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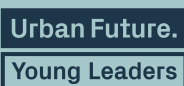
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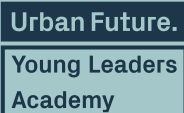
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CONFERENCE TRACKS

Welcome to our best programme to date! More than a year of preparation has gone into its development. The tracks combine the expertise of more than 450 leading urban shapers, who have helped us tailor the content exactly to our CityChangers' needs. These tracks will equip you with the tools you need to grow as a change-maker and create more impact with your work.

Track 1

Cities Cutting Emissions

Track 2

Fixing Mobility

Track 3

Innovate for Transformation

Track 4

Decarbonising the Built Environment

Track 5

Reinventing City Centres and Districts

Track 6

Citizen Engagement and Collaboration

Track 7

Skills for CityChangers




Track 8

Leadership

We are constantly updating our programme to bring you the most up-to-date, complete information we can offer. Thanks for your understanding that some details may change before #UF23! Current status as of March 2023.

#UF23 CONFERENCE DAY 1

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

08.00 09.00	0.0. Opening press conference Access for accredited journalists only									
09.00 10.30	0.1. Welcome CityChangers! Official Opening of #UF23 Let the fun begin!								2.1. Welcome to the nightmare: Mobility in cities and regions	4.9. Repair, Refurbish, Reuse, Restore, Reconstruct
11.00 12.30	1.1. Race to Zero: Cities' carbon emission strategies	2.4. Focus on commuters	4.1. Decarbonising the built environment: Yes, we can!	5.1. Clever: Social cohesion through green city action	3.1. If Stuttgart must not become Detroit, what will it become?	7.1. How to mobilise	2.7. The challenge of moving goods in cities	6.6. How to definitely f*** up your participation exercise	3.9.  Tech: What's hot & what's coming	7.2.  How to gain influence
14.00 15.30	1.2. Scrap the chatter: Get the job done	3.2. Cities: No more kicking the can down the road!	5.5. Wanted: From "hippie idea" to leadership tool	5.4. Net Zero hero neighbourhoods: it's all about proximity	4.4. Redvelopments: Get inspired by top-of-the-class projects	3.8. Innovation Kick-starter for cities	5.8. Fightclub: Re-allocating city space	2.2. Metropolitan area (mobility) management	6.1. Smartest guy in the room vs. the power of all	2.9. Distribute it: New & creative ways to deliver goods
16.00 17.30	8.1. Visionary: Leading change through visions	2.5. Next level corporate mobility	7.4. Tell it differently #1: Communicate the change	6.2. Nailing participation with your back against the wall	1.7. Power switch: tackling the energy crisis with emissions in mind	5.2. Meet the entrepreneurs bringing life back to our treasured centres	5.11.  Masterclass: Reinventing Cities	3.6. Swiping right on unlikely partnerships	1.5. What about your lifestyle?	4.2. Waking up to the retrofitting challenge

#UF23 CONFERENCE DAY 2

Thursday, June 22, 2023

09.00 10.30	4.3. New constructions: Bringing your vision to life	2.11. Making people change their mobility behaviour	5.3. New solutions to the affordable housing crisis	5.6. Make our cities green again!	3.3. This changes everything	1.3. Making admin fit for the task	4.7.  Tell it differently #2: The power of storytelling in the built environment	6.4.  CityChangers Panel	1.6.  Essential mission cities workshop #1
11.00 12.30	8.2. A new breed of leaders	6.3. Climate panels: Hope or hype?	2.3. The trouble with SUMP's and how to move forward	4.5. Challenging the status quo of building materials	2.12. Reduce, shift, and electrify the rest	5.10.  Magic pills to fight your inner-city blues	3.4. Sustainability by data	5.7. Skills booster: Place-making	1.6.  Essential mission cities workshop #2
14.00 15.30	8.3. Living with your vision	2.6. How to break up men's love affair with their cars	2.8. Stop it: No more entry for vans and trucks?	6.5. Unlocking the potential of collaboration	3.5. Overwhelming: What to do with all that innovation?	7.3.  How to create an online community	4.6. How to get a handle on embodied carbon in construction NOW	5.9.  what if free spirits planned our cities!	1.4. Cutting emissions with data
16.00 17.30	8.4. Good intentions, bad regulations	4.8.  Getting it done: How to decarbonise existing buildings at scale	8.5.  Change must come from the top	2.13.  Get up to date: How to regulate the transformation of urban automobility	7.5.  How to get the European Union to finance you project	6.7.  Cutting edge participation tools and methods	3.7. Sink or swim: Welcome to the urban shark tank	2.10. Mobility unicorns: How cities are tackling emissions	
18.00	0.2. Cities FuckUp Night & afterparty Spilling it all out for you: Join the conference highlight & #UF23's biggest social event								

#UF23 CONFERENCE DAY 3

Friday, June 23, 2023

#UF23 will feature a very diverse portfolio of more than 30 excursions, Field-Trips, and experiences. Meet the makers, innovators, drivers, and transformers from the Stuttgart Region, who will personally take you behind the scenes, and into the hearts of the sustainability highlights the region has to offer.

The official Field-Trip Programme will be released in May.



TRACK AND SESSION DETAILS

CityChanger
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Track 1 CITIES CUTTING EMISSIONS

Cities need to transform and many do. This track will be all about how to get it done, what mistakes to avoid along the way, what teams & skills are needed, how to prioritise actions, and how to collaborate with citizens in order to succeed.



Track 1

SESSION DETAILS

1.1. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Race to Zero: Cities' carbon emission strategies

Learn from leading cities' sobering experiences

We like to imagine that low-carbon cities all look the same – 15-minute heavens with people walking & cycling, electric cars humming, and locally produced organic food feeding the masses. Reality is quite different: some cities have airports, others don't; some have coal mines, others boast low-carbon district heating, etc. – available technologies make a huge difference. Strategies for cutting emissions reflect this variety and every city is navigating its own pathway to net zero. In this session, we're looking at how different cities approach their climate goals strategically: they will share their sometimes-frustrating learnings and report on pros and cons of their respective strategies.

Pärtel-Peeter Pere (Chair)
Urban Affairs Senior Adviser at Miltton | Finland

Greg Clark
Urbanist & Innovator | UK

Susa Eräranta
Project Director at the City of Helsinki | Finland

Kaisa-Reeta Koskinen
Head of Climate at City of Helsinki | Finland

1.2. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Scrap the chatter: Get the job done

Tools and instruments to actually achieve your emission target

Okay, so you've got your pretentious emission reduction target – great marketing job! You even have a strategy and a plan in place to reduce emissions? Not bad! But the hard part is still to come: implementing it! We'll get city representatives, and activists to share their insights into making it happen and how they get all stakeholders to pull together in a structured process. And we will meet the experts behind some of the most effective tools and instruments – from climate budgets to mission cities – that will help you achieve your emission targets.

Luise Fischer (Chair)
Cities Advisor at EIT Climate KIC | Austria

Katrien Rycken
Director at Leuven 2030 | Belgium

Åsa Bjerling
Change agent for innovation & the green transition at City of Helsingborg | Sweden

Lisa Olsson
Head of innovation and transformation at City of Helsingborg | Sweden

1.3. June 22, 2023
09.00 – 10.30

Making admin fit for the task

To reach your climate targets, you must shake up your organisation's structure

City departments were founded to conserve a status quo. Their very structures run against the idea of change. It shouldn't come as a surprise then, that "changing structures" is considered the single most difficult task! Even worse, people have very different ideas on how it's done: some argue for stand-alone units – such as agile climate SWAT units – separated from the 'alpha' ones. Others claim that, since new departments have no standing, key to success is having the right people in top positions. Surely, it cannot hinge on a few 'chosen' ones; it's about cracking the damn silos, critics swear! Join in to witness offbeat examples of transformation, share your key learnings of organizational change and hear how others solved similar problems.

Charles Landry (Chair)
Co-Founder of Creative Bureaucracy Festival | Germany

Christiaan Norde
Policy Advisor for International Affairs at City of Amsterdam | The Netherlands

1.4. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Cutting emissions with data

How to approach data strategically

Data solution providers will have cluttered your inbox with all kinds of promises. They may not understand how your organisation works, not to speak of governments' quirks, but do you know how to save resources and cut emissions with data? Why do busses run empty, do lights light up when no one is around, is greenery watered according to schedule, not weather? Even if most future uses of data are beyond our imagination, the time to consider their potential is now. Join this session to understand how to be strategic with data, and turn data into resources-saving applications.

DKSR (Chair)
The Data Competence Center for Cities and Regions | Germany

Étienne Métais
Associate Director Cities & Regions Programme at CDP Europe | Germany

Ursula Eicker
Canada Excellence Research Chair at Concordia University | Canada

1.5. June 21, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

What about your lifestyle?

How to tackle emissions from consumption

Have you ever wondered how on earth cities measure their carbon emissions? Unless you live under super surveillance, the city will not know how you spend your money – buying a fancy new phone, wining & dining, driving to work, going on business trips, etc. And you're right: so-called 'scope 3' emissions, stemming from all kinds of consumption, are notoriously difficult to measure – if not overlooked altogether. If cities were to report them, their overall totals would end up 60% higher than emissions currently reported. But how can cities even begin to tackle your guilty consumer pleasures? Join in to find out!

Eva Promes (Chair)
Senior Researcher and Project Manager at Metabolic | The Netherlands

Christian Felber
Economist and Initiator of the Cooperative for the Common Good and the Common Good Economy | Austria



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Track 1 SESSION DETAILS



1.6. June 22, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Essential mission cities workshop

Transition support service for city representatives

Based on Mariana Mazzucato's mission approach, the EU has launched a mission to reach "100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030". NetZeroCities, the support platform for cities to reach this aim, will host this highly interactive transition support service and co-design session for city representatives.

