

Technical Meeting 2022

Inclusive Cities and Sustainable Families



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Representatives from 8 signatories gather in Brussels on March 29, 30 and April 1st, 2022 for the 2022 Technical Meeting to follow-up on the process of the Venice Declaration.

Considering the health tragedy with more than 6 million deaths caused by COVID-19 justifies more than ever the need to redefine the future of cities and territories towards an inclusive and sustainable model for families.

This new future is more than ever needed because of the war in Ukraine that shows the vulnerability of our food provisions with rippling effects on the most vulnerable. The pandemic and the war spur efforts and projects for sustainable and inclusive cities. Any initiative will require a higher level of commitment and courage due to the elevated cost for citizens and policymakers.

In these challenging times, urban areas are at the crossroads of need and opportunities towards a new model that will allow us to face the present crisis. To repair what has been damaged, and to prevent the risks of tomorrow.

We agree to:

1. Create an online platform in order to compile good practices from which a manual can be produced for signatories, adapted to their needs. The platform should include the consolidated selected practices that have been presented at the Technical Meeting 2022 in Brussels, as found in the Annex. They should also be presented in a unified format and, if possible, according to some United Nations regular standard *.
2. Create a thematic working group on food security, energy security and circular economy, coordinated by the city of São Paulo.

3. Work on creating a commission to update the Venice Declaration in light of the post-pandemic era. The commission should be integrated by the Veneto Region, the International Federation for Family Development and three representatives from other signatories (Mexico, Brazil and Europe). This commission will start in at the beginning of May and have the draft ready to be approved by the end of the year. It should take into consideration the megatrends proposed by the United Nations for the 30th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family.
4. Contribute to the sessions of the upcoming World Urban Forum to disseminate the Venice Declaration, co-ordinated by the region of Kujawsko-Pomorskie. The World Urban Forum will be held in Katowice in June 2022.
5. Accept the invitation to celebrate the forthcoming technical meeting 2023 in the Region of Kujawsko-Pomorskie, at the beginning of May, at the beginning of May 2023
6. Promote the celebration of capacity-building workshops for the empowerment of the signatories.
7. Enhance the work we already do with universities to promote between youngsters and families the relevance of the Venice Declaration. We need to study the common interests we can have with them and design tailored programs according to them. To this end, it will be useful to create a network of ambassadors of the Venice Declaration among the students.