

LIVING-IN.EU

First EU Mayors
Digital Assembly
15 June 2023
9.00 – 11.00
The Square, Brussels

Introduction:

On 15th of June the Living-in.EU movement organises its first EU Mayors Digital Assembly in Brussels, in the framework of the Brussels Urban Summit 2023.

The Mayors' Digital Assembly is the political advisory body which provides strategic orientation to the Living-in.EU movement. The Mayors Digital Assembly is co-chaired by Mayor Seppo Määttä city of Oulu and Mayor Lluïsa Moret Sabidó city of Sant Boi de Llobregat. The annual event will be the occasion for mayors, regional presidents and other signatories to debate the political priorities of the movement and to launch new strategic coordinated actions to tackle some key challenges and advance the twin green and digital transformation of EU cities and communities.

Programme:

The first EU Mayors Digital Assembly will discuss key priorities in two high-level panels: 'Leading by example' and 'the city that leaves no one behind'. In the first panel, city mayors and regional ministers discuss the opportunities for cities to act as open urban platforms for testing new technologies and developing new and better services and solutions such as local digital twins and local data platforms to be upscaled at regional, National, and European level. The second panel will discuss concrete collaborative practices to overcome digital divide through experimental learning and facilitating access to local public services. The panel discussions are also the opportunity to launch cooperative and ad-hoc actions to be developed during the next 2-years mandate.

The event will also be the occasion to launch new tools and collaborative initiatives such as the LORDIMAS, to measure the digital maturity of cities and regions.

Preliminary agenda:

Moderated by Luca Bertuzzi, journalist EURACTIV

9.00 **Opening** by Renate Nikolay, Deputy Director General DG CONNECT (tbc)

Welcome by the co-chairs.

9.15 **Key-note speech**

9.25 **Leading by example.** Moderated panel discussion with city mayors and regional ministers on the leadership decisions needed to accompany a city and a region in its digital transformation. How can we make sure we keep control of our data and meet our ethical principles? What needs to be done to ensure local public services work in a joined-up way? How can we move from Local Digital Twin (LDT) towards Citiverse, how a European Digital Infrastructure Consortium (EDIC) on LDTs can help?

Political debate chaired by Mayor Seppo Määttä, city of Oulu

10.00 **Cities that leave no-one behind.**

Citizens are at the core of the digital transformation process. Interview with 4 city political representatives to learn how cities are engaged in fighting the digital divide contributing to a more inclusive and cohesive Europe (30')

Opened by Mayor Lluisa Moret i Sabidó, city of Sant Boi de Llobregat

10.30 **Closing remarks** by CoR ambassadors to launch LORDIMAS

10.35 **Conclusions** by moderator

Signing of the Join Boost Sustain political declaration by new signatories

11.00 **Closing of the event**