

The New Leipzig Charter and its Relevance for Cities

EUKN Policy Lab for Germany and the Netherlands

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Platform Online with on-site elements: speakers and participants joining virtually via Zoom Webinar; moderators at The Hague Humanity Hub

Language English; simultaneous interpretation into German will be provided

Organisers European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN) EGTC, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany and Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, the Netherlands

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The EUKN Policy Lab will explore the relevance of the New Leipzig Charter for cities. The discussion will focus on how German and Dutch cities deal with possible dilemmas related to two elements in the Charter: urban governance to ensure the common good and digitalisation. These aspects are more relevant than ever before considering global challenges like climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Policy Lab has three main objectives:

- Exploring 'sustainable urban development' for and with cities as called for and supported by the New Leipzig Charter and the Urban Agenda for the EU
- Discussing the various elements of the New Leipzig Charter and how they become manifest in local approaches to ensuring the common good and digitalisation in the wake of the pandemic
- Allowing an exchange and peer learning of cities and citizens, with a special focus on German-Dutch city partnerships and networks

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Programme

14:00–14:10 **Welcome by the EUKN**

Moderators: Martin Grisel, Director EUKN EGTC & Lea Scheurer, Senior Policy and Project Officer, EUKN EGTC

14:10–14:20 **Welcome on behalf of Germany and the Netherlands**

- Erwin Schwärzer, Head of Department SW on Urban Development and Housing, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany
- Chris Kuijpers, Director-General on Management, Spatial Planning and Housing, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, the Netherlands

14:20–14:45 **Keynote followed by discussant reaction: The New Leipzig Charter and what it means for cities in the wake of global challenges**

- Keynote: Dipl.-Ing. Frauke Burgdorff, Building Councillor, City of Aachen
- Discussant: NN

14:45–15:35 **First panel discussion: Urban governance to ensure the common good**

- Albert Geiger, City Administration Director, Citizens' Office on Building, City of Ludwigsburg
- Ufuk Kâhya, Alderman and Vice Mayor, City of 's-Hertogenbosch
- Bert Moormann, Director Housing Corporation Domesta, Emmen
- Leonie Nienhaus, Project Leader Hansaforum Münster

15:35–15:50 **Screen break**

15:50–16:40 **Second panel discussion: Digitalisation in the wake of the pandemic**

- Pierre Golz, Chief Digital Officer & Director of Herne.Digital GmbH, City of Herne
- Friederike Hackmann, Civic Data Lab, Digitisation Office, City of Oldenburg
- Prof. Dr. Anke Karmann-Woessner, Head of Planning Department, City of Karlsruhe
- Wim Willems, Alderman for Citizen Participation and Revitalisation, City of Apeldoorn (TBC)

16:40–17:00 **Summary and closing remarks**

- Erwin Schwärzer, Head of Department SW on Urban Development and Housing, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany
- Chris Kuijpers, Director-General on Management, Spatial Planning and Housing, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, the Netherlands