

Observance of World Cities Day 2026

Inclusive Cities for Sustainable Families Project

Annual Monitoring Report

For almost a decade, the **International Federation for Family Development (IFFD)** has championed a family-centered approach to urban development through the **Venice Declaration on Inclusive Cities for Sustainable Families**, a joint initiative with UN-DESA and the Veneto Region. On the occasion of **World Cities Day 2026**, IFFD reaffirms its commitment to inclusive, family-oriented urban growth in alignment with **UN-Habitat's Urban October** initiative. This year's reflection highlights progress toward **SDG 11** and **SDG 17**, which presents key achievements, milestones and results achieved in the past years through the **Annual Monitoring Report**.

Signatories

Since its launch in **2017**, the **Venice Declaration** has gained significant momentum. As of **2026**, it is promoted by **three regional delegates**—*ELISAN* for Europe, *Family Talks* for Brazil, and *IAE* for Argentina—and has been **endorsed by more than 260 cities and regions**, all committed to designing urban systems and services that actively support families.

Meetings

Annual Technical Meetings

Signatories have the opportunity to **showcase good practices and policy innovations** that strengthen family well-being in their regions. The **outcomes of the Annual Technical Meeting**—including **policy recommendations** and **exemplary practices**—serve as a key **capacity-building tool** and a driver of the Project. Since the launch of this initiative, **7 Annual Technical Meetings** have taken place:

- **2019: 1st Annual Technical Meeting**, **Curitiba**, 27–28 November
- **2021: 2nd Annual Technical Meeting**, **Virtual**, 17 March
- **2022: 3rd Annual Technical Meeting**, **Brussels**, 30–31 March & 1st April
- **2023: 4th Annual Technical Meeting**, **Torun**, 31st May & 1st June
- **2024: 5th Annual Technical Meeting**, **Virtual**, 6–7 November
- **2025: 6th Annual Technical Meeting**, **Buenos Aires**, 27–28 October

- **2026: 7th Annual Technical Meeting, Valencia**, 15–17 June

Regional Meetings

In the past few years, three major regional technical events have brought together city officials, urban planners, and civil society actors to strengthen commitments:

- **2024: Buenos Aires, Argentina.** Welcomed 12 new signatories & innovations;
- **2025: São Paulo, Brazil.** Expanded the network and launched new partnerships;
- **2025: Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, Italy.** Highlighted youth perspectives & live cases.
- **2026: Osasco, Brazil.** Discussed improvements to make in the upcoming quarter

Innovation and Solutions

Youth Training: IFFD supports youth engagement by partnering signatory cities with university students to design and implement family-friendly policies.

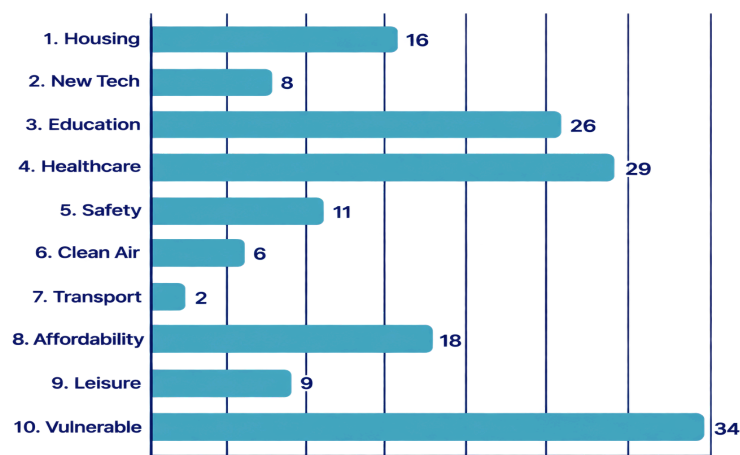
Live Cases: In collaboration with IAE Business School, we launched “live case” innovation—bringing real city challenges to co-create solutions. Buenos Aires and Friuli-Venezia-Giulia have improved their Good Practices through defined roadmaps.

Good Practices Platform

This platform serves as the **first international database for family-centered urban policies** and features the **Venice Declaration**, which outlines **10 commitments** for signatory cities and regions to advance inclusive, family-friendly urban development. These commitments address the needs of **families in vulnerable situations, parents as primary caregivers, children and youth, mothers, victims of violence, older persons and children with disabilities.**

This platform continued its expansion by showcasing over **288 good practices** and a network of cities and regions working toward the same vision. In the year of **2026**,

- **19 signatories** from Italy, Mexico, Spain, Brazil, Argentina, and Colombia have engaged with all the Venice Declaration points;



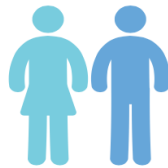
- **58 new good practices were recorded** – the highest number reported to date– addressing all 10 commitments with:



22 practices for the family unit



3 practices for parents



9 practices for children & youth



2 practices for women



13 practices for older persons

- **Care: Over 90% of the good practices are related directly to care**, reflecting the growing recognition of care as a structural foundation of urban sustainability.
- **Housing: Good practices more than doubled in 2026**, rising from 6 to 14.

