



## **Kraków takes centre stage as host of Cities Forum 2025!**

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**The host city for the much-anticipated Cities Forum 2025 is Kraków. The European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) event, organised by the European Urban Initiative (EUI), is a key platform for dialogue on the urban dimension of EU Cohesion policy. After careful assessment of applications and the vote of the EU Member States during the Directors-General Meeting on Urban Matters, Kraków has been selected to welcome urban stakeholders from all corners of Europe to the 6th edition of the Cities Forum 2025.**

Kraków stood out for its particular commitment to sustainability, urban development and the organisation of the event. Kraków represents the spirit of progressive urban development that the Cities Forum seeks to promote.

### **What to expect?**

Set in the heart of Kraków's vibrant urban fabric, Cities Forum 2025 promises to be the perfect place to exchange ideas, forge partnerships and shape the future of our cities. Participants can look forward to engaging discussions, interactive workshops, high-level sessions, and immersive experiences showcasing Kraków's achievements in sustainable urban development.

### **Stay tuned!**

Whether you are a policymaker, urban planner, researcher, or passionate advocate for sustainable cities, Cities Forum 2025 invites you to be part of this transformative dialogue. The date and more details on registration, speakers, and agenda highlights will be communicated soon on the official [European Commission](#) website.

### **Background**

The **Cities Forum (#CitiesForum)** is the biennial major event of the European Commission, on the urban dimension of the EU Cohesion Policy. The event brings together key urban stakeholders from European, national, regional and local levels and will be organised by the European Urban Initiative, on behalf of the European Commission - DG REGIO and under the responsibility of the EUI Entrusted Entity, the Region Hauts-de-France (FR).

The **European Urban Initiative (EUI)** is an initiative of the European Union (EU) funded in the framework of the EU Cohesion Policy for the programming period 2021-2027. The EUI supports cities of all sizes; to build capacity and knowledge with Portico, the EU urban knowledge platform; to support innovation and develop transferable and scalable innovative solutions to urban challenges of EU relevance. The Initiative is managed by the European Commission (EC) - DG REGIO via indirect management. The EC has designated the Region Hauts-de-France (FR) as Entrusted Entity, for the implementation of the EUI. EUI is operationally managed on a daily basis by the EUI Permanent Secretariat located in Lille (FR).