EUROCITIES: the network of European cities
Founded in 1986, representing cities of over 250,000 inhabitants

A direct link to cities

Some 130 full members in 35 countries, representing 130m citizens

43 associate members and partners

Most European capital cities members
• **Dialogue** with EU institutions

• **Sharing** and improving knowledge between cities

• **Collaborative projects**
### How we do it

#### Six networks in one

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- **Sustainability cuts across all of these areas**
- **Our network helps make the links**
Electricity Saving Check - Frankfurt

- Unemployed persons trained to run energy saving checks while installing saving technologies in household
- > 2000 checks in Frankfurt since 2005
- > 80,000 checks in 100 other German cities
- Electricity and water consumption immediately reduced by 25%
- Two EU-funded programmes extending this experience to other EU member states.

EUROCITIES continues to do more & more cross-sectoral work, e.g. on smart cities, energy poverty,…
Air quality

- Cities want to deliver and support tough targets
- But they cannot do the job alone
  - Failure of Euro emission standards
  - National emission restrictions (ceilings) do not live up to local ones
  - ... 

**EUROCITIES work on EU air policy review**
- Since 2011
- Commission Expert Stakeholder Group
- Meetings with Commission & cities
- Raising awareness with European press
Insight #3: Raise awareness...

Visualisation

Information

Citizen engagement

Energy efficient Antwerp
Subsidies
  • local
  • regional

Preferential loan and tax reduction
  • national

‘One stop-shop’
  • City advice on how to use and combine the different funding opportunities

Other cities followed, e.g. Netwerkstad Twente inspired by a EUROCITIES working group
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