# Annex 3 – Thematic Linkages between the UAEU Priority Themes, NUA commitments, Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 Thematic Objectives and SDGs targets

.Urban Agenda for the EU Priority Themes	EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020	New Urban Agenda Commitments	SDG targets
Air Quality			
Key themes of the Partnership are: Urban air quality issues, Quality of living environment in cities	TO4. Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy  TO6. Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	55. We commit ourselves to fostering healthy societies by promoting access to adequate, inclusive and quality public services; a clean environment, taking into consideration air-quality guidelines, including those elaborated by the World Health Organization; and social infrastructure and facilities, such as health-care services, including universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services to reduce new-born child and maternal mortality.	3.9 By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination.  11.6. By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management
Digital Transition			
Key themes of the Partnership are: digital	<b>TO2</b> . Enhancing access to, and use and quality of,	<b>66.</b> We commit ourselves to adopting a <b>smart-city approach that makes use of opportunities from digitalization</b> , clean energy and technologies, as well as innovative transport technologies,	<b>9.c.</b> Significantly increase access to information and
skills, citizen-centric e- government, access to data, emerging digital technologies and urban digital transition.	information and communication technologies.	thus providing options for inhabitants to make more environmentally friendly choices and boost sustainable economic growth and enabling cities to improve their service delivery.  156. We will promote the development of national information and communications technology policies and e-government strategies, as well as citizen-centric digital governance tools, tapping into technological innovations, including capacity-development programmes, in order to make information and communications technologies accessible to the public, including women and girls, children and youth, persons with disabilities, older persons and persons in vulnerable situations, to enable them to develop and exercise civic responsibility, broadening participation and fostering responsible governance, as well as increasing efficiency. The use of digital platforms and tools, including geospatial information systems, will be encouraged to improve long-term integrated urban and territorial planning and design, land administration and management, and access to urban and metropolitan services.	communications technology

Key themes of the Partnership are: public transports, soft mobility (walking, cycling, public space), accessibility and mobility innovation. **TO4.** Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy

**TO7.** Promoting sustainable transport and improving network infrastructures

- **50.** We commit ourselves to encouraging urban-rural interactions and connectivity by **strengthening sustainable transport and mobility**, and technology and communications networks and infrastructure, underpinned by planning instruments based on an integrated urban and territorial approach, in order to maximize the potential of these sectors for enhanced productivity, social, economic and territorial cohesion, as well as safety and environmental sustainability. This should include connectivity between cities and their surroundings, peri-urban and rural areas, as well as greater land-sea connections, where appropriate.
- **54.** We commit ourselves to the generation and use of renewable and affordable energy and **sustainable and efficient transport infrastructure and services**, where possible, achieving the benefits of connectivity and reducing the financial, environmental and public health costs of inefficient mobility, congestion, air pollution, urban heat island effects and noise. We also commit ourselves to giving particular attention to the energy and **transport needs of all people**, particularly the poor and those living in informal settlements. We also note that reductions in renewable energy costs give cities and human settlements an effective tool to lower energy supply costs.
- **66.** We commit ourselves to adopting a smart-city approach that makes use of opportunities from digitalization, clean energy and technologies, as well as **innovative transport technologies**, thus providing options for inhabitants to make more environmentally friendly choices and boost sustainable economic growth and enabling cities to improve their service delivery.
- 114. We will promote access for all to safe, age- and gender-responsive, affordable, accessible and sustainable urban mobility and land and sea transport systems, enabling meaningful participation in social and economic activities in cities and human settlements, by integrating transport and mobility plans into overall urban and territorial plans and promoting a wide range of transport and mobility options, in particular by supporting: (a) A significant increase in accessible, safe, efficient, affordable and sustainable infrastructure for public transport, as well as nonmotorized options such as walking and cycling, prioritizing them over private motorized transportation; (b) Equitable "transit-oriented development" that minimizes the displacement, in particular, of the poor, and features affordable, mixed-income housing and a mix of jobs and services; (c) Better and coordinated transport and land-use planning, which would lead to a reduction of travel and transport needs, enhancing connectivity between urban, peri-urban and rural areas, including waterways, and transport and mobility planning, particularly for small island developing States and coastal cities; (d) Urban freight planning and logistics concepts that enable efficient access to products and services, minimizing their impact on the environment and on the liveability of the city and maximizing their contribution to sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

11.2. By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons.

Jobs & Skills

Key themes of the Partnership are: Next Economy, Education and Skills, Valorisation of R&D, Business locations, public services, Effective local governance **TO08**. Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility

**TO10**. Investing in education, training and lifelong learning

- **43.** We recognize that sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, with full and productive employment and decent work for all, is a key element of sustainable urban and territorial development and that cities and human settlements should be places of equal opportunities, allowing people to live healthy, productive, prosperous and fulfilling lives.
- **56**. We commit ourselves to increasing economic productivity, as appropriate, by **providing the labour force with access to income-earning opportunities, knowledge, skills and educational facilities** that contribute to an innovative and competitive urban economy. We also commit ourselves to increasing economic productivity through the promotion of full and productive employment and decent work and livelihood opportunities in cities and human settlements.
- **57**. We commit ourselves to promoting, as appropriate, **full and productive employment, decent work for all** and livelihood opportunities in cities and human settlements, with special attention to the needs and potential of women, youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, refugees, and internally displaced persons and migrants, particularly the poorest and those in vulnerable situations, and to promote non-discriminatory access to legal income-earning opportunities.
- **4.4.** By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.
- 8.3. Promote developmentoriented policies that support
  productive activities, decent job
  creation, entrepreneurship,
  creativity and innovation, and
  encourage the formalization and
  growth of micro-, small- and
  medium-sized enterprises,
  including through access to
  financial services.
- **8.5.** By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.

