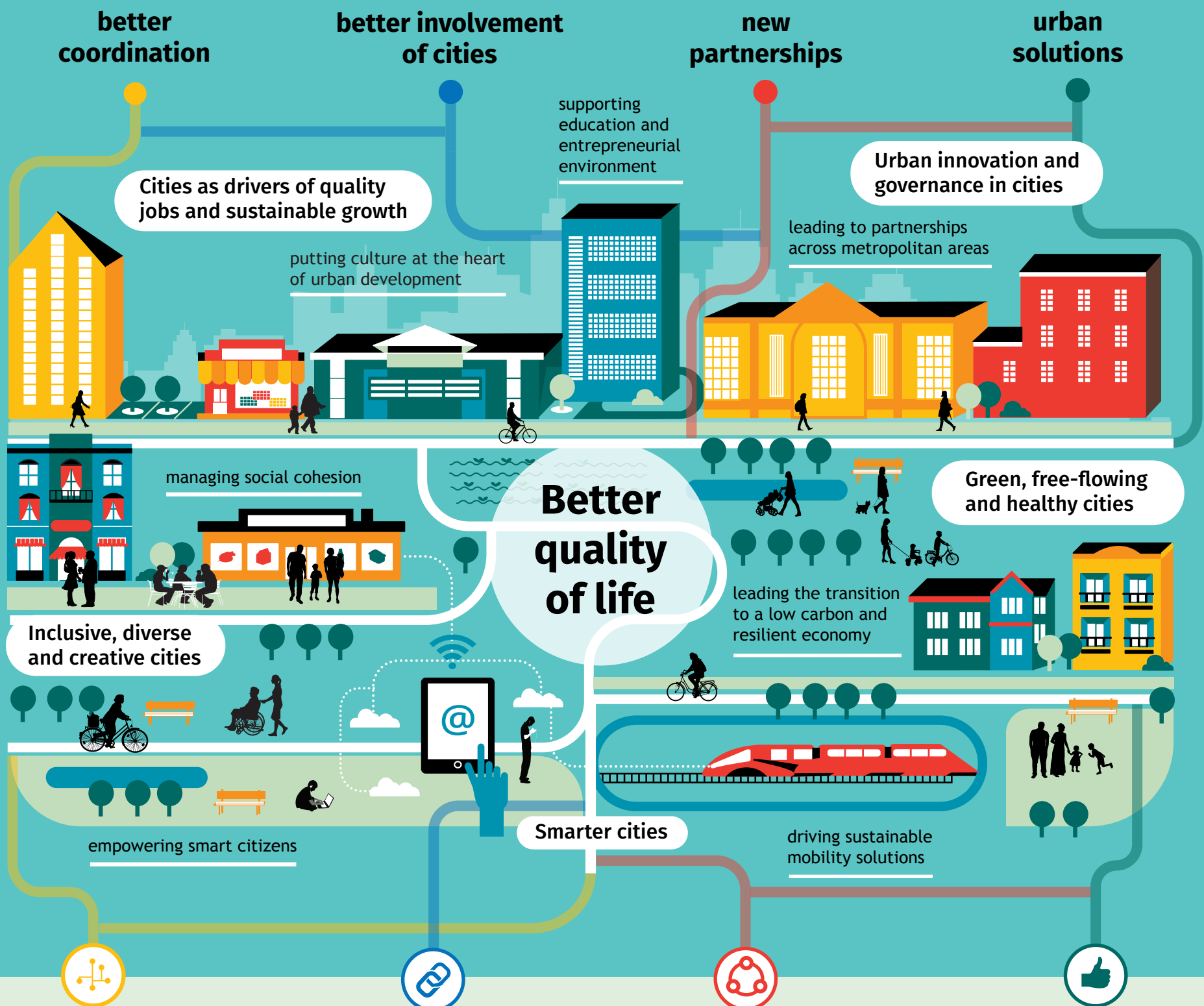


TOWARDS AN EU URBAN AGENDA

Europe's future lies in its cities - the drivers of sustainable economic development and frontline managers of climate action and social inclusion. Local and regional authorities, including cities, implement around 70% of EU legislation on the ground. The broader EU agenda must fully recognise the capacity of Europe's cities to deliver on the strategic priorities to the benefit of all.

THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF AN EU URBAN AGENDA



Strengthening coordination at EU level to prevent duplication and overlaps of initiatives. This can be done through:

- Appointing an urban envoy to resource political and practical coordination within the European Commission
- Reinforcing the urban dimension of territorial impact assessments
- Working towards better urban data at all levels
- Establishing a 'one-stop-shop' web portal on EU initiatives (policies and financial programmes) with an urban dimension

Moving away from consultations towards collaboration and genuine partnership work, including by:

- Mainstreaming the involvement of cities in the upstream development of EU and member state initiatives with an urban impact, for example:
 - EU youth guarantee implementation
 - Urban mobility expert group
- Including study visits in cities when vice-presidents and commissioners travel to member states and involving cities in the planning of those

Testing a working method where smaller groups of member states, city experts and relevant Commission DGs work together to tackle specific urban challenges by:

- Bringing partners, expertise and resources together
- Improving vertical and horizontal coordination
- Moving beyond a sectoral approach to integrate policies and solutions
- Building capacity and sharing knowledge across all levels of governance

Taking a practical approach and delivering outcomes to demonstrate added value on urgent urban and European challenges, including:

- Employment in cities: EUROCITIES declaration on work
- Reception and integration of asylum seekers and refugees
- Decarbonising cities and localising energy supply
- Air quality
- Affordable quality housing
- Intra-EU migration

Sources

For a full overview of EUROCITIES position on an EU urban agenda, check our website www.eurocities.eu

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