Luise Fischer (Chair)
Innovation Lead and Cities Advisor at Climate KIC | Austria

Eugenie Cartron
NetZeroCities Programme Lead at Dark Matter Labs | France



1.7. June 21, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Power switch: tackling the energy crisis with emissions in mind

How to deal with 'energy poverty' in your city

Since energy prices have skyrocketed many more people are struggling to pay their energy bills. Even before the recent drastic price spikes about 35 million Europeans had been unable to keep their homes adequately warm. Solutions are urgently needed, not least since populists already exploit the situation calling for quick fixes. So, what's to be done? Join this highly interactive session and learn how tackling 'energy poverty' in your city can be used to catch yet another fly: to strategically boost renewables!

Arthur Hinsch (Chair)
Climate Policy & Energy Governance at ICLEI Europe | Germany



Track 2 FIXING MOBILITY

Mobility is infrastructure, vehicles, big business, data, the political battlefield, and so much more. Critically, current modes are highly unsustainable – on the road to climate neutrality, mobility is the bad apple. In this track, we're looking at how cities and regions must work out solutions that transcend municipal borders. There is no alternative.



Track 2

SESSION DETAILS

2.1. June 21, 2023
09.00 – 10.30

Welcome to the nightmare: Mobility in cities and regions

Why we are so far away from finding a solution to the mobility challenge

People and goods need to move. But today, most cities not only experience horrific congestion but also suffer from its side effects. These include health problems associated with toxic air and noise pollution, road safety hazards, and an increasing lack of space and funds to upgrade existing mobility infrastructure. Let alone the need to fully decarbonise mobility within the next 15-20 years! Even though these issues have been on the horizon for a very long time, most city leaders haven't dared to truly touch on the delicate subject, fearing backlash from their citizens or businesses. But in 2023, even the most conservative leaders realise that the transformation needed takes more than just electrifying everything. This session takes us all on a journey from where we really are today to where we should (and can) be.

Greg Clark (Chair)
Urbanist & Innovator | UK

Daniel Deparis
Head of Urban Mobility Solutions at Daimler Mobility Services | Germany

2.2. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Metropolitan area (mobility) management

How to achieve a shared vision on strategic plans

Most cities are not isolated islands but are embedded in vibrant metropolitan areas. Their challenges don't stop at municipal borders and key issues affecting truly sustainable development – such as mobility, land-use, and economic development – should be planned for the entire region. These areas simply cannot afford to remain an uncoordinated collection of administrative boundaries any longer. They need to work out their differences around their often-challenging legal status and collaborate on visions, policy, and implementation of change for the entire region. The starting point for cooperation in most metropolitan areas is the development of a shared vision. Let's hear the experiences from regions and leaders who have been able to get everyone to pull (somewhat) in the same direction.

Eugen Antolovsky (Chair)
Former CEO of Urban Innovation Vienna | Austria

Idoia Postigo
General Director at Bilboa Metropoli-30 | Spain

2.3. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

The trouble with SUMP's and how to move forward

Why nearly all sustainable mobility plans flop

Remember when the first cities proudly launched SUMP's – sustainable urban mobility plans? Today, many cities boast ever-more ambitious plans, but few administrations have quantified targets, and even fewer monitor progress – not to speak of the level of success of implementation! In this session, we're analysing this shameful SUMP standstill, raising a few sore points, and looking at unlikely cities that are pushing forward.

Thomas Lymes (Chair)
Policy Advisor and Project coordinator Mobility at Eurocities | Belgium

Niklas Sieber
Transport Economist and Regional Planner in Stuttgart | Germany

2.4. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Focus on commuters

Changing the way commuters move will have the biggest impact

In many regions, commuters account for a large share of overall private traffic. In Stuttgart, commuters are responsible for 40% of traffic and a whopping 21 million passenger kilometres per day! That's why focusing on attractive mobility alternatives for this large group usually pays off, quickly, in many ways: reducing individual trips, cutting CO₂ emissions, and increasing utilisation of transport systems. This session will explore some of the most successful strategies to make commuters switch to alternative transport – effectively changing regional mobility patterns. Mobility managers and planners will share their experiences and engage in Q&A sessions to answer any specific questions you might have.

Eugen Antolovsky (Chair)
Former CEO of Urban Innovation Vienna | Austria

Sidsel Birk Hjuler
Global Lead of Active Mobility at Buro Happold | Denmark
Stefan Gabi
Project Leader Mobility Planning at Vectos | Germany

2.5. June 21, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Next level corporate mobility

Where and how to intervene to change employee behaviour

In the absence of a coherent metropolitan strategy, even climate-ambitious businesses need to offer parking to attract employees and then compensate for their emissions. For the commuting employee, traffic jams are a maddening daily routine; stop-and-go traffic surely doesn't boost productivity at work. Let's have mobility managers, business developers, regulators, HR reps, and commuters themselves explain how to exit a costly lose-lose cycle.

Urban Future (Chair tba)

Eva Maaherra Lövheim
Transport Planner at City of Umeå | Sweden

Track 2 SESSION DETAILS

2.6. June 22, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

How to break up men’s love affair with their cars

Male-only session

If men used public transport as much as women did, cities would have reached their emission targets already. Evidently, they don't, and in this session, we'll be looking at the root causes: why most men continue to identify with certain masculine traits that not only ruin the planet but are also so 1999. This is not simply about taking their toys away from the boys; this is about making men great again!

Urban Future (Chair tba)

Malene Freudendal-Pedersen
Professor at Aalborg University | Denmark
Marianne Weinreich
Market Manager at Ramboll | Denmark

2.7. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

The challenge of moving goods in cities

How to deliver more with less traffic and zero emissions

Cities are filling up and getting denser. As they require more stuff to be transported, more construction sites to be supplied, and more waste to be removed, urban freight traffic increases rapidly. A booming e-commerce sector, with more shipments and higher delivery frequencies, only adds to this growth. However, logistics companies find it increasingly difficult to operate due to heavy congestion, a lack of parking, and cities’ ambitions to get them out. So, the challenge is: how to move more and more things to more and more people with less and less available space... while decarbonising the entire operation? A few brave ones do act and tackle this challenge.

Anne-Charlotte Trapp (Chair)
Project Coordinator for Mobility at Eurocities | Belgium

Christiane Behrisch
Coordinator for Urban Logistics at Munich City Department for Mobility | Germany
Robert Dohrendorf
President and CEO at Graphmasters International | Switzerland

2.8. June 22, 2023
09.00 – 10.30

Stop it: No more entry for vans and trucks?

Making urban freight work in times of increasing traffic regulations

Whether it is large freight, parcels, waste, or construction materials, delivery traffic is booming. It's an absolutely critical task to move all the things we need. Still, more and more cities want it out – for good reasons: trucks are often noisy, inefficient, polluting, and block the flow of traffic, adding further to already heavily-congested and polluted cities. With an increasing number of cities imposing restrictions and space becoming less and less available, the question remains: just how should the needed logistics operations work? Let's investigate the cities and businesses at the forefront of developing these solutions.

Urban Future (Chair tba)

2.9. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Distribute it: New & creative ways to deliver goods

How thinking outside the box helps identify new urban logistics facilities

Conventional last-mile distribution systems are under operational pressure. As congestion increases and parking decreases, the costs for delivery companies rise. And with land values increasing in dense cities, previously available distribution spaces get pushed out to the suburbs – driving longer routes further adding to emissions and congestion. At the same time, the need to decarbonise the sector will soon become a requirement everywhere. But many creative minds are working on solutions; this session looks at some remarkable and unexpected approaches that have the potential to solve the challenge. Be amazed!

Urban Future (Chair tba)

Jonathan Grothaus
Co-CEO and Founder at MYFLEXBOX | Austria
Niels Christ
Group Director Urban Hubs bei APCOA Parking | Germany
Kirsten Havers
Cargobike.jetzt | Germany

2.10. June 22, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Mobility unicorns: How cities are tackling emissions

Meet the front-runners taking on cars and logistics

Decarbonising mobility is a mountain so high that only the very brave start climbing it. To succeed, we must change personal mobility patterns, substantially shift the mobility mix, and radically transform logistics. This session will look at the cities that started their transformation journey. They will explain how they did it, what their lessons were, where they failed, and what decisions their leaders made along the way. And yes, you can win with bold action!

Urban Future (Chair tba)

Track 2 SESSION DETAILS

2.11. June 22, 2023
09.00 – 10.30

Making people change their mobility behaviour

Ways to influence how people get around

Yes, our current way to move people will not work in the long run. Options are obvious, and the changes already implemented in some places, as well as the opportunities we have, are manifold. But how on earth do we ultimately get people to change their current mobility behaviour? Let's take a close look at some strategies from cities around the world, identify the mistakes to avoid, and find out what worked and what didn't. Take this opportunity to question mobility experts, public transport managers, communicators, and all those who are desperately making others change their mobility behaviour.

Martha Marisa Wanat (Chair)
Young Leaders Academy at Urban Future | Germany

Philipp Bouteiller
CEO of Tegel Projekt in Berlin | Germany

Ilaria De Altin
International Climate Protection Expert

2.12. June 22, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Reduce, shift, and electrify the rest

How cities prepare for and steer e-mobility

Whether you like them or not, cars will be with us for quite a long time. Globally, one third of all cars in 2030 are projected to be electric, rising to more than half by 2050. In Germany, each day, ten thousand charging stations will have to be installed, at current speed it will take them 65 years to meet demand. Who is going to mount them? How can we plan and regulate this? How are cities meant to manage vehicle-to-grid, operate data spaces, consider future uses, feedback user behaviour, and share responsibilities? Join this session to learn about cities' strategic cooperation with industry and infrastructure service providers.

