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Cities are both drivers of economic, technological and organisational development and the places of remarkable social change. The conference “Urban Europe – Challenges to Meet the Urban Future” reflects the actual urban situations and the main challenges and outlines outcomes and solutions.

The aim of the conference is to collect critical and practical relevant theses and results to stimulate debates on the European urban future. It particularly addresses the governance of cities which have to deal with contradictory challenges between economic competitiveness and social cohesion, technological aspects of energy management (‘smart cities’) and settlement growth, shrinking cities, increasing segregation and environment protection. There is a need for new forms of governance to integrate the increasingly different interests of heterogeneous urban societies and to come up with growth coalitions that combine competitiveness and responsibilities for balanced developments.

Tracks

Track 1 *Aim, Process and Deficits of the Joint Programming Initiative “Urban Europe”*

Prof. Rob Atkinson
Prof. Jens S. Dangschat
Dr. Cristiana Rossignolo

Track 2 *Patterns and Driving Forces of Long-Term Urban Dynamics*

Dr. Gerlinde Gutheil-Knopp-Kirchwald
Dr. Hans Kramar
Dr. Iván Tosics

Track 3 *Competitive and Inclusive Metropolitan Development and Governance*

Prof. Rudolf Giffinger
Dr. Alexander Hamedinger
Prof. Willem Salet

Track 4 *Vulnerable and Resilient Cities*

Prof. Sibylla Zech
Dr. Dubravka Jurlina-Alibegovic

Track 5 *Metabolism of Urban Areas - Resource, Energy and Land Use*

Prof. Michael Getzner
Dr. Julia K. Steinberger
Prof. Fridolin Krausmann

Track 6 *Innovation Hubs and Living Labs*

Dr. Sabine Knierbein
DI Johannes Suitner

Agenda



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Wednesday, 19.09.2012

18.00 Pre-conference Reception

Thursday, 20.09.2012

09.00 Registration

11.00 Opening Plenary Session

14.00 Track Sessions I & II (Track 1-6)

Friday, 21.09.2012

09.00 Plenary Session

11.30 Track Sessions III & IV (Track 1-6)

17.00 General Assembly

19.00 Conference Dinner

Saturday, 22.09.2012

09.00 Track Sessions V (Track 1-6)

11.30 Closing Plenary Session

14.00 Mobile Workshops