

SUPPORTING SMALLER TOWNS IN TACKLING LONG TERM DECLINE: RESULTS FROM THE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER NETWORK RE-GROW CITY



ONLINE CONFERENCE & WORKSHOPS 18TH MAY 2021



- 9.00 – 9.05** | **Introduction and welcome:** Mr Kober, Mayor of Altena
- 9.05 – 9.20** | **Key note:** Emmanuel Moulin, Director General URBACT
- 9.20 – 9.40** | **Relevance of the New Leipzig Charter for small towns and medium sized cities:** Heike Mages, German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development
- 9.40 – 10.00** | **Challenges of policy and practice in revitalising town centres from the perspective of medium sized cities:** Marianna Roscelli, Eurotowns
- 10.00 – 10.15** | **Declaration of mayors for better support of smaller towns in Europe and launch of the RegrowTown network:** Dr Andreas Hollstein
- 10.15 – 10.45** | **Coffee break**
- 10.45 – 11.00** | **What the RegrowTown network will do for the small towns of Europe:** Dr Hans Schlappa, Lead Expert
- 11.00 – 11.45** | **Breakout groups: What support do smaller towns need to develop a sustainable future**
- 11.45 – 12.15** | **Results from break-out groups: What are the priorities for supporting smaller town in the coming years?** Moderator: Dr Andreas Hollstein
- 12.15 – 12.30** | **The importance of the pop-up shop and NGO Platform practices in the post-COVID urban development of cities in Europe:** Ivan Tosics, Thematic Programme Expert, URBACT
- 12.30 – 13.00** | **Lunch break**
- 13.00 – 13.30** | **Introduction to the pop-up shop practice, a low-cost method to revitalise vacant shops in the town centre**
- 13.30 – 14.00** | **Introduction to the NGO Platform, as a low cost method to support volunteer-led actions**
- 14.00 – 15.00** | **Parallel workshops |**
Workshop 1: How to make the pop-up shop practice work in your town
Workshop 2: How to make the NGO platform work in your town
- 15.00 – 15.15** | **Break**
- 15.15 – 15.30** | **Feedback from parallel workshops and next steps:** Dr Hans Schlappa, Lead Expert
- 15.30 – 15.35** | **Closing remarks:** Mr Kober, Mayor of Altena

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