Urban Future (Chair tba)

Gerd Leutner
Partner at CMS Hasche Sigle in Berlin | Germany

Antje Becker-Boley
Co-Head Corporate/M&A at CMS Hasche Sigle in Berlin | Germany

Phillipe Op de Beeck
Chief Executive Officer at APCOA PARKING Group | Germany

2.13. June 22, 2023
16.00 – 17.30



Get up to date: How to regulate the transformation of urban automobility

Explore the thicket of (electric) vehicle regulation and law

CMS Hasche Sigle are one of Europe's largest law firms with a strong expertise in electric vehicle regulation and law. In their tailor-made workshop, they will guide you through the wild wild west of: public and private solutions to city charging infrastructure, parking space management, city toll, and combined individual and public transport. Importantly, how can existing resources be used more efficiently through data-based business models? And will self-driving cars ever come? Join in, find out, and bring your expertise to the table.

CMS (Chair)



Track 3

INNOVATE FOR TRANSFORMATION

To transform our cities, we desperately need to innovate: mobility, construction, energy, but also organisation and work. The exciting part about any real innovation is that you don't really know what will happen. Which is also the freaky thing about innovations: if we don't understand our tech, we will sleepwalk into a future of unintended consequences.

In this track, we'll hear from exciting urban innovators and showcase some of the most promising innovations around, looking at ownership, business models, regulations, user preferences, data-sharing, and the always-looming potential for public "techlash".



Track 3

SESSION DETAILS

3.1. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

If Stuttgart must not become Detroit, what will it become?

How to transform a region so dependent on the car

Home to the likes of Daimler, Bosch, and Porsche, Stuttgart is one of Europe's most affluent regions. The local automotive industry provides 215,000, or 17%, of the region's jobs. It's a success story, but one increasingly told with discontent. There are genuine fears that the wealth, which the traditional (car) industry generates, cannot be sustained. This would have a devastating impact on jobs, social cohesion, and democratic order. Which is why many people are looking to the past - it was King Wilhelm's financial support for technical-entrepreneurial education that spurred Stuttgart's success in the late 19th century – or elsewhere for recipes on how to deal with an uncertain future. Even if money continues to pour generously into research and innovation, copy-paste alone will hardly carry the day in the years to come. Join in to witness how the Stuttgart region is not only trying to save its neck but also how it could transform and reinvent itself by keeping with the times: green and inclusive.

Urban Future (Chair tba)

Christian Herzog
CEO at Baden-Württemberg International (BW_i) | Germany

3.2. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Cities: No more kicking the can down the road!

Cities must up their ante if they want to get the job done: this is how

To transform and to master their ever-changing tasks, cities need to attract talent. But competition for the best is strong, maybe too strong. So, how can cities reach their many ambitious (emission, innovation, circularity, democracy, digitalisation) targets? Yes, by becoming attractive to innovators, by activating its 'citizen workforce', by collaborating internally, with businesses, and, of course, by hiring right! In turn, what skills and know-how are needed to become a city-maker? Join this session to explore the emerging job profiles, how offering 'purpose' works in practice, but also find out why focusing on jobs alone is a dead-end not only for cities.

Michael Shank (Chair)
Director of Engagement at CNCA | USA

Elisabeth Meze
Climate Protection Expert and Former Head of Public Participation at City of Innsbruck | Austria

3.3. June 22, 2023
09.00 – 10.30

This changes everything

How digitalisation is (and will be) changing almost everything

Digitalisation is one of those words we hear all the time. But what exactly is it? How does it affect industries and cities, and why do so many believe digitalisation will change the way pretty much anything is done? This session takes a very close look at the power of digitalisation, as well as the potential and risks for sustainable cities and businesses. We hear from leaders and experts who have experienced this power for themselves or who have been at the heart of such digital transformations. If you are curious about how digitalisation will change YOUR private and work life, and more importantly, how to deal with this change, then this session is for you.

Aaron Sterniczky (Chair)
Head of Digital Transformation at ELG E-Learning Group | Austria

Andrea Wuchner
Fraunhofer IRB | Germany
Thomas Boenig
City of Stuttgart Chief Digital Officer | Germany

3.4. June 22, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Sustainability by data

Be amazed by what data can do to advance sustainability

With up to 100 sensors, modern cars, vans, and trucks are measurement maniacs! The amount of data that millions of cars alone produce on our cities' roads every minute is overwhelming. Now imagine that cities have all this data at their fingertips. In this session, the most creative and innovative thinkers will come together to imagine – and show – how real-time data on road conditions, signs, pedestrian and cycling traffic, dangerous intersections, and much more could change mobility behaviours and help cities become more sustainable and safer.

Tamlyn Shimizu (Chair)
Global Partnerships & Communications Lead at BABLE Smart Cities | Germany

Georges Massing
Vice President MBOS Automated Driving, Powernet & Integration E/E at Mercedes Benz | Germany
Ekaterina Koch-Lichtenstein
Strategic Urban Planner at City of Aachen | Germany

3.5. June 22, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Overwhelming: What to do with all that innovation?

How cities (should) deal with all those new mobility options

The speed of innovation in the mobility sector is astronomical. It's almost impossible to keep track of all the new solutions unveiled on any given day. New companies are emerging, new services are being invented, and cities are having a (very) hard time keeping up, making it difficult for them to react, let alone act. We're talking about a universe of digital solutions, sharing any kind of offering, micromobility, on-demand mobility, last-mile solutions, autonomous systems, and so on. Let's find out how cities can deal with this amount of innovation, which solutions to look out for, and whether to embrace new offerings or regulate them.

Iris Belle (Chair)
Professor Smart City Solutions at Hochschule für Technik Stuttgart | Germany

Jack Stilgoe
Professor at University College London & Turing Institute Fellow | UK
Nikolett Haklik
Project Lead in Smart City & IoT at City of Stuttgart | Germany

Track 3 SESSION DETAILS

3.6. June 21, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Swiping right on unlikely partnerships

How to find partners across sectors

Urban actors often limit the partners they collaborate with to the usual suspects, within their scope and sector they feel most comfortable in. Quite a few cities are even hostile towards close partnerships with businesses. The aim of this session by BABLE Smart Cities and the sustainable urbanization hub BLOXHUB, then, is to widen the limits of who both government and private sector players (and everyone in-between) tend to view as potential partners. Listen to amazing stories on unlikely partnerships and learn how to facilitate them yourself.

Bable Smart Cities & BLOXHUB (Chair)



3.7. June 22, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Sink or swim: Welcome to the urban shark tank

Find replicable solutions that will work in your city, too

Join us for the first ever "Urban Shark Tank" where a panel of urban 'sharks' will listen to creative pitches from a public/private duo who have successfully implemented a project in their city. The sharks, made up of diverse experts in the field of urban innovation, will offer valuable advice and insights on how to replicate this project in other cities, making it scalable and impactful. Don't miss out on the chance to witness first-hand the creativity and ingenuity of urban visionaries, while getting the chance to vote for your favourite pitch and try your hand in our rotating seat at the panel. Do we have a deal?

Tamlyn Shimizu (Chair)
Global Partnerships & Communications Lead at BABLE Smart Cities | Germany

Leonor Zubillaga (Chair)
Events & Marketing Coordinator at Cleantech Scandinavia | Sweden



3.8. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Innovation Kick-starter for cities

How the iCapital competition sparks innovation across Europe

Cities across Europe struggle with innovation. It's complex, it's interdisciplinary, and it requires doing things differently – not really a strength for most city administrations, which often operate in department silos and, well, how to put it ... "administer". This session, however, takes a close look at the cities that have found a way to innovate and already do so quite successfully today. Let's learn how they do it, what needed to be changed, how they ultimately got started, and what role the iCapital competition played in their efforts. Innovators should be part of this session, not least because this is where Europe's most innovative cities will come together as the iCapital Alumni Network.

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3.9. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

