

Possible topics for further collaboration in the framework of „Cities For Europe“ (Extract of the meeting on 9th of November 2018 in Berlin)

1. „Active European Citizenship“ in cities with the goal of an autonomous societal organization and the collaboration with the municipal government on an equal footing. Example: Cluj.

- „Europe from the bottom up“ is evident in the political practice of the municipalities itself. The European entitlement to a respectful and influential 'citizenship' is strong.
- Involved cities exchange their experience (good just as bad) and jointly develop concepts of a responsible involvement of its citizens in the city and Europe.

2. Cross-border metropolitan regions as anchor points that foster a joint European future development. Example: Szczecin.

- The European model of cross-border metropolitan regions brings together once separated or hostile neighbors.
- Involved cities, centers of such metropolitan regions, exchange their experiences and intentions in order to rebrand their metropolitan region as a beacon project of cross-border European cooperation.

3. Municipal politics as European politics: Performing municipal tasks with a European objective. Examples: Greifswald or Frankfurt/Oder.

- The success of municipal work in all policy areas (be it social, economic, cultural, integrational) collectively is the success of Europe in said areas.
- Involved cities exchange their experience and set out common ways how to boost the European aspect in their municipal policy and make it identifiable how it nurtures a joint Europe.

4. The Cities as European Hosts in the Framework of the Interrail-Project „Discover Europe. Example: Brussels.

- Via the Erasmus program and the recently launched Interrail project „Discover Europe“ there is a large number of adolescents visiting the cities in the framework of this EU-initiated concept.
- Involved cities develop ideas on how they can welcome these young travelers as European hosts and possibly further think about ways how these travelers could look back on their stay as a European experience.

5. Municipal historical initiatives cooperate Europe-wide.

- In numerous cities in Europe there are splendid initiatives of civil society actors that deal with the local history of their respective city.
- Involved cities give support to these initiatives in order to help them find partners in other European cities that share the interest in local history. This way, the initiatives can engage with each other about the local work and on the basis of this dialogue reach a joint perspective on European history.

6. Festivals and feasts in European Cities as ambassadors of the European Idea.

- More and more festivals and feasts are turning into a major attraction of a great tradition in Europe's cities.
- Involved cities seek to portray the festivals and feasts taking place in their cities into events that are also of a European nature. In this working group the cities learn of each other's approaches and draw inspiration and know-how from the professional cooperation with the *European Festival Association* (EFA), the European umbrella organization for festivals.

7. Guide for applicants for the *European Capital of Culture* – at the same time program of a cultural development strategy of the European city.

- The instrument of the European Capital of Culture (ECoC) has year by year grown more into a blueprint for the good practice of municipal development strategies gained from the cultural sector as is evident from the selection criteria and examples of application.
- Involved cities collaborate in order to benefit from these experiences in terms of their own culturally-driven development strategy. In some cases, the experience hereby gained might be highly useful for a planned candidacy for ECoC.

8. Specific application example for "Europe in Schools". Example: Under 18-Elections at Schools.

- All cities in Europe are aware that schools are of great importance when it comes to the development of a European consciousness and interest.
- Involved cities develop ideas and start a conversation about how schools can foster a positive European consciousness by means of specific and attractive events aimed at pupils and students.