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# German EU Council Presidency: New Leipzig Charter

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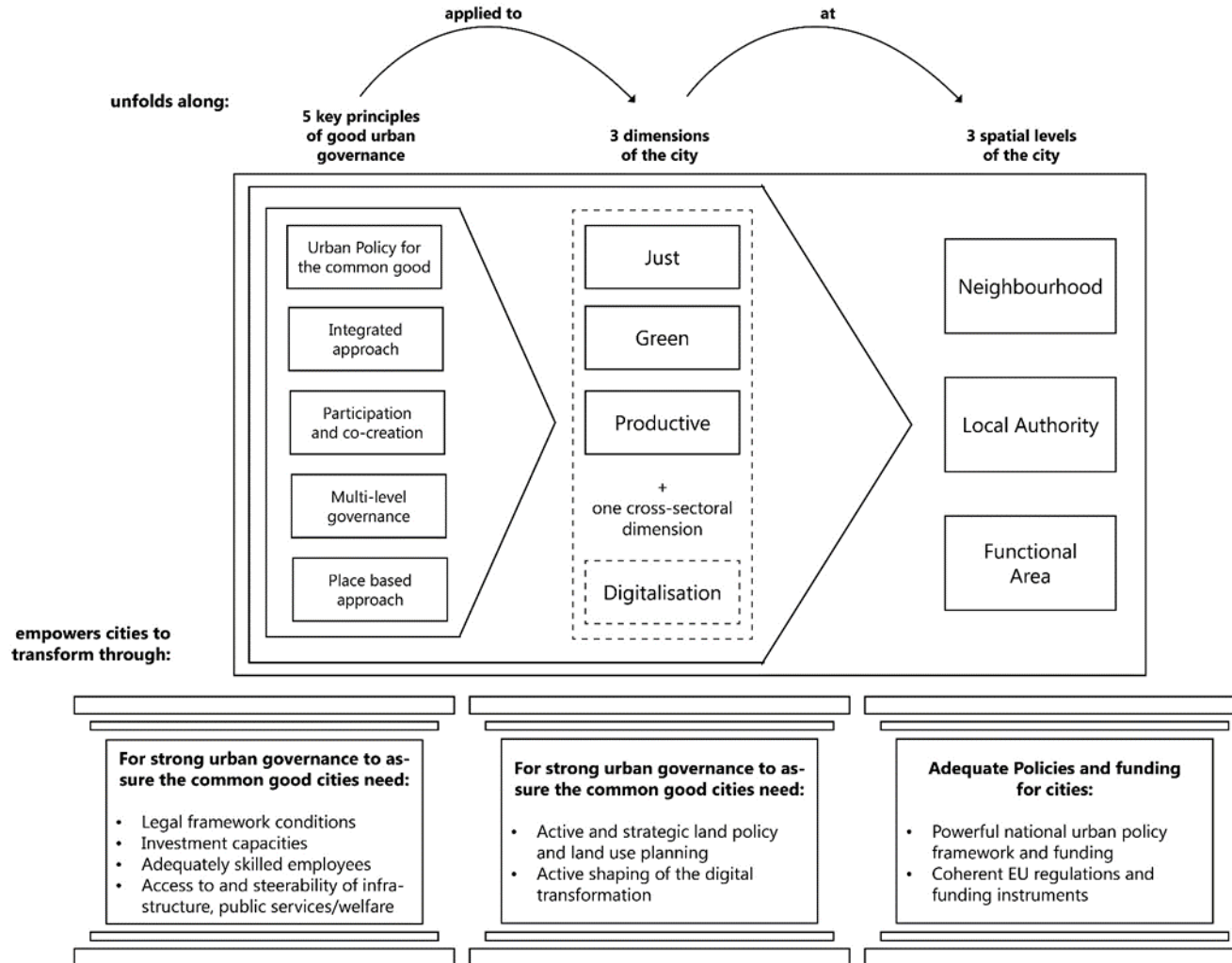
# Informal Ministerial Urban Development