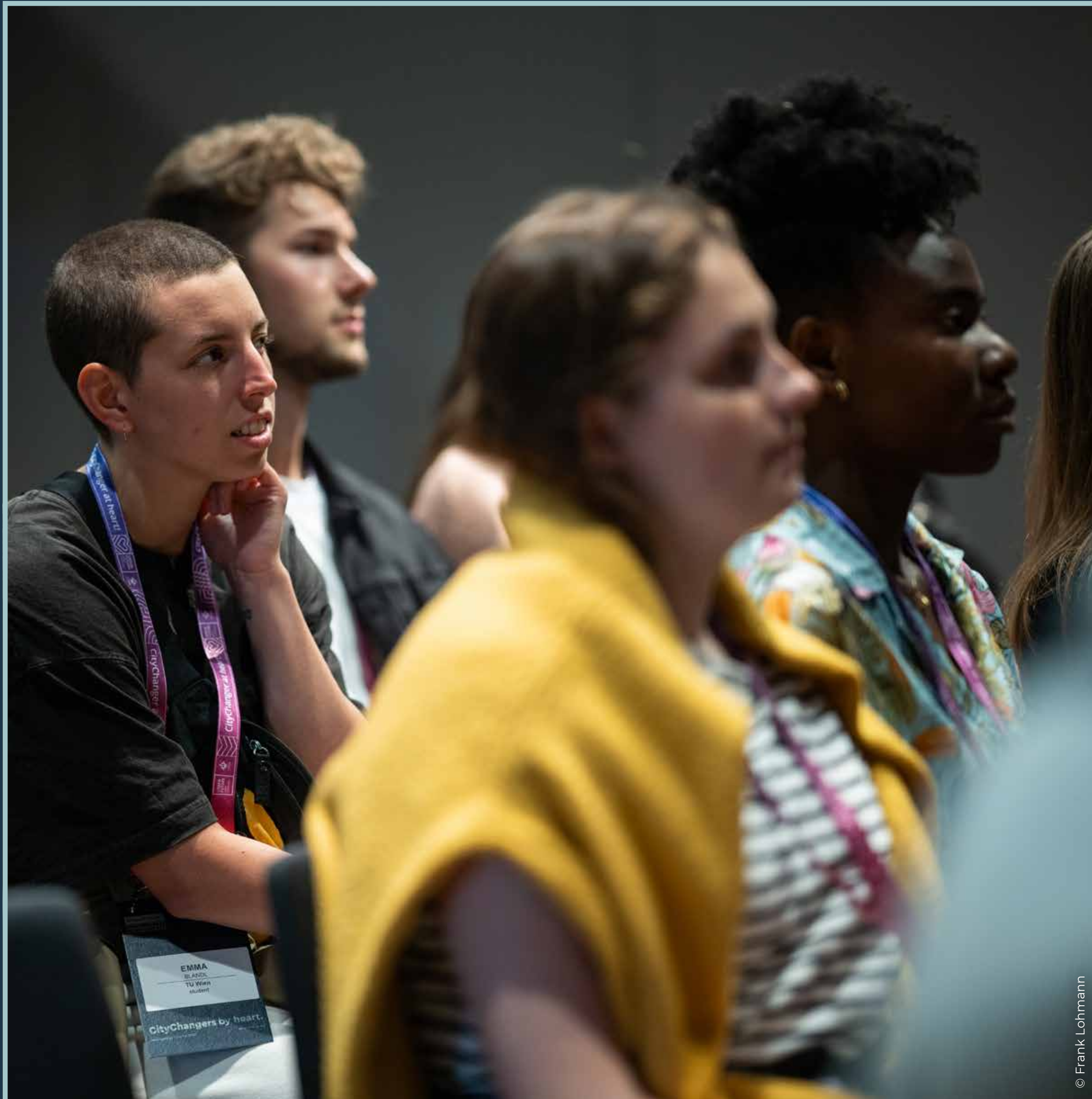
Tech: What's hot & what's coming

Executive briefing on the latest tech trends and their effects

Let the experts from various fields take you on a journey to expand your imagination. They will brief you on the latest tech trends and new technologies, indicate what's already possible, and ultimately explain how this will affect your city and business.

Urban Future (Chair tba)





Track 4

DECARBONISING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Today, the built environment generates around 40% of global energy-related carbon emissions and equally, consumes 40% of global raw materials. An area the size of Paris is constructed every week; 80% of the structures that will stand in 2050 are already built.

So, as we commit to decarbonising the way we build, there is no doubt that we also need to up our game considerably when it comes to retrofitting existing buildings. This track follows the leaders who are transforming the real estate sector and changing the way we build – and at the same time, it will show how innovators are getting increasingly involved in the formally unsexy field of retrofitting.

Track 4 SESSION DETAILS

4.1. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Decarbonising the built environment: Yes, we can!

Building new, retrofitting, revitalising – time to make magic happen

Let's crunch the numbers: looking at the building stock in 2050, 80% of it already exists today. With 20% new construction, 20% redevelopment, and 60% retrofitting ahead of us, we can't really say we're short of challenges – but that's where CityChangers shine. What's most important, where do we begin, and who's in charge? Let's take a visionary approach to the mammoth task: from the choice of materials to changing skillsets and the concerted action of all stakeholder groups involved, it's time to get the ball rolling.

Urban Future (Chair tba)

- David Partridge**
Chairman at Related Argent | UK
- Natalie Voland**
President and Chief Vision Officer at GI Quo Vadis inc. | Canada
- Ursula Eicker**
Canada Excellence Research Chair Next Generation Cities at Concordia University | Canada
- Oliver Huber**
Head of Corporate Sustainability & ESG at 6B47 Real Estate Investors | Austria
- Werner Sobek**
Founder of the Werner Sobek Group | Germany
- Amanda Sturgeon**
CEO of Built By Nature | Australia

4.2. June 21, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Waking up to the retrofitting challenge

How to shift to the fast lane

When it comes to energy, most existing buildings are in a terrible state: they are losing heat which, even worse, comes from fossil fuels. To meet our emission targets, however, 60% of existing buildings need to be retrofitted by 2050, and these many million buildings could not be more different: in style, function, materials, ownership models, regulatory demands, etc. How do you even begin to talk about retrofitting at such a scale with big investors, cities, and even single property owners? What incentives work for detached houses, what works for estates, and who is in charge anyway? Not to speak of the tens of thousands of technicians needed to install heat pumps, mount solar panels, and insulate buildings! And how to make sure people utilize their green tech correctly? Join this session to understand who needs to do what, with whom, and how within the next 25 years.

Urban Future (Chair tba)

- Martin Handschuh**
Managing Director at eco2nomy | Germany
- Valentin Wiesner**
Project Manager at 103 Ventures | Austria

4.3. June 22, 2023
09.00 – 10.30

New constructions: Bringing your vision to life

How to get started, how to set it up, and who to involve

Where do you start when you start from scratch? Long before the ground-breaking ceremony can take place, some crucial first steps must be taken: create a vision that can stand the test of time, decide on who of the constantly growing number of stakeholders to involve in the dialogue, and how, set up an authority, and choosing a governance and ownership model. Let's find out how the critical questions "who calls the shots" and "who pays" can be answered – all while guaranteeing to fulfill highest sustainability standards throughout the whole lifecycle of the buildings.

Mira Conci (Chair)
Built Environment Lead at Climate KIC | The Netherlands

- Elad Eisenstein**
Director City Masterplanning and Urban Design at AECOM | UK
- Melanie Kunzmann**
Director at PD - Berater der öffentlichen Hand | Germany

4.4. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Redevelopments: Get inspired by top-of-the-class projects

Cut emissions, not buildings

"We shape our buildings, and afterwards our buildings shape us," the multitalented Winston Churchill once proclaimed in Parliament. Surely some buildings were designed to be more flexible than he thought, especially when repurposed to host multiple functions: residential, office, leisure, commercial, childcare, health, and education. In this session, we look at the exceptional buildings and heritage which have been repurposed, maybe even more than once, and focus squarely on cutting emissions. Join in to learn a core lesson from the masterminds of redeveloping sustainably: from materials, construction logistics, and resource sufficiency to delicately balancing different groups' expectations.

Jaffer Muljiani (Chair)
Sustainability Consultant at BDP | UK

- Naama Blonder**
Co-Founder and Urban Designer at Smart Density | Canada
- Karen Klessinger**
Creative Director at dan pearlman | Germany
- Manal El Shahat**
Associate Professor at Ain Shams University | Egypt
- Cord Soehlke**
Building Mayor at City of Tübingen | Germany

4.5. June 22, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Challenging the status quo of building materials

Here's what you should really focus on

If the building sector wants to come anywhere close to meeting its climate targets, it needs to dramatically rethink construction and view materials through a whole life-cycle carbon lens. Rarely do we read about buildings being disassembled for actual reuse, Stuttgart's football stadium is a great exception to the rule! And with new constructions, the ones who source and build sustainably are still newsworthy rather than mainstream. Compared to the challenge of changing mindsets, or sorting out logistics, the choice of more sustainable materials might even be an easy one. From hidden champions in building materials to innovative construction methods and a change in the skillsets needed, here you'll learn from practitioners the why and the how.

Stefanie Weavers (Chair)
Project Manager at IBA27 | Germany

- Dominik Campanella**
Co-Founder at Concular | Germany
- Jan Kattein**
Director at Jan Kattein Architects | UK

Track 4 SESSION DETAILS

4.6. June 22, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

How to get a handle on embodied carbon in construction NOW

Shifting the built environment towards circularity

The rapidly shrinking carbon budget for 1.5°C means we must get real about embodied carbon, and quickly! This means building differently, retrofitting, and simply constructing less. Yes, we see innovation accelerating in cities and companies, pushed by the EU's proposed carbon border tariff, but it's not enough for the rapid transformation we need. We'll spell out why strategic embodied carbon risks in the built environment sector are still underestimated and show inspiring examples from cities focusing on policy and regulatory action.

Joost Beunderman (Chair)
Director at Dark Matter Labs | UK

Irene Garcia
Embodied Carbon Project Manager at CNCA | Germany



4.7. June 22, 2023
09.00 – 10.30

Tell it differently #2: The power of storytelling in the built environment

There is a huge and untapped potential for shaping reality with words

After water, concrete is the second-most consumed material on the planet. And yet, unlike mobility, the built environment is not on everyone's mind nearly enough, nor is it getting the attention it deserves in terms of climate activism. So, how can we translate the topic in a way that resonates with the media and the public? How do we get people talking and thinking about decarbonising the built environment? This CNCA-hosted workshop will teach you what the current narratives lack. Join us to discuss how the power of storytelling has immense potential for the built environment.

Michael Shank (Chair)
Director of Engagement at CNCA | US

Ben Walker (Chair)
Strategic Communications Lead at Laudes Foundation | UK

Rosie Cade (Chair)
Director at elizabeth | UK



4.8. June 22, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Getting it done: How to decarbonise existing buildings at scale

Learn the do's and don'ts from pioneers

Exploding energy prices, supply and capacity bottlenecks, reduced subsidies - not exactly a promising recipe for large-scale retrofitting in neighbourhoods. Is decarbonisation economical against the background of current and expected prices? Join this masterclass to learn key lessons from the pioneers at eco2nomy: how to define and collaborate with relevant stakeholders, what barriers to implementation to remove, and how their innovation radar can help find low-cost solutions and accelerate building decarbonisation in your city, too.

Martin Handschuh (Chair)
Managing Director at eco2nomy | Germany

Erik van Wijk
Founder of DeWaardeFabriek | The Netherlands
Angelika Lückert
Deputy Head of Incubator Transfer Research at Fraunhofer IRB | Germany



4.9. June 21, 2023
09.00 – 10.30

Repair, Refurbish, Reuse, Restore, Reconstruct

How to develop and build in existing structures

Let's have a conversation about building conversion: a huge part of CO₂ emissions occurs when concrete and steel are produced. If we want to create truly sustainable cities, we need to move away from demolishing existing buildings and get our creative juices flowing: how can we work our magic with what we have and make it even better than constructing new? We have 5 R's to get the ball rolling – join this session to hear how to change mindsets and embrace the challenge of working with existing building envelopes.

