DECLARATION

We, the Urban Authorities, members of the Urban Agenda Partnership on Security in Public Spaces (hereinafter UA Security),

Having regard to the Urban Agenda of the European Union and its three main pillars “Better regulation”, “Better knowledge”, “Better funding”,

Having regard to the foreseen Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, in particular Cohesion policy and its Policy Objective nr. 5 “A Europe closer to citizens (sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives)” as horizontal objective that include security in urban areas and may cover all investment categories and indicators from PO1-4,

Considering that a new approach in cohesion policy makes great reference to “Integrated territorial development” and “Territorial strategies”

CALL

The European Commission, the European Parliament, the Committee of Regions, the relevant National and Regional Authorities in charge for Programming and Management of the Cohesion policy 2021-2027, all Urban Authorities in the Member States:

● to recognize the UA Partnership as one of the key actors for the implementation of the Urban Agenda for security at local level (as stated in the EU Security Union Strategy);

● to acknowledge, consider and involve the Urban Authorities, members of the Partnership Security in Public Spaces in the elaboration of any foreseen relevant regulation related to the Cohesion Policy and in the programming of the new Cohesion Policy;

● to acknowledge and integrate Security Actions mentioned in the Action Plan of the Partnership in the National and Regional programming in order to allow the implementation of pilot activities to be then mainstreamed in National and Regional programming and guarantee an effective multilevel governance and coherence between policies and funding at all levels;

● to recognize the experiences and activities carried out by Member Urban Authorities involved in UA Security as innovative, and thus consider it in the relevant programming documents and in the National Agreement with the EU;

● to enhance UA Security Action Plan and members’ experience as benchmarking at EU level under the upcoming New Urban Initiative by considering the Action Plan as main priority reference for pilot and innovative actions to be elaborated and delivered in local policies to build on in order to have coherence between the various EU supported initiatives under the Urban Agenda and consequently to ensure that Security of public spaces will be one of the thematic areas of the future European Urban Initiative 2021 2027 and that UA Partnership will be involved in the EUI governance;

● to call for participants in other urban related initiatives (i.e. Urbact and Urban Innovative Actions) to refer to the UA Security Action Plan when planning pilot and innovative actions in Urban Security policy and to benchmark its pilot actions.