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Adoption of:

- „New Leipzig Charter – The transformative power of cities for the common good“
  - Strategic framework document, aiming at strengthening the common good in urban development context
- „Implementing the New Leipzig Charter through multi-level governance – Next steps for the Urban Agenda for the EU“
  - Implementation Document, preparing the next phase of the UAEU

# THE NEW LEIPZIG CHARTER



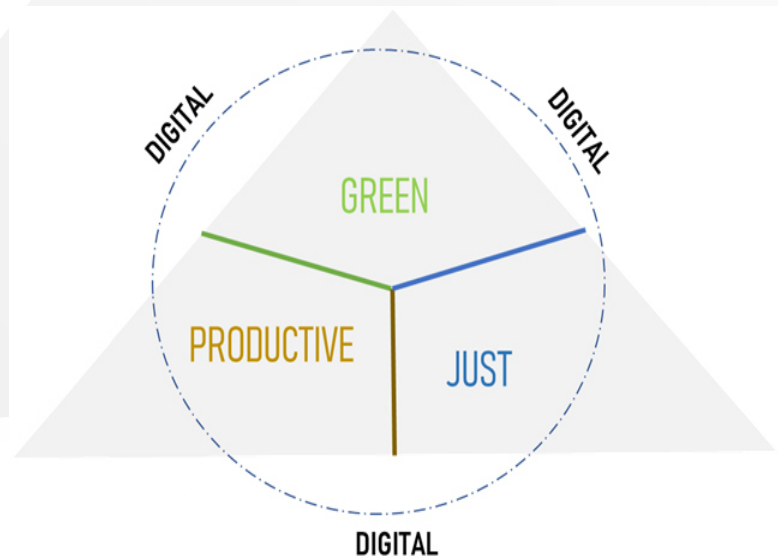
# Basic elements of the New Leipzig Charter

## The Transformative Power of European Cities

updated three-columned model of  
sustainability

= three basic dimensions of  
European cities

Digitalisation as cross-cutting issue



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## Just

- Ensure equal opportunities for all, equal access to public services;
- Adequate, accessible, safe and affordable housing;
- Socially balanced, mixed and safe neighbourhoods

## Green

- Creation of high-quality urban environment (air, water, soil), biodiversity;
- Climate neutral energy supply and energy efficiency;
- Shift towards sustainable mobility

## Productive

- Productive, innovative & competitive city with traditional & new industries/crafts;
- Shift towards digital, service-oriented and low-carbon economy;
- Promoting mix of living, working, recreation, education, leisure

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## Key principles of good urban governance

- **Urban policy for the common good:**
  - Providing services and infrastructure for the common good, including housing
- Integrated approach
- Participation and Co-Creation
- Multi-level governance
- Place-based approach

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## Empowering Cities to Transform

Cities need support from European, national and regional level to be capable to respond to current and future challenges.

### Cities therefore need ...

- ... **legal framework conditions** in a multi-level governance system
- ...adequate **investment capacities** (own income, allocations)
- ... appropriately **skilled, qualified and trained employees**
- ... **steerability and shaping** of infrastructure, public services/welfare

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## Empowering Cities to Transform

### Powerful national policy framework and funding

Appeal to Member States to support active and strategic land policy, including:

- „Sufficient areas for adequate, safe, well-designed and affordable **housing** to ensure vibrant and socially mixed neighbourhoods, avoiding speculative land policy“



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## **Empowering Cities to Transform**

### Coherent EU regulation and funding instruments

- Continuation of the Urban Agenda for the EU as implementing process for: better regulation, better funding and better knowledge
- Keep the urban dimension in Cohesion Policy
- Stimulate integrated, innovative and participatory approaches in sustainable urban development, supported via European Urban Initiative
- Better coordination of vertical and horizontal exchange of knowledge and expertise

# Thank you for your attention!

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