Tilman Dachselt (Chair)
Strategic Director at dan pearlman | Germany

Anastasija Radke
Board of Directors at Bauen im Bestand (BiB) | Germany
Erik van Wijk
Founder of DeWaardeFabriek | The Netherlands

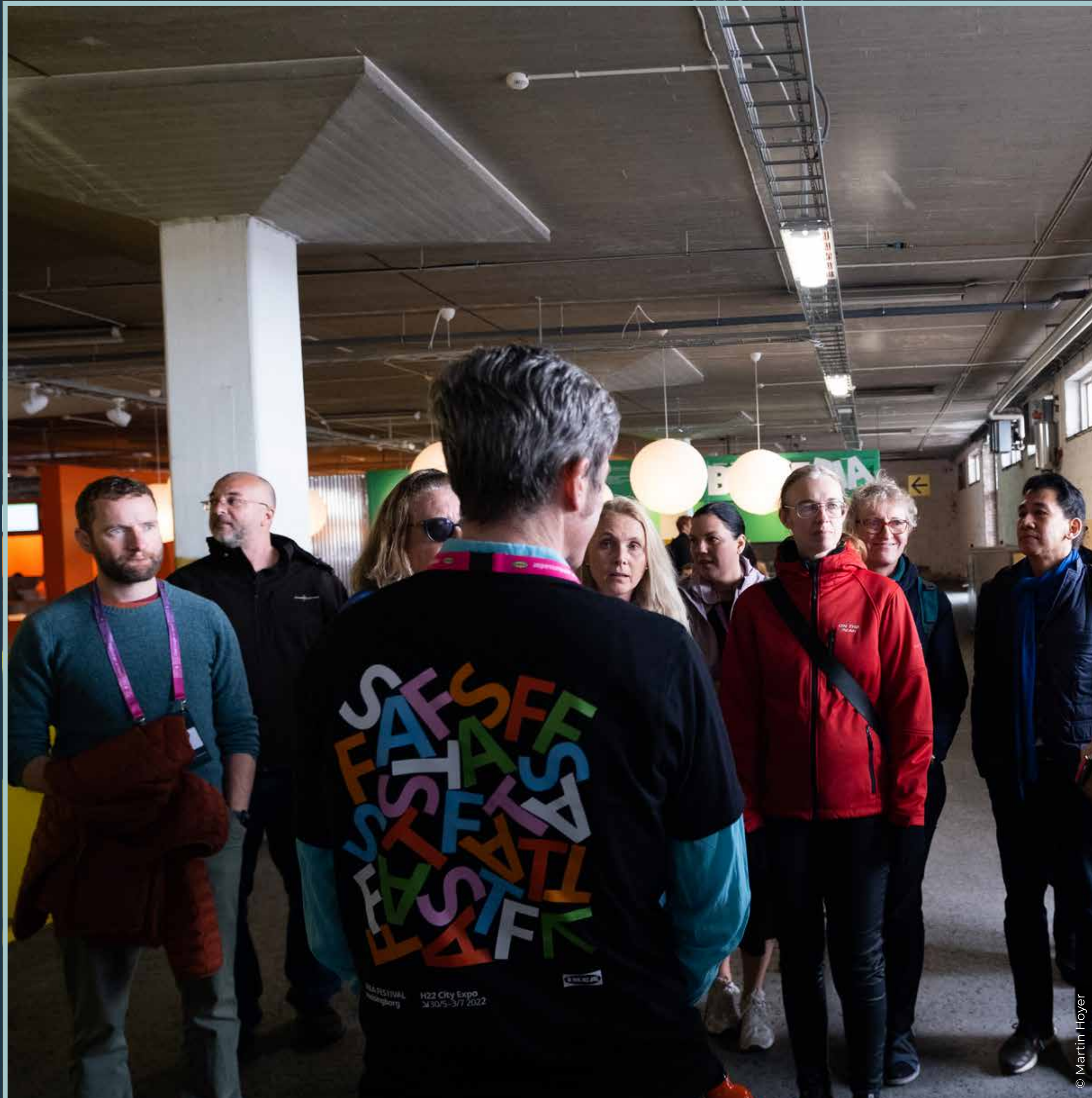


Track 5

REINVENTING CITY CENTRES AND DISTRICTS

For many, it's been a long time coming. The fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic has finally made even spoilt cities realise where they are heading: If we don't change the way we live together in the little space our cities offer a growing and more diverse population, we face social fragmentation, strife, and loud calls for quick fixes – all of this exacerbated by extreme weather conditions.

The solution sounds almost like a marketing line: work with what you've got (let's not forget, that's a lot) and rearrange it in ways that are inclusive, affordable, and green! And it's true. This track takes you on a journey outlining the critical steps you can take to reinvent urban centres and districts as places of economic opportunity, exciting innovation, joyful participation, fun activities, and pride.



Track 5 SESSION DETAILS

5.1. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Clever: Social cohesion through green city action

How to combine
(and avoid trade-offs
between) ‘social’ and ‘green’

Riots used to be something that Europeans would see on the news – rumblings in distant places, but not on their doorstep! But as cities are served a toxic cocktail of COVID-19 fallout and the cost-of-living crisis, combined with a mistrust in authority, and a lack of opportunities, we’ve got one more problem to add to the list. Much of this is homegrown, and the needs of the moment call for appeasement, not sustainability. Unless they can be combined! From Brazil to Colombia and India, and back again to Stuttgart, in this session, we’re touring the world to look what sustainable cities and the green economy can do for social cohesion: from welcoming urban design and making people participate in and own the solutions to the deliberate creation of public goods, through reinventing city centres and troubled districts as places of experience, innovation, greenery, creativity, and joy.

Urban Future (Chair tba)

Luiz Alberto Saboia

President of the Foundation of Science, Technology and Innovation of Fortaleza (CITINOVA) | Brasil

Manuel Trujillo

Head of International Relations at Alcaldía de Barranquilla | Colombia

Hannah Keding

Research Fellow at Fraunhofer IRB | Germany

5.2. June 21, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Meet the entrepreneurs bringing life back to our treasured centres

Why “consumption-free”
and “public first” are no
longer squatters’ slogans

How times have changed! The pandemic has given many once-flourishing centres across Europe the final push down the drain. Unaffordable rents leave city flats empty, online shopping and home office leave central malls and shops abandoned. But there are good reasons to be optimistic, as even large investment funds seem to be waking up to this changed reality. Leaving real estate such as shopping temples empty is simply no longer a financially viable option! Ideas how to revitalize them include not only “mixed use”, but also consumption-free zones in order to win people back. Join this session to witness astonishing cases of city centre revival and meet the most remarkable agents of change, which are making European centres bustle with life again!

Urban Future (Chair tba)

David Partridge

Chairman at Related Argent | UK

Nalin Seneviratne

Director at Porter Brook & Associates | UK

5.3. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

New solutions to the affordable housing crisis

Escaping Pandora's box
through community-scale
ideas

There is no silver bullet to make housing affordable for all. And cities, depending on their size, attractiveness, history, regulations, etc., start at very different levels. Modern demographic trends – think single households – don’t help either. The main evils are well known, even if things are more complicated than some housing activists claim. And still, how can we ensure that there is enough affordable housing in cities when speculation and capital flows dominate real estate, making affordable housing “unattractive”? In this session, housing innovators tell us how they are changing the way we live together. From co-living to community land trusts, from regulatory measures to repurposing existing buildings such as inner-city shopping malls, you’ll be surprised at what’s possible!

Urban Future (Chair tba)

Andreas Hofer

Director at IBA27 | Germany

Ana Džokić

Founding Director of Housing Cooperative Pametniija Zgrada | Serbia

5.4. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Net Zero hero neighbourhoods: it’s all about proximity

How we get emissions
down and quality of life up

To prepare for the future, cities need to take two keywords seriously: density and proximity. Neighbourhoods hold immense potential in terms of testing solutions – and this is what C40 is building on together with Arup: the interlocking of climate justice, 15-minute cities, zero-emission neighbourhoods, and resilience. From Bogota to Milan to Toronto, learn from a panel of lighthouse cities how they are making green and thriving neighbourhoods a reality, what lessons other cities can learn, and how your city can emulate their success.

Hélène Chartier (Chair)

Director of Urban Planning and Design at C40 Cities | France

Remco Hempenius

Expansion Development Manager | Sweden

Carlos Moreno

Scientific Director “Entrepreneurship, Territory, Innovation” Chair at Sorbonne University | France



5.5. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Wanted: From “hippie idea” to leadership tool

How to turn nature in cities
from niche projects to a
strategic leadership tool

Green roofs and facades, renatured rivers and waterways – these used to be niche topics, singularly popular with rather quirky folks. Not any longer! The pandemic has forcefully reminded us of the importance of nature in cities, and the first hot spell of summer will be nature’s next nudge: heat is a silent killer! The good news is that trees are both climate adaptation and mitigation heroes, even more so if they replace parking. Oh, and lush areas and attractive waterways also look so much better, where people want to hang out, be active, and live. So, we’re no longer arguing about nature, but where is the know-how on how to “build” it? Space in cities is limited, and the issues don’t stop there! So-called blue-green “infrastructure” is a living, sometimes unruly organism that’s challenging to maintain, and it’s still difficult to argue in favour of the benefits – which stretch way beyond monetary gains. Let’s hear from nature advocates exactly how to leave one’s niche and let them explain how to use nature in cities strategically!

Katharina Moser (Chair)

Director of IDG Summit & Events

Silke Drautz

Head of Air Pollution Control, Climate Protection at the City of Stuttgart | Germany

Track 5 SESSION DETAILS

5.6. June 22, 2023
09.00 – 10.30

Make our cities green again!

