we are sure to focus exactly on the needs existing locally,” said Gerald Engasser, head of the ESF Managing Authority at the State Ministry of Social Affairs and Inclusion. The added value of EU support for the border region was illustrated by Thomas Köhler, Programme Manager of the INTERREG programme Upper Rhine, also with a view to calls for small projects from the Eurodistricts.

Funding beneficiaries in Karlsruhe introduced their EU projects. According to David Hermanns, Director of the Cyberforum, ERDF and ESF funds are used “very intelligently and accurately” to start businesses. It also includes the right funding for climate protection, mobility and regional networking: Jochen Ehlgötz, Managing Director of TechnologieRegion Karlsruhe GmbH, spoke of a regional development “that would not have been possible without European money.” According to Peter Dressler, Managing Director of the city’s ESF working group, Karlsruhe can be proud of its numerous pilot approaches. Highlight of the evening: a film on the ESF in Karlsruhe by a group of students.



SWR radio host Stephanie Haiber with experts. Photo: CEMR/Ludwig Hetfeld

The participants were able to get first-hand information at five theme tables. One-on-one talks were also continued in the exhibition on the projects.

The event was part of a series of dialogues initiated and co-financed by the European Commission, and coordinated by the Council of European Municipalities and Regions. A total of 60 dialogues took place in eight European countries.

Additional information:

beteiligung.karlsruhe.de/content/bbv/details/60/ (German)
<https://www.ccre.org/activites/view/41>

Film auf Youtube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CZ7jfnimzo (German)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=odFrLKH0zTm (German)

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Overview of EU-funded projects by the municipality | 2016 to 2018

Project title	Project promoter	Duration, programme	EU funding (€) ¹	Participating countries ²	Internet
Economy and labour					
UPSIDE Strengthening regional research and innovation potential in the field of participatory innovation through cluster development in the IT sector	Economic Development Department (project partner)	07/2013–06/2016 FP7 (predecessor of H2020)	80,000	DK, EE, NL, SI, SE	www.upside-project.eu
Technology transfer manager between scientific institutions and companies (including energy, mobility, ICT, environment)	Economic Development Department	Office for Economic Development 2015–2021 ERDF	0.5 full-time unit		www.karlsruhe.de/b2/wifoe/aktuelles/transfermanager.de www.efre-bw.de/projekt Datenbank (German)
CyberLab IT Accelerator Supports the foundation of innovative start-ups with a consulting coupon	CyberForum e. V. with city funding	from 2016 ERDF, ESF	832,000		https://www.cyberlab-karlsruhe.de/en/www.efre-bw.de/projekt Datenbank (German)
URBAN INNO Using the innovation potential of urban ecosystems	Economic Development Department	2016–2019 INTERREG B	not specified	AT, HR (Rijeka), HU, IT, PL, SI, SK	www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/URBAN-INNO.html
EXI founding voucher Pre-founding consulting	CyberForum e.V.	2015 – 2017 ESF	651,253		www.cyberforum.de/en/offers/startups/karlsruhe-exi-founding-voucher/
Karlsruhe EXI founding voucher 2.0 Compact consulting and further support for founders of all sectors	CyberForum e.V.	2018 – 2020 ESF	798,275		www.cyberforum.de/en/offers/startups/karlsruhe-exi-founding-voucher/
Smart Production Lab Targeted promotion of startups at the interface of production and digitisation	CyberForum e.V. mit städtischer Finanzierung	from 2018 ERDF	972,000		presse.karlsruhe.de/db/stadtzeitung/jahr2018/woche31/wirtschaft_fordermittel_fur_smart_production_lab.html (German)
City-to-City Pairing Exchange of experience with Nagpur (India) in the areas of mobility and intelligent technologies	Economic Development Department	2018–2020 International Urban Cooperation (IUC)	Cost of travel and accommodation	IN	www.india-karlsruhe.com/index.php/2-uncategorised/453-city-to-city-pairing-zwischen-nagpur-und-karlsruhe (German)

