



Report on Dublin City Council's Membership of EUROCITIES Network.

Multi-lateral relationships with organisations of common purpose help develop and enhance relationships with other international cities. Dublin is a member of EUROCITIES which is a network of major European cities whose members are the elected local and municipal governments of major European cities. The network brings together 140 local governments of Europe's largest cities and over 45 partner cities that between them govern 130 million citizens across 39 countries.

EUROCITIES works in all areas of interest for cities from culture to mobility, environment to social affairs, economic development to smart cities and the network offers a wealth of opportunities for shared learning and international best practice and provides a high profile international platform which enables cities to showcase their achievements to peers as well as to influential stakeholders.

Dublin faces many of the same challenges to growth and prosperity that many other cities across the globe face. Membership of organisations such as EUROCITIES provide city to city peer learning opportunities that can yield novel approaches.

EUROCITIES business is conducted through six thematic forums: Culture, Environment, Economic Development, Knowledge Society, Mobility and Social Affairs. Dublin City Council participates in EUROCITIES with executive representatives on these forums. Executives are also members of a number of working groups established under the forums and they participate in areas such as air quality, climate change and energy efficiency, noise and waste, entrepreneurship and SME's, innovation, resources for culture and access, creative industries, knowledge, smart cities, housing and homelessness.

All members receive the newsletter EUROCITIES Insider, updates on all funding and financing opportunities of interest to them, funding programmes and events being organised by EUROCITIES. Projects are a key part of their activities in terms of policy work and exchanges between its members. Dublin is currently involved in a number of projects, under various funding programmes, but primarily H2020 and officials in the Environment & Transport, Housing Architects and Chief Executives Departments are partners in these projects.

City Council nominated representatives on the **Culture Forum** are:
Mr. Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian, Public Libraries Services
Ms. Angela Cassidy, Divisional Librarian, Public Libraries Services

(Library staff have attended a number of EUROCITIES events where the focus was on library service and continuously informed by the Insider Newsletter and also participate in relevant surveys when requested).

Mr. Ray Yeates, Arts Officer, Arts Office

(Has attended events in the past and continuously informed by the Insider Newsletter).

Mr. Ruairi O Cuiv, Public Arts Officer, Arts Office

(Has attended events in the past and is currently participating in EUROCITIES Public Art sub-group which is exploring shared issues and approaches to public art under a number of themes)

As a result of the pandemic, the business of the EUROCITIES Network continued virtually through webinars and online conferences. Officials continue to take an active part in many events organised through this Network.

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