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EU Green Week > 30 May - 3 June 2016



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> Urban Agenda for the EU

The core objective of the Urban Agenda for the EU is to improve the implementation of EU and national policies on-the-ground by involving cities in the design of policies and mobilising them in the implementation.

> The Amsterdam Pact

The Pact of Amsterdam is the formal start for the Urban Agenda for the EU. The ministers who are responsible for urban development will ratify it on the 30th of May.

> Urban Agenda for the EU's 12 themes

The 12 priority themes of the Urban Agenda for the EU were set after surveys and workshops with urban areas, NGOs, Member States and the European Commission. You can see the full list [here](#).

> Green Capital 2016

The European Green Capital Award is an award for a European city based on its environmental record. It celebrates the important role that local authorities play in improving the environment. [Ljubljana was chosen as this year's winner](#).

> European Green Leaf

The European Green Leaf is a new competition aimed at cities and towns, with between 20 000 and 100 000 inhabitants. It recognises commitment to better environmental outcomes, with a particular focus on efforts that generate green growth and new jobs.

> Energy Union

The Energy Union will ensure that Europe has secure, affordable and climate-friendly energy. It will do this through establishing a single energy market and developing directives for energy efficiency in buildings and renewables, as well as remodelling the Emission Trading System and addressing land use issues.

> Dutch Presidency

The Dutch objective for its 2016 EU Presidency is to reach a political agreement in which Member States, cities and the European Commission commit to the Urban Agenda for the EU.

> European Regional Development Fund

The ERDF is the largest EU financial instrument and supports green cities through co-financing activities. The 2014-2020 periods has four key areas of funding: innovation and research, the digital agenda, support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and the low-carbon economy.

> Horizon 2020

The programme has nearly €80 billion of funding available over seven years (2014 to 2020) and aims at supporting businesses in investing in research and innovation and to improve their competitiveness.

> About Green Week

Green Week is the biggest annual occasion to debate and discuss European environment policy. The 2016 edition will focus on the theme 'Investing for a greener future' and will take place from Monday, 30 May to Friday, 3 June. Online debates, twitter chats and live webstreaming from events will take place during the week.