

Role of Small and Medium-Sized Cities in the European Green Deal

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The European Green Deal has become a top priority of the European Union – with up to one third of the future EU budget directed to green topics – consequently, actions will also have to be undertaken on the local level to implement these green priorities. The Green Deal is not only intended for large cities and expansive metropolitan areas, in fact, many European small and medium-sized cities are frontrunners in transforming to green and circular economies; including winning the European Green Capital Award. The goal of the conference is to discuss and showcase how small and medium-sized cities in Europe can transform their local ecosystems and policies to create green and sustainable living environments for their citizens.

Draft agenda

09:00 Registration

09:30 Introduction by organisers

- *Dr. Draško Veselinovič, President of the Management Board, SBRA*
- *Saša Arsenovič, Mayor, City of Maribor*

09:40 European Green Deal

- *Jean-Francois Aguinaga, European Commission, DG RTD, Head of Unit - Clean planet -Future urban and mobility systems*

10:00 European Green Capital

- *Lahti – Green Capital of Europe 2021*

10.30 Small & Medium-Sized Cities for Green Europe

- *Deputy Mayor of Maribor*

11.00 Coffee break

11:45 European Green Deal in Small & Medium-Sized Cities – Presentation of excellent examples

- *University of Maribor – FERI*
- *SRIP Circular Economy*
- *Pohorje Intermunicipalities project*

12.30 The Future of Urban Innovative Actions

- *Representative of DG Regio*

12:45 Circular Economy at City-Level

- *Representative of Ljubljana, Green Capital of Europe 2016*

13.00 Light lunch