How to create cities for people and nature to flourish

Who wouldn't immediately shout YES to a new park, a vertical garden, or a shady tree under which to wait for the bus (well, apart from an allergy sufferer perhaps)? But how to adequately distribute green space across the city, how to get it financed, and how to maintain living 'infrastructure'? Bottom up we go: Let's listen to unlikely 'city gardeners' on how to get started, who to strategically involve, and how to do to all of this without the big funds – and learn from those who managed to successfully open public pockets.

Elizaveta Fakirova (Chair)
PhD Candidate at the Technical University of Munich | Germany

Fernando Ortiz Monasterio
Founder and CEO at VIAVERDE | Mexico

Victoria Blessing
Project Manager at Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum | Germany

Maria Chiara Pastore
Associate Professor at Politecnico di Milano | Italy

5.7. June 22, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Skills booster: Place-making

How to effectively deal with your city's less popular areas

All cities have them, including yours. It's nothing to be particularly proud of. We call them "neglected areas". And they are! Visitors and commuters feel intimidated, tourists rarely see these places, and when they do, strong-armed action to "clean it up" gets announced. For example, introducing alcohol-free zones. But, what a surprise, your shameful place simply moves elsewhere! Who is responsible for them anyway? If things go bad, it's city admin who gets the blame; elected officials prefer to tell good news. So, let's visit cities' once neglected areas and districts, watch some amazing transformations, and meet the place-makers whose skills may even save a strong-armed leader's neck.

Urban Future (Chair tba)

StadtLücken e.V. Stuttgart
Ofri Earon
Founder of the Neighbourhood Lab | Denmark

5.8. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Fightclub: Re-allocating city space

Space is probably the most contested resource in cities

How do we prioritise functions so diverse as mobility modes, commercial and residential buildings, public spaces, greenery, urban logistics, safety, waste and energy management, and so on? From vacancy to dereliction, from densifying neighbourhoods to the social and societal implications, imagine the possibilities we would have if only we could allocate space from scratch! Who should come first, and why? Let's hear from the cities that have taken a hypothetical exercise seriously and radically reallocated urban space.

Urban Future (Chair tba)

Lior Steinberg
Urban Planner & Co-Founder Humankind | The Netherlands
Thorsten Donn
Stuttgart Chief City Planner | Germany

5.9. June 22, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

What if free spirits planned our cities!

Future literacy: How to create better places with the art of imagination

We've all seen the sciences and arts fruitfully collaborating, for example to enrich climate change debates. But what about the role of the arts in urban planning? No, this is not about a shiny avant-gardist building starting-off neighbourhood gentrification. Yes, squares are characterized by large cultural buildings such as opera houses, theatres, or museums, and installations can 'open up' places. But any place can be stage to (street) art! So, what kinds of public spaces can be imagined once urban planners and the arts started to collaborate? Join this interactive Futures Literacy Lab, hosted by BMW Foundation's RISE Cities Program and Staatsoper Stuttgart, to explore different futures of our cities – to rethink and thereby change the present.

BMW Foundation RISE Cities Program (Chair)

Jorn Wemmenhove
Creative Strategist & Co-Founder of Humankind | The Netherlands

BMW Foundation **STAATSOPER**
Herbert Quandt **STUTT GART**



5.10. June 22, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Magic pills to fight your inner-city blues

Exclusive city centre revitalisation workshop for municipalities

Too often, solutions to urban challenges miss the actual problems in need of solving. Examples in European cities are legion. In this workshop for municipalities, the master strategists of Dan Pearlman will assist you in developing your most relevant inner-city concept. Participants are introduced to of state-of-the-art methods and tools to help them adequately define their challenges, and to develop solutions to actually meet them.

Tilman Dachselt & Karen Klessinger (Chair)

dan pearlman



Track 5

SESSION DETAILS

5.11. June 21, 2023
16.00 – 17.30



Masterclass: Reinventing Cities

Accelerating the zero carbon urban transformation

Reinventing Cities is a global competition led by C40 which aims to accelerate the development of decarbonized and resilient urban regeneration across the globe. It's straightforward: cities propose underutilised sites which are ready to be released and transformed into beacons of sustainability and resilience. 20 global cities are already reinventing their cities and over 30 projects are now under development across the world. If you are a city representative, take part in this exclusive session to learn more about how your city can join 'Reinventing Cities' and what's to gain from being a part of this unique programme.

Hélène Chartier (Chair)
Director of Urban Planning and Design at C40 Cities | France

Costanza di Stefani
Project Manager Cities at C40 Cities | UK



Reinventing
Cities

Track 6

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Ah, the good old days. Didn't we have it all back then, when the line of command was clear? Politicians made decisions, smart experts executed everything, and citizens... well, they accepted the result. There were no distractions, no stupid questions from God knows who, and responsibilities were straightforward.

While some dinosaurs argue that this got us very far (which is true), most leaders recognise that the challenges ahead cannot be solved by experts alone – regardless of how smart they are. Cities have many stakeholders, and all of them are vitally important for the transformation our cities crave. This track will look at participation practices, focus on how citizens can become drivers of transformation, and discover how leaders can unleash powers previously unheard of. Collaboration is the new “in thing” – to innovate and transform faster, to get things done, and to strengthen social cohesion along the way.



Track 6 SESSION DETAILS

6.1. June 21, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Smartest guy in the room vs. the power of all

How to change the way we make transformation happen

In most cases, it's (teams of) experts that are in charge of finding solutions, initiating change, and then leading transformations. But are they really smarter, faster, and more effective than tens of thousands of citizens working together? Hardly! That's why some cities have fundamentally changed the way they tackle innovation and change – transforming municipal teams into citizen enablers. Let's hear from them how they did it, what citizens think of it, and how it helps them become way more resilient in times of crisis.

José Roberto Lagunes Trejo (Chair)
Lead Project Coordinator at Hogares Foundation | Mexico

Daniela Neumann
Coordinator Strategic Social Planning Department at City of Stuttgart | Germany

Jenny Rydén
Project Manager at Municipality of Varberg | Sweden

Fabienne Hölzl
Founding-Director of FABULOUS URBAN | Switzerland

6.2. June 21, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Nailing participation with your back against the wall

How to win people's trust

So, you've decided where to go on holiday or what to have for lunch, and, before asking others to join you, you've already found arguments why their choice is... well, not as good as yours. Or maybe your question cleverly precludes options. Sound familiar? Authorities will play this game only once. There are few cities that haven't gone through this painful experience: they've vexed their citizens with phony participation only to reap suspicion, mistrust, and cynicism. So, how do you win back those who have previously been let down? How do you really know what they want if your question suggests the answer? Let's hear from sociologists, psychologists, communication experts, and participation wonks how to begin when the damage has already been done!

Urban Future (Chair tba)

Cecilia Werner
Communications Manager at Municipality of Varberg | Sweden

Fabian Schöttle
Communications Manager at City of Stuttgart | Germany

Oriol Estela Barnet
General Director at El Pla Estratègic Metropolità de Barcelona | Spain

6.3. June 22, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Citizen panels: Hope or hype?

How to crack the hardest political nuts with citizen power

Citizen panels are making headlines across the world. They stand to tackle the most contentious topics, such as same-sex marriage, refugee policy, and climate change. Take as an example "the last generation" and those who criticise their anger and actions. How to do justice to both the activists' demands and the needs of drivers affected by their road blockades? While elections know only winners and losers, with the winners promising, mantra-like, to unite a divided country, in citizen panels average people work with experts on solutions collaboratively. Can they also settle the climate dispute? Join this session to dive into the fascinating world of citizen panels, find out if and how they offer real progress on climate policy, and decide for yourself: hype or hope?

Graham Smith (Chair)
Chair of the Knowledge Network on Climate Assemblies | UK

Scarlett Voit
Full Member of Verein des österreichischen Klimarat der Bürger:innen | Austria

Ieva Cesnulaityte
Founding Head of Research & Learning at DemocracyNext | France

6.4. June 22, 2023
09.00 – 10.30

CityChangers Panel

How does it feel being a panelist selected by lot

Joe and Jane Public are the primary users of city infrastructure, so how come they don't have a say in its planning or design? Well, maybe Joe just doesn't care! But what about Jane, who cares deeply, and even campaigns for it, but constantly feels left out? Bad luck for her because citizen panels' participants are chosen at random. Want to try it out? Just accept the invitation sent to you by the CityChangers' lottery, show up to this session, and you will be one of a handful of lucky citizen panelists to debate a contentious topic! Didn't receive an invite? Bad luck! But come along anyway and observe the panel in action during their Q&A session. Let's see if your fellow CityChangers can make progress on the topic.

James Macdonald-Nelson (Chair)
Project Lead Urban Design & Planning at DemocracyNext | Germany

Bruno Wipfler
Project Lead "Bürgerrat Klima" at City of Stuttgart | Germany

DemocracyNext



6.5. June 22, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Unlocking the potential of collaboration

How to harness our incessant drive to work together

Collaboration is the new buzzword on everyone's lips – rarely more than a marketing ploy. At the same time, collaboration is the most essential tool to reach our collective goals. So, how does it work: How do you know if what stakeholders with different mindsets, from different cultural backgrounds, and organizations bring to the table serves your purpose, and vice versa? How to even find common ground! Plus, won't people back out again, sooner or later, if there's no chemistry left? The answer is yes, they will. Collaborating under such circumstances can be terrible hard. So, collab-chemists watch out: join this highly interactive session to learn what kind of behaviour will instantly kill your venture, and what factors are key for successful collaboration.

Karin Haselböck (Chair)
Head of Strategic Planning at Ashoka Europe | Austria

Sascha Haselmayer
Partner at Ashoka Deutschland GmbH | Germany

Milena Ivkovic
CEO at Placemaking Balkans | The Netherlands

Track 6

SESSION DETAILS

6.6. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

How to definitely f*** up your participation exercise

Sharing essential participation failures

So, you'd like to ask your participants for their opinion – then what? Don't vex them with half-baked consultation! Don't rely on methodologies off the shelf. There is no silver bullet, no ten commandments to follow. And still, there are certain critical mistakes to make and to learn from. Share your participation failures with international peers in an intimate setting and learn from others who are failing forward.

Lior Steinberg (Chair)
Co-founder & Urban Planner at Humankind | The Netherlands

Britta Oehlich
Head of Innovation at Hamburger Hochbahn AG | Germany

6.7. June 22, 2023
16.00 – 17.30



Cutting edge participation tools and methods

How to conquer whole new galaxies with digital tools

Little more than a decade ago, participation needed a physical place to meet, clumsy communications using postal services, or volunteers running through address and phone books, etc. Okay, some of these are still vital tools. Physical meetings are more important than ever, but with today's online tools, you can achieve so much more. Importantly, you can reach audiences far beyond the regular crowd. But how can you make sure that they find your project and that they're all on the same page? What do you need to do to interpret the data correctly? If you're interested in expanding participation, in reaching people (again) and building communities with digital tools, the answers to these questions will set you on the right track. This is your session.

Karolin Kreiner (Chair)
Student | Germany

Damiano Cerrone
Co-founder at UrbanistAI | Finland

Maarit Kahila
CEO at Maptionnaire | Finland

Seyran Kahlili
Service Designer & Project Lead at New Women Connectors | Norway

Track 7 **SKILLS FOR CITYCHANGERS**

Whether you're just getting started, gaining influence, or scaling for impact, Skills for CityChangers provides you with essential know-how for taking your next step. Let's learn critical skills for change-making from the best.



Track 7 SESSION DETAILS

7.1. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

How to mobilise

Mastering the task of getting others on board

To drive change, you need supporters. That's why it is critical for CityChangers to identify and ultimately win over others for their cause, whether they are experts, citizens, organisations, groups, or entire city environments. But how do you get started? Which dos should you follow, and which don'ts must be avoided? Let us share with you some very handy tools and methods that will help you improve your skills to mobilise others.

Karin Haselböck (Chair)
Head of Strategic Planning at Ashoka Europe | Austria

Ronni Kahn
Founder of OzHarvest | Australia

Katja Diehl
Owner of She Drives Mobility | Germany

7.2. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

How to gain influence

Networking is by far the best way of building an impactful career

So, you think networking is about handing out cards, a friendly text on LinkedIn, and a pint after work? Good for a start, rookie! But to build long-term connections that really make a difference, there is much more you need to know. The good news is that networking is a skill that can be mastered with practice. Come along... and don't forget your cards ;-)

Regina Schröter & Anastasia Sukhoroslova (Chair)
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7.3. June 22, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

How to create an online community

Community builder workshop

The City of Stuttgart together with partners BABLE Smart Cities and DPS has created the Stuttgart Klima Community – a central place for exchange and networking to engage through joint action. Politicians, city administrators, businesses and citizens now have a place to contribute something meaningful – from small steps in everyday life to city or district level initiatives. However, the central challenge in building an online community lies in the difficulty of reaching people and engaging with them, and providing value to the citizens in the community while ensuring not to alienate them. In this workshop, the City of Stuttgart will present these challenges and workshop participants will gain insights and knowledge into building such a community, as well as what to expect when moving forward with such a project.

BABLE Smart Cities & DPS (Chair)

BABLE DPS STUTTGART

7.4. June 21, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Tell it differently #1: Communicate the change

How to inspire new audiences with your idea

The "circular economy", "NetZero", or "scope-3 emissions" – terms you are familiar with; and for years you've been working on them with like-minded people. But for some reason progress is slow, and the man in the street thinks you're an ivory-tower technocrat. Sounds familiar? OK, you really need to work on your storytelling and communication skills! Join this workshop to learn how to communicate the change and reach those who share your views but not your language.

Urban Future (Chair tba)

7.5. June 22, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

How to get the European Union to finance your project

Workshop for city managers

Since cities lack funds, European city managers turn to the EU to finance their projects. But how do you write a successful application? What strategy should you use? What terminology increases the competitiveness of project proposals? In this workshop, you'll learn how assessors evaluate and why they turn down certain projects. Join in and let them help you succeed with your application.

Marco Buemi (Chair)
Expert Evaluator of Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) - DG Justice

Track 8 LEADERSHIP

Any project's success depends on leaders who can inspire others, on those who nurture their community and teach the lessons they learnt by making mistakes along the way. Join us to connect with some of the most exciting urban leaders around.



Track 8 SESSION DETAILS

8.1. June 21, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Visionary: Leading change through visions

How to unleash the power to drive change

Changing yourself is difficult; being the driving force for change in groups, organisations, and cities is even more so. If you're in the position of driving change and influencing others, you will need very particular skills. This session will tell you what you need to master the most critical part of a change process, which boils down to a vision, passion, and a broad set of methods & skills.

Greg Clark (Chair)
Urbanist & Innovator | UK

Antje von Dewitz
Managing Director of VAUDE | Germany

8.2. June 22, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

A new breed of leaders

How to reach one's goals quicker by giving up control

Why do we constantly wish to control and command others, why do most of us fail to let go – not only at work? Is it ideology, human nature, the wrong incentives, ego, or a generational thing? Let's hear from leaders who have broken the deadlock and who inspire others to fly: learn from them how to give up control if it is your job to be responsible.

Katharina Moser (Chair)
Director of IDG Summit & Events

Esther Bukholt
Former Programme Manager at Recreation Aotearoa | New Zealand

Margaret Heffernan
Professor of Practice and best selling author | USA

Mohamed Ridouani
Mayor of Leuven | BE

8.3. June 22, 2023
14.00 – 15.30

Living with your vision

How to manage passion

True visionaries must live their vision! But how your burn for something without burning out? Let's hear from amazing individuals who are fully committed to their task and like to lose themselves in their work. How do they strike a balance? What strategies have they developed to wind down, deal with setbacks, recharge, and keep going? And what did experience teach them that they can safely do without? Let's find out. Join fellow visionaries as they talk about the blessings and pitfalls of being one.

Katharina Moser (Chair)
Director of IDG Summit & Events

Christian Felber
Economist and Initiator of the Cooperative for the Common Good and the Common Good Economy | Austria

Santa Meyer-Nandi
Board Member of the Stuttgart Innovation Fund and Director at Finding Sustania | Germany

Berna Brandsæter
Business Development and Transformation Manager at IKEA Germany

8.4. June 22, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Good intentions, bad regulations

How to drive change despite silly rules

Why don't regulators simply turn a blind eye? Why don't legal units comply? We could easily save the planet if we all pulled in one direction! Evidently, we don't. Critically, we fail not because we intend any ill. Nor do we lack a shared goal! We fail because we've created closed, self-referential, and foolishly successful systems in which it makes perfect sense to waste energy (because it increases manager bonus), reward public "bads" such as company cars, and basically destroy that which feeds us. Join this session to hear the amazing stories of why "this is not going to work" and how to do it anyway.

Pärtel-Peeter Pere (Chair)

Boris Palmer
Lord Mayor of Tübingen | Germany

Kilian Kaminski
Co-Founder & COO at Refurbed | Austria

Nancy Shoiry
General Director of Société d'habitation et de développement de Montréal | Canada

8.5. June 22, 2023
16.00 – 17.30

Change must come from the top

How to create a new culture of city governance

Cities are setting themselves ever ambitious targets, most often before paying attention on how to achieve them: "with different talent", say some; through "building capacities" and "localizing global principles", others add. Sooner or later all cities will have figured out: they need to create a different culture of leadership and governance altogether! 'Trust-based' and 'humble' are but two already practiced innovative (Nordic) forms of governance. And there is more! Join this workshop hosted by Tallinn European Green Capital 2023 to explore the much needed change in governance to boost transformation and achieve cities' ambitious targets.





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Field-Trips ADDING SPICE TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

This is your chance to experience something unique: the field trips will open doors for you, get you inside highly restricted areas, inspire you, make you think outside the box, while the very people in charge of these innovations will be your private guides. Get ready for when ticket holders can reserve their spots in early May.

Field-Trips TRIP DETAILS

Friday, June 23, 2023

1. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Modern Architecture at its best – or worst?!

Do you think it's beautiful or as ugly as modern architecture can get? Join the team behind one of the most talked about neighbourhoods in Stuttgart! This fascinating guided tour covers the Weissenhof apartments and its surroundings (including Le-Corbusier-Haus, which is on the UNESCO World Heritage List). Also see developments such as the new Killesberghöhe, the Academy of Fine Arts, Brenzkirche and more.



2. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Agriculture meets manufacturing

So, you think farmers are old-fashioned, businesses are callous, and collaboration with private property owners is bound to fail? This 110-acre project proves otherwise! This is your chance to explore – and taste your way through – the commercial transformation site in Fellbach. The planning will focus on collaborative ways to mix and re-densify the area, as well as strengthen urban agriculture.

7. World's first adaptive high-rise building



3. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Back to the Future

Remember the days of spinning mills and labor wars? Of course, you don't. This is your chance to relive 1861 and – at the same time – imagine the future. Don't miss this exclusive guided tour of the well-worth-seeing, forward-thinking industrial site at Neckar Spinning Mill. It will be converted into a mixed-use, sustainable, live-work-play area as part of the IBA project.

4. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

A dime a dozen, but like no other

So, what's in the pipeline for this typical, (run-down) post-war neighborhood? Check out this 21st century living lab for housing from the 1950s and explore what can happen when crisis-resistant, cooperative housing is reinvented once residents are taking the lead. Stuttgart-Rot is Germany's biggest post-war housing complex with many architectural highlights. It's also the future of conversions.

5. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Boat trip on a sleeping beauty

Dazzling but dormant. Reclaiming the Neckar riverbank as a living space for all is a key to becoming a spectacular, sustainable, climate-adapted region of Stuttgart. But as with any such plans there's much controversy around who is going to use the newly reclaimed space. Learn how Stuttgart is prioritizing different functions (housing, sports, ecology, industry, etc.) in the most relaxing environment – on the river.

6. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Nature walk – ready to move?

You've been indoors for days straight and hours at a time, soaking up all things Urban Future. Maybe you're now craving fresh air, plants and animals? Why not stretch your legs, get into nature, and start your day with the most beautiful panorama in the city! Thanks to its special location in the Kessel, it has gorgeous hiking trails and views of Stuttgart.

7. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

The future of construction: A building with muscles

What sounds like a science fiction novel is now the present: researchers from Stuttgart have opened the world's first adaptive high-rise building. The 36.5-meter-high building can adapt to its surroundings at the push of a button! Each of the 12 floors serves as a test module for cutting-edge façade systems, such as for a hydro-active façade system to reduce urban heat and risks of flooding. And when a cold wind blows, it flexes its muscles; its weight shifts and it leans into the gusts to avoid getting knocked over. D1244 is not a robot from Star Wars but the world's first skyscraper of its kind. Consuming very little construction material, the jaw-dropping building is also a glimpse into the future of architecture.

Field-Trips TRIP DETAILS

Friday, June 23, 2023

8. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Wandering the Garden of Eden

If plants (or health) are your thing, you'll never want to leave again. Join this private tour of the amazing Weleda Gardens in Wetzgau, Europe's largest garden of healing plants spanning over an astonishing 23 acres and hosting more than 800 plants. Very much in line with Weleda's anthroposophical purpose of "unfolding health and beauty in harmony with nature and the human being", the gardens are considered one living organism. Experience them in the summer – and be overwhelmed by the sheer ocean of blossoms.

10. June 21, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Stuttgart 21: It's not a Train Station

Stuttgart 21 is probably one of Europe's most controversial train stations. But did you know, that's it is actually not a train station project? In fact, it is a massive infrastructure project with 11 rail tracks, 3 train stations, 57 km of tunnels, and Stuttgart's new main station - coupled with Germany's largest inner-city urban development project. This private tour will put the project(s) into perspective before taking you in protective gear some 100m below surface into the heart of what will be the main hall of Stuttgart's spectacular underground train station.

10. Stuttgart 21 Transport and Urban Development Project



9. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

The Walk-in-Closet of your dreams

Can you imagine a closet with 31km of clothing rails? No? Well, then this tour is for you – but only if you're fast enough to snatch one of only 20 seats for this highly exclusive private tour to the heart of luxury apparel retailer Breuninger's brand new logistics center in Sachsenheim, one of the most modern in all of Germany. Even if logistics is not (yet) your thing, you'll be amazed: by its sheer size of more than 11 soccer fields, by the amount of products retail operations require these days, or by its army of little commissioning robots lovingly called R2-D2s whizzing the floors.

11. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

High-Speed Train Link at Stuttgart Airport

This is for tunnel fans: seize the opportunity to experience for yourself one of Europe's largest train infrastructure projects. At Stuttgart Airport, Germany's train operator Deutsche Bahn builds a massive high-speed rail station that is part of the missing link of Europe's train link from Paris to Budapest. On this private tour of the Airport construction sites we'll kick off with an overview of the project, then take you in protective gear to the various construction sites and access points. And yes, most of it will be under ground.



12. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Sustainable Urban Quarter Bad Cannstatt

Join us and the crew of Werner Sobek on this guided tour of the sustainable urban quarter P18, the milestone project for wooden serial construction. Consisting of six buildings for the staff of the Bad Cannstatt Clinic it is Germany's largest wooden house quarter planned to date. While the buildings are constructed in prefabricated timber modules, particular attention was paid to energy performance and systems engineering with the massive use of PVT collectors and heat pumps. See for yourself how to develop a plus-energy quarter.

Field-Trips TRIP DETAILS

13. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Factory 56: Industrial production of the Future

Join us at this spectacular tour of Mercedes Benz Group's latest production gem: Factory 56 is where all knowhow from dozens of plants, latest G5 & robotics technology and new work concepts have been combined to create a super-efficient large-scale production facility that even has strong sustainability credentials: both social, as well as ecological. While energy consumption was reduced by 25%, Factory 56's own PV system generates on site more than 30% of its electricity needs. See for yourself what's possible if you allow your teams to be ambitious and creative.

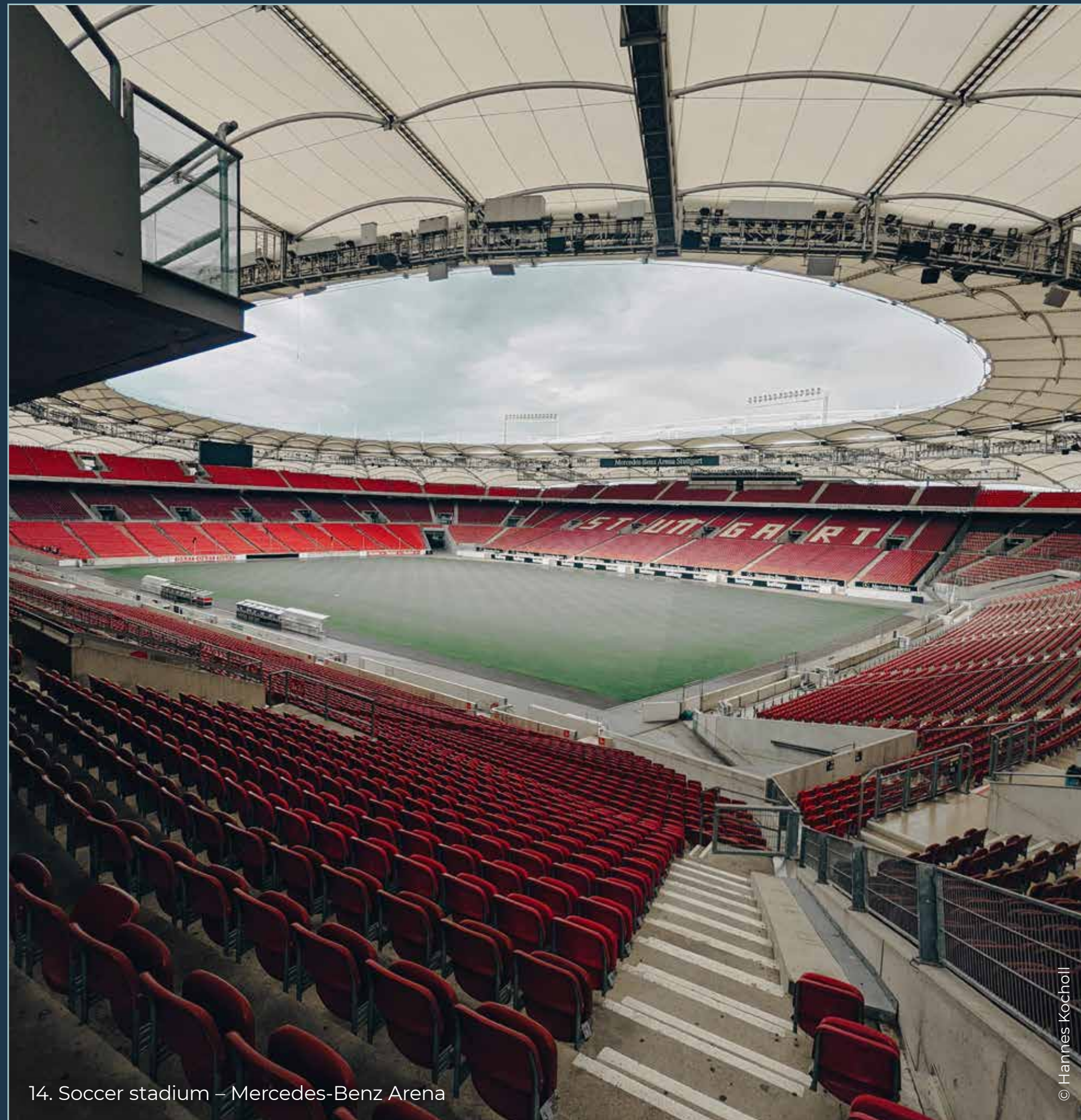


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14. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Soccer Time: Sustainability & large-scale events

How do you combine sustainability with entertainment? German Bundesliga club VfB Stuttgart welcomes more than 50,000 fans to each of its home games – and sustainability is increasingly becoming a guest to the show. Join us when VfB Stuttgart's innovation team takes us on this dedicated tour of the stadium premises, including the secured construction site of its grandstands that are currently getting pimped up for being a host to the Euro24. Hear about the link between sustainability, technology and digitalization and bug the experts with your questions.



14. Soccer stadium – Mercedes-Benz Arena

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15. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Stuttgart Region's most sustainable buildings

You think Stuttgart is all about cars? Let us prove you wrong – and show you just why the region is producing the most patent applications in all of Europe. Thanks to its thinkers, engineers, research institutions and tech knowhow, Stuttgart is also home to an astonishing number of cutting-edge sustainable buildings. This unique tour will take you across the city to experience several highlights: meet the people behind the projects, hear about their experiences and seize the opportunity to bug them with your questions. Get ready to be surprised.

16. June 23, 2023
11.00 – 12.30

Watch wildlife at the "Wilde Klimawand"

Have you ever wondered why many 'green' walls look rather like a vertical desert shrub? Well, this one does not. Come along, collect your magnifying glasses, and zoom in on the "Wilde Klimawand" – the wild climate wall, one of Stuttgart's premier climate adaption projects. On its 60m², this urban wilderness is home to a wide range of species including various birds – and bats. Find out how microclimate can be influenced by dense green walls like this one and feel the difference yourself before quizzing Stuttgart's leading biodiversity researchers about the wall.

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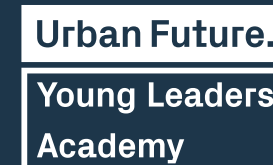
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