Project title	Project promoter	Duration, programme	EU funding (€) ¹	Participating countries ²	Internet
Regional and supraregional cooperation					
PAMINA Skills Alliance Improving the (re-) integration of jobseekers into the cross-border job market	External Relations and Strategic Marketing Unit, Economic Development Department (project partner)	01/2017 – 12/2019 INTERREG A	not specified	FR	www.eurodistrict-pamina.eu/de/fachkraefteallianz-pamina/fachkraefteallianz-pamina-berufsfelder-mit-bedarf-und-grenzüberschreitende-arbeitskraefte_-d.html#.WQszvNLouUk (French, German)
Success without borders Facilitated access to the job market in cross-border areas through targeted qualification measures for young people	External Relations and Strategic Marketing Unit, TechnologieRegion Karlsruhe (project partner)	2017 – 2019 INTERREG A	not specified	FR	www.erfolgohnegrenzen.eu (French, German)
YOUNIG Dealing with youth migration in the Danube region	Office for Integration (project partner)	2017 – 2019 INTERREG B	not specified	AT, BG, HU, RO, RS, SI, SK	www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/youmig
Social cohesion and education					
Strengthening immigration authorities	Public Order Office (project partner)	2016 – 2017 AMIF	Consulting quota (20–25 days)		www.imap-institut.de/de/blog/auslaenderbehoerden-werden-besser (German)
BiMAQ Educational counseling for migrants on training and qualification	Employment Promotion Office (project management)	05/2015 – 04/2018 ESF	107,384		www.afb-karlsruhe.de/de/jugendliche-schueler-azubis/bimaq.html (German)
Durante – assisted employment Support for the disadvantaged who are no longer entitled to help	Employment Promotion Office (project management)	01/2015 – 12/2017 ESF	46,406		www.afb-karlsruhe.de/de/arbeitssuchende/durante.html
SuBer – addiction and occupation Reintegration assistance for the long-term unemployed with addiction problems	Employment Promotion Office (project management)	01/2016 – 12/2017 ESF	not specified		
ESF Office Fulfillment of ESF goals through coordination and consulting	Employment Promotion Office (project management)	2014 – 2020 ESF	18,000 p. a.		www.afb-karlsruhe.de/de/esf-projektberatung.html (German)
Women are creative Bringing long-term unemployed women out of their isolation through creative activities	Employment Promotion Office (project management)	05/2015 – 04/2016 ESF	53,000		
School of Life Support for truants to obtain a school diploma	AWO Karlsruhe ³	2016 – 2017 ESF	157,273		www.awo-karlsruhe.de/ (German)

Project title	Project promoter	Duration, programme	EU funding (€) ¹	Participating countries ²	Internet
BOBiE Career orientation and counseling during parental leave	CJD Karlsruhe ³	2015 – 2018 ESF	163,410 (2016–18)		www.cjd-rhein-pfalz-nordbaden.de/angebote/esf-gefoerderte-angebote/bobie-berufliche-orientierung-und-beratung-in-elternzeit/ (German)
FidA Promoting integration in the German job market for people from Romania and Bulgaria	CJD Karlsruhe ³	2016 – 2018 ESF	177,262		www.cjd-rhein-pfalz-nordbaden.de/angebote/esf-gefoerderte-angebote/fida-foerderung-der-integration-auf-dem-deutschen-arbeitsmarkt/ (German)
Café Initial A learning restaurant for the long-term unemployed	Initial e.V. ³	2012 – 2018 ESF	262,328 (2016-18)		initial-karlsruhe.de/projekte/cafes-initial-das-lernrestaurant (German)
Competence workshop for young adults with mental health problems and/or addiction problems	Initial e.V. ³	2016 – 2017 ESF	217,772		initial-karlsruhe.de/kurse/kompetenzwerkstatt (German)
ATELIER Coaching and development of job prospects for young adults	Initial e.V. ³	2018	75,211		initial-karlsruhe.de/projekte/atelier (German)
F.I.B. – Refugees, Integration, Employment Placement of young refugees in education or vocational training	Verein für Jugendhilfe e.V. ³	2016 – 2017 ESF	67,744		/www.vfj-ka.de/
What's up?! Support for hard to reach young people	Employment Promotion Office, Verein für Jugendhilfe e. V.	2018 ESF	81,535		www.afb-karlsruhe.de/de/jugendliche-schueler-azubis/geht-was.html (German)
SCHEFF School-supplementing support for young refugees and migrants	Internationaler Bund ³ with municipal funding (Office for Integration)	2017 – 2018 ESF	78,000 (2017) 83,300 (2018)		www.internationaler-bund.de/angebot/10036 (German)
Perspektive Now!Plus Sponsorships for young refugees for placement in education	ibz ³	2018 ESF	41,668		ibz-karlsruhe.de/ibz-projekte/perspektive-now-plus/
Securing skilled workers: further education and promotion of equality	Municipal Hospital (project partner)	2017 – 2020 ESF	146,879		www.qubic.de/projekte/gleichstellung-im-krankenhaus (German)
Work experience Xátiva – Sun, electricity and more	Heinrich Hertz School	2016 Erasmus +	5,267	ES	
Trans-European partnership in laboratory education	Carl Engler School	2016 – 2017 Erasmus +	12,266	FI	