# **Circular Economy**

Key themes of the Partnership are: Circular consumption, urban resource management, circular business enablers and drivers, governance. **TO6.** Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency

- 71. We commit ourselves to strengthening the sustainable management of resources, including land, water (oceans, seas and freshwater), energy, materials, forests and food, with particular attention to the environmentally sound management and minimization of all waste, hazardous chemicals, including air and short-lived climate pollutants, greenhouse gases and noise, and in a way that considers urban-rural linkages, functional supply and value chains vis-à-vis environmental impact and sustainability and that strives to transition to a circular economy while facilitating ecosystem conservation, regeneration, restoration and resilience in the face of new and emerging challenges.
- 74. We commit ourselves to promoting **environmentally sound waste management** and to substantially reducing waste generation by **reducing, reusing and recycling waste**, minimizing landfills and converting waste to energy when waste cannot be recycled or when this choice delivers the best environmental outcome. We further commit ourselves to reducing marine pollution through improved waste and wastewater management in coastal areas.
- 8.4. Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation in accordance with the 10-year Framework of Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production, with developed countries taking the lead.
- **12.2.** By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and

76. We commit ourselves to making sustainable use of natural resources and focusing on the resource efficiency of raw and construction materials such as concrete, metals, wood, minerals and land. We commit ourselves to establishing safe material recovery and recycling facilities, promoting the development of sustainable and resilient buildings and prioritizing the use of local, non-toxic and recycled materials and lead-additive-free paints and coatings.

efficient use of natural resources.

### **Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees**

Key themes of the Partnership are: mid- and long-term integration and inclusion of migrants and refugees, reception and interaction with the local community, housing, work, education and vulnerable groups.

**TO9.** Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination

28. We commit ourselves to ensuring full respect for the human rights of refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants, regardless of their migration status, and support their host cities in the spirit of international cooperation, taking into account national circumstances and recognizing that, although the movement of large populations into towns and cities poses a variety of challenges, it can also bring significant social, economic, and cultural contributions to urban life. We further commit ourselves to strengthening synergies between international migration and development at the global, regional, national, subnational and local levels by ensuring safe, orderly and regular migration through planned and well-managed migration policies, and to supporting local authorities in establishing frameworks that enable the positive contribution of migrants to cities and strengthened urban-rural linkages.

10.7. Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies.

#### Housing

The Partnership focuses on affordable housing. Key themes are: State aid, investments and innovative funding., land use and spatial planning, security of tenure, co-management and co-design of buildings, VAT related to affordable housing, Renovation and energy efficiency, rent stabilisation and support for vulnerable groups.

**TO9.** Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination

- **31.** We commit ourselves to promoting national, subnational and local **housing policies that support the progressive realization of the right to adequate housing for all** as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, that address all forms of discrimination and violence and prevent arbitrary forced evictions and that focus on the needs of the homeless, persons in vulnerable situations, low-income groups and persons with disabilities, while enabling the participation and engagement of communities and relevant stakeholders in the planning and implementation of these policies, including supporting the social production of habitat, according to national legislation and standards.
- 33. We commit ourselves to stimulating the supply of a variety of adequate housing options that are safe, affordable and accessible for members of different income groups of society, taking into consideration the socioeconomic and cultural integration of marginalized communities, homeless persons and those in vulnerable situations and preventing segregation. We will take positive measures to improve the living conditions of homeless people, with a view to facilitating their full participation in society, and to prevent and eliminate homelessness, as well as to combat and eliminate its criminalization.
- **46.** We commit ourselves **to promoting the role of affordable and sustainable housing and housing finance**, including social habitat production, in economic development, and the contribution of the sector to stimulating productivity in other economic sectors, recognizing that housing enhances capital formation, income, employment generation and savings and can contribute to driving sustainable and inclusive economic transformation at the national, subnational and local levels.

**11.1.** By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums.

105. We will foster the progressive realization of the right to adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living. We will develop and implement housing policies at all levels, incorporating participatory planning and applying the principle of subsidiarity, as appropriate, in order to ensure coherence among national, subnational and local development strategies, land policies and housing supply.

**106.** We will promote housing policies based on the principles of social inclusion, economic effectiveness and environmental protection. We will support the effective use of public resources for affordable and sustainable housing, including land in central and consolidated areas of cities with adequate infrastructure, and encourage mixed-income development to promote social inclusion and cohesion.

107. We will encourage the development of policies, tools, mechanisms and financing models that promote access to a wide range of affordable, sustainable housing options, including rental and other tenure options, as well as cooperative solutions such as co-housing, community land trusts and other forms of collective tenure that would address the evolving needs of persons and communities, in order to improve the supply of housing (especially for low-income groups), prevent segregation and arbitrary forced evictions and displacements and provide dignified and adequate reallocation. This will include support to incremental housing and self-build schemes, with special attention to programmes for upgrading slums and informal settlements.

#### **Urban Poverty**

Key themes of the Partnership are: child poverty, regeneration of urban deprived areas and neighbourhoods, homelessness, vulnerability of Roma people, access to quality services and welfare, data (for identifying, