



Program December 7th, 2022

- 10:35 Welcoming remarks
10:50 Project information Urban Diplomacy Exchange
- 11:00 **Keynote : Urban Diplomacy, the 2030 Agenda and the responsibility of cities in times of multiple crises**
Martino Miraglia, SDG Localization and Local Governments, UN-HABITAT
- 11:15 --- Break ---
- 11:30 **Panel discussion: Urban Diplomacy as an instrument for achieving global goals**
Daniel Pejic, Research Fellow, Melbourne Centre for Cities
Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council
Martin van der Pütten, Head of International Relations, City of Dortmund
- 12:15 --- Lunch Break ---
- 13:30 Introduction of the two group sessions and pitch of the good practices by cities.
- 13:45 Parallel group sessions on challenges and good practices from cities
Group session 1: Urban diplomacy for peace
Group session 2: Urban diplomacy for climate action
- 15:00 --- Short Break ---
- 15:05 Wrap-up of group-work sessions and feedback from each group
15:20 Closing and overview for the second day
15:30 End of day 1



Program December 8th, 2022

Day 2: 8 December 2022

- 10:40 Keynote: **City diplomacy: From theory to practice**
Lorenzo Kihlgren Grandi, Founding Director, City Diplomacy Lab
- 10:55 Fireside chat : ***Urban diplomacy and cities engagement in multilateral processes: Cities of Bristol and Mannheim***
- 11:40 Introduction to the parallel interactive exchange groups **Cities engaging in multilateral processes and partnerships for the SDGs**
- 11:45 --- Break ---
- 12:00 **Cities engaging in multilateral processes and partnerships for the SDGs**
- 12:45 Wrap-up of peer-to-peer consultation and feedback from each group
- 13:00 Next steps of the project and reflection
- 13:30 End of the event



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Project Information: Urban Diplomacy Exchange

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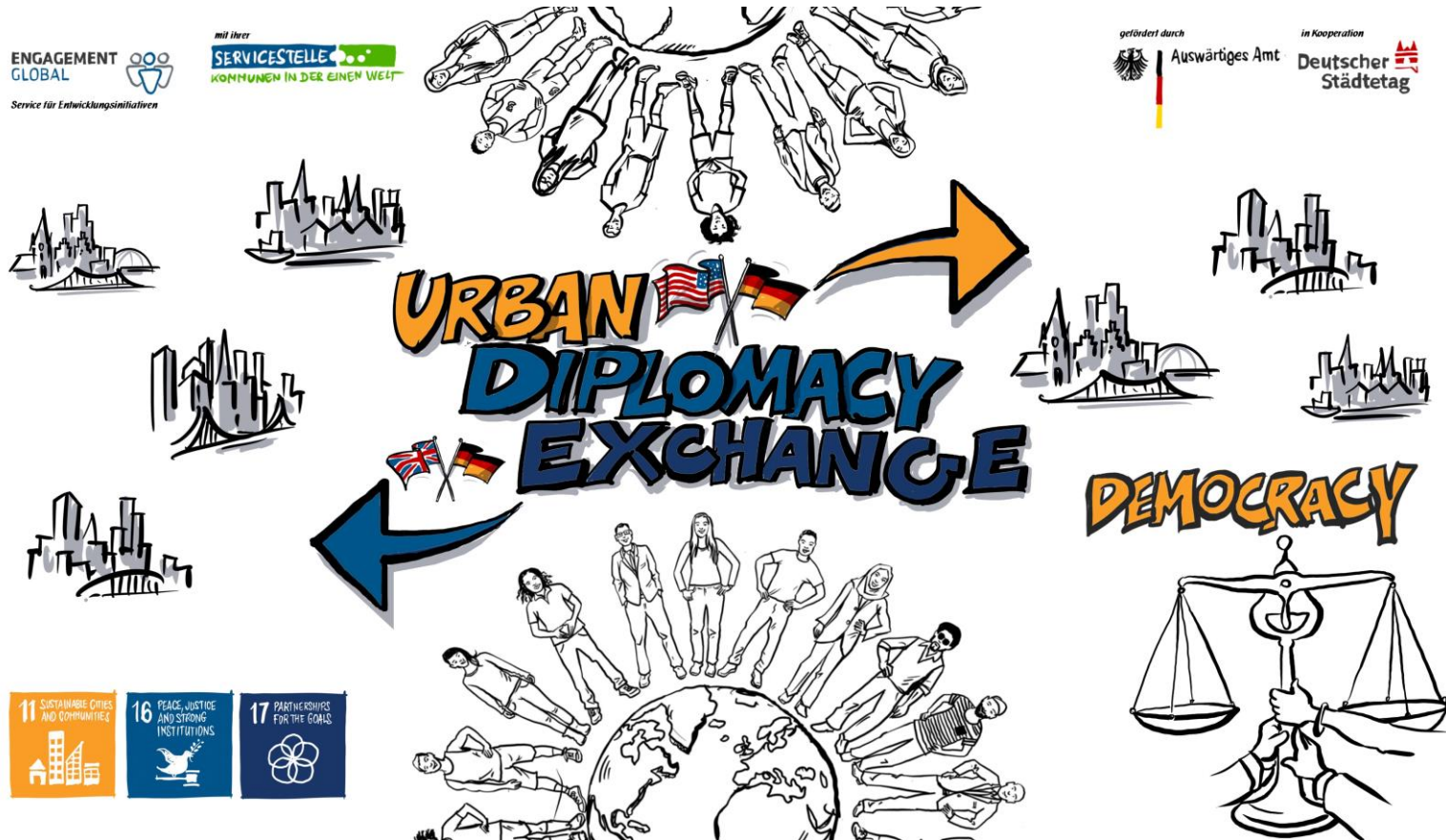
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Project Structure

Coalition treaty (2021):

„We strengthen relationships between cities and expand urban diplomacy.“



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Project partner:

Association of German Cities



Target group:

Technical exchange between city departments and local political leaders of cities in Germany

and cities
in Great Britain and the USA

Project timeframe :

October 2021 - September 2023





Definition:

*Instrument for municipalities to maintain contacts worldwide, to network at the local political, administrative, urban social and economic level, to **represent themselves and their interests** at the **international level** and to jointly **enable sustainable and democratic development for all citizens***



Urban Diplomacy Exchange: Approach



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UDE - Project goals



GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Increase expertise of 1-2 topics of sustainable urban planning
 - e.g. climate-friendly mobility; social justice; city's peacekeeping activities
- Awareness raising of interlinkages of SDGs and what that means for urban planning



GLOBAL COMMITMENT

- engage different city departments + city administration and political level working together
- Municipal actors are aware of their role in urban diplomacy and their engagement to achieve the 2030 Agenda
- peace and security



GLOBAL LEARNING

- strengthen city relations (UK-GER) on political and city administration level → understanding of the counterpart's situation
- share learned experiences and knowledge with other actors, like colleagues, other city departments and community

- ➔ Cities cooperation for global sustainable development goals
- ➔ Internationalization of cities and enhancing their commitment to global responsibility and urban diplomacy (declarations and actions)
- ➔ Complementary to diplomatic relations of the national level



Timeline UDE Germany – Great Britain

open virtual
expert exchange
(7-8 December
2022)

open virtual
political exchange:
Mayors
Roundtable
22 February 2023

Component 1:
*Partnership
conference
(13-15 June
2023)*

**Network meeting for
the selected German
cities (in-person)**
(12 September 2023)



*Selection of four
more intensively
monitored
partnerships
(SKEW)*



Component 2:
*Expert exchange
trips of the four
selected
partnerships*



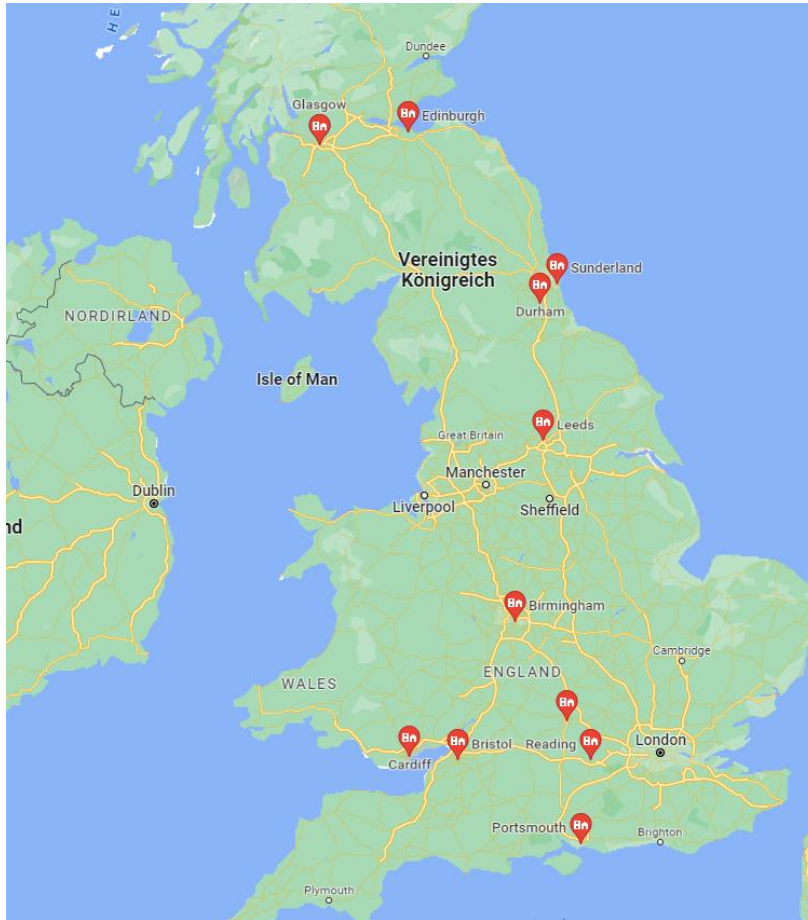
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Participants from 11 British cities and 15 German cities





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Why Urban Diplomacy?

Urban diplomacy or city diplomacy complements the diplomatic relations of national governments and offers opportunities for dialogue at especially when bilateral diplomatic relations at the national level are strained.

Cities have become **shaping actors in international cooperation** - not least because they are directly affected by events such as change, environmental disasters, and social tensions. They are often confronted with complex social, ecological and economic

and find us on LinkedIn: [Urban Diplomacy Exchange](https://www.linkedin.com/company/urban-diplomacy-exchange/)

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Next steps

Build connections
with (British) actors

Leverage
synergies/processes
with int. / EU/nat.
Level, e.g. UN-Habitat

Organisation of
conference in June

synergies with
Science Diplomacy ?

Policy Coherence /
MLG
→ Governance and
int. policy



Community page interface showing a poll titled "On what topic would you like to exchange ideas with other cities?". The poll is by Livia Pichorner (SKEW) and has 13 members. The poll options and their votes are:

Topic	Votes
city-to-city-cooperation	4 Stimme(n)
urban diplomacy theory	2 Stimme(n)
hydrogen / Wasserstoff	0 Stimme(n)
sustainable urban water management	0 Stimme(n)
urban social renewal (soziale Stadt)	2 Stimme(n)

The interface also includes a sidebar menu with options like Stream, Wiki, Dateien, Aufgaben, Linkliste, Umfragen, Galerie, Kalender, and Über. The main content area has a search bar and a filter dropdown.

[Urban Diplomacy Exchange -
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\(engagement-global.de\)](https://community.engagement-global.de/s/urban-diplomacy-exchange/polls/poll/show)



Events you could be interested in...

[Transnational Digital Conference \(urbanxchange-network.org\)](https://urbanxchange-network.org)



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Date: Tuesday, 13 December 2022
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (CET)
Location: Online



Heat Islands:

register here: [Connective Cities expert exchange: "Strategies for mitigating heat islands" - SKEW \(engagement-global.de\)](https://engagement-global.de)



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