N.	Signatory	Good Practice
1	Buenos Aires (ARG)	Comprehensive Guidance & Support Program for Persons with Disabilities and their Families
2		Family Strengthening & Women's Comprehensive Development Program
3		Proyectate
4		Comprehensive Early Childhood Plan
5		Family School
6		Zero Children Living on the Streets Protocol
7	Cañuelas (ARG)	Cañuelas para la familia
8	Friuli Venezia Giulia (ITA)	FVG ON THE MOVE: 10,000 Steps to Health, Key Findings, 2019–2026
9	Carinthia (AUS)	Community Nursing with a broader perspective – Pflege.nah.versorgung
10		Learn Home Care from Professionals – Lecture and Training Services
11		Assistance for People in special circumstances
12		Counselling centres for families, couples, and young people
13		New Housing Assistance
14		Cyberbullying among young people
15		Public awareness campaign "ichbineswert"
16		Professional Child Protection in Carinthian Elementary Education
17		Professional Child Protection in the Carinthian Healthcare System
18		Good n'healthy – G'scheid Gs'sund
19		Family Friday
20		350–Euro Housing–Project

21	Cervarese (ITA)	Inclusive Cities for Sustainable Families: The 'Con Te' 0-6 ECD Childhood Center
22	Envigado (COL)	Proyecto Familia Vamos adelante
23	La Calera (ARG)	From Assistance to Human Development
24	Osasco (BRA)	Work-Family Balance Program
25	Leando N. Alem (ARG)	Presupuesto Participativo Jóven
26	Luján (ARG)	Luján Libre de drogas
27		Talleres Culturales Municipales
28	Paraná (BRA)	Paraná Acessível
29		Nascer Bem Paraná
30	Sao Carlos (BRA)	Strengthening Families Program
31	Unione dei Comuni Valle del Savio (ITA)	People strategy in Cesena. Strategic plan for family well-being, territorial attractiveness, and social innovation.
32	Veneto Region (ITA)	SAD - Integrated Home Assistance Service for Older People and Vulnerable Families
32		BMSC - Borgo Mazzini Smart Co-housing
34		A Dementia-Friendly City
35		Veneto Affordable Housing Initiative: Supporting Families and Essential Workers
36	Villa Allende (ARG)	Family Development Stoplight
37	Generalitat Valenciana (SPA)	Digital Inclusion of Young People with Intellectual Disabilities
38		Proyecto de Recuperación de la Autonomía "Disability Empowerment"
39		Health Education in a Day Center for Dependent Older Adults
40		Implementación de un modelo de apoyos centrado en la persona, la familia y la comunidad en recursos de atención diurna para personas mayores.
41		La realidad invisible de las conductas adictivas en discapacidad intelectual leve.
42		Inteligencia Artificial: personas con discapacidad y adicciones
43		Intervención integrada grupal sobre adicciones para personas con trastorno mental grave (patología dual) usuarias de residencias.
44		YOUNGMOB
45		Early Detection of Addictions using Data Science and Legal Analysis
46	Junin (Argentina)	Adultos Conectados
47		Crece en tu barrio
48	Santa Fe (ARG)	Urban Gardens: Family Economy Support Program
49		Comprehensive and Community-Based Primary Healthcare at the Nuevo

		Horizonte Health Center in the City of Santa Fe
50		Activate Your Vaccine Mode (2025–2026)
51		Comprehensive Promotion and Prevention Strategy Against Dengue
52		Comprehensive Program for the Prevention of Problematic Substance Use, Community Care, and Mental Health
53	Barueri (BRA)	Planos de Acesso à Habitação para Pessoas e Famílias Vulneráveis
54		Produção de Ar Limpo Através da Criação de Áreas Verdes
55		Promoção de Hábitos Saudáveis e Prevenção de Doenças
56		Solidariedade e União Comunitária Pela Segurança Através da Tecnologia
57		Novas Tecnologias Como Meio de Inclusão Social
58		Desenvolvimento de Configurações Urbanas mais Inclusivas e Sustentáveis
	More Good Practices	 www.citiesforfamilies.org/good-practices/