Project title	Project promoter	Duration, programme	EU funding (€) ¹	Participating countries ²	Internet
Central Creative Enterprise Project – Visual Arts & Digital Media	Carl Hofer School	2013 – 2017 Erasmus +	not specified	GB (Nottingham)	nottinghamlocalnews.com/local-students-working-in-germanys-creative-industries/
Exchange of trainees	Walter Eucken School	2015 – 2017 Erasmus +	not specified	FR, ES, PL	
Culture					
Film on the Upper Rhine Cross-border cooperation of 20 partners in the film and audiovisual sector	Cultural Office (via Filmboard Karlsruhe e. V.)	2018 – 2021	not specified	CH, FR	www.interreg-oberrhein.eu/actualites/13-april-2018-offizieller-auftakt-des-projekts-film-am-oberrhein (French, German)
Trauma & Revival Presentation and reflection of cultural interdependence between Eastern and Western Europe during the Cold War until today	ZKM (project partner)	2015 – 2018 Creative Europe	not specified	BE, FI, IT, LV, PL	www.bozar.be/en/activities/115272-trauma-revival www.facebook.com/traumarevival
smARTplaces New practices for audience development in contemporary music in Europe	ZKM (project partner)	2016 – 2020 Creative Europe	not specified	BE, ES, FI, FR, GB, NL	smartplaces.eu
Interfaces Neue Musik is presented to a broad audience in an interdisciplinary project	ZKM (project partner)	2016 – 2019 Creative Europe	not specified	AT, BE, CY, FR, GB, GR, RO	www.interfacesnetwork.eu
GIFT Research on hybrid forms of virtual museum experiences	ZKM (project partner)	2017 – 2019 Horizon 2020	not specified	DK, UK (NCC), NL, RS, SE	gifting.digital
VERTIGO Developing innovative approaches to artists' participation in ICT research activities	ZKM (project partner)	2016 – 2020 Horizon 2020	not specified	CH, FR, ES, PT	vertigo.starts.eu
EASTN DC European Art-Science-Technology Network for Digital Creativity	ZKM (project partner)	2017 – 2021 Creative Europe	not specified	BE, DK, GR, FR, GB, IT, PT, SE, SI	www.eastn.eu
European Theatre Lab – Stage Your City Virtual think tank explores the theatre of the future with new technology	Staatstheater, ZKM (project partners)	10/2016 – 09/2018 Creative Europe	19,360	BE, FR (Nancy), GEO, HR, NO, RO	www.staatstheater.karlsruhe.de/programm/info/2590 (German)
Sports, leisure and health					
EWOS ABILITY LINK*KIT Sustained increase in physical activity of people with disabilities	School and Sports Office (project partner)	05/2015 – 07/2016 Erasmus +	12,870	AT, BG, FR, HU, IE	be-inclusive.eu

Project title	Project promoter	Duration, programme	EU funding (€) ¹	Participating countries ²	Internet
European Emergency Number 112 – Harmonised eCall European Deployment (i_HeERO) Procurement of an additional module	Fire Department	2017 CEF	12,500		iheero.eu/
Environment, climate protection and city green					
KEFF Centre for Energy Efficiency Middle Upper Rhine	Karlsruhe Energy and Climate Protection Agency	03/2016 – 03/2020 ERDF	234,800		keff-bw.de/de/kompetenzstelle/mittlerer-oberrhein
Green Energy Districts New impulses for climate protection with hands-on offers	Karlsruhe Energy and Climate Protection Agency	05/2018 – 04/2021 ERDF	220,738		www.karlsruher-energiequartiere.de/energiequartiere/gruene-energiequartiere (German)
Mobility					
regiomove Regional inter-/multimodal mobility network, networking of classic mobility offers	KVV	2016 – 2019 ERDF	3,415,000		www.regiomove.de/efre-bw.de/projekt-datenbank (German)
RheinPorts Information System (RPIS) Traffic management system for the Upper Rhine, accelerating the processes in container shipping, taking into account energy efficiency and logistics	Rhine ports (project partners)	07/2015 – 06/2018 CEF	144,000	CH, FR	www.upper-rhine-ports.eu/de/component/content/article/9-pagede-contentu-simple/180-das-vorhaben-oberrhein-verkehrsmanagement-plattform. html (French, German)
Information and traffic control system for the Rhine ferries	Civil Engineering Department (associated project partner)	02/2018 – 12/2019 INTERREG Upper Rhine	not specified	FR	
SuMo-Rhine Support for the development and extension of transnational sustainable transport systems	KVV (asoziiierter Projektpartner)	2018 – 2021 INTERREG Upper Rhine	not specified	FR	sumo-rhine.com/en/

¹ For project promoter according to project application

² AT: Austria, BE: Belgium, BG: Bulgaria, CH: Switzerland, CY: Cyprus, DK: Denmark, EE: Estonia, ES: Spain, FI: Finland, FR: France, UK: United Kingdom, GEO: Georgia, GR: Greece, HR: Croatia, HU: Hungary, IE: Ireland, IN: India, LV: Latvia, NL: Netherlands, NO: Norway, PL: Poland, PT: Portugal, RO: Romania, RS: Serbia, SE: Sweden, SI: Slovenia, SK: Slovakia

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