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New Leipzig Charter - The transformative power of cities for the common good

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› Document adopted at the Informal Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, 30 November 2020, under German EU Council Presidency
› Signed by 27 Ministers responsible for urban development in the EU plus Partner States, European Institutions and organisations
› In the framework of informal cooperation on urban matters in the EU
› Building on achievements of Leipzig Charter of 2007
› Strategic document on key principles of good urban governance
› Framework for action
› Informal, voluntary and non-binding character
› Produced in a very inclusive process over two years with broad consultations on national and European level
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Three Dimensions of European Cities

- All three dimensions have to be treated in an integrated, combined and balanced way.
- Digitalisation as a cross cutting issue affects all three dimensions.
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Political commitment to **empower cities** to be capable to respond to current and future challenges.

**Cities therefore need ...**

- legal framework conditions
- investment capacities
- skilled employees
- access and steerability of infrastructure, public services/welfare

**The New Leipzig Charter therefore calls for...**

- strong National Urban Policies
- coherent EU regulations and funding
- a continuation of the Urban Agenda for the EU
Thank you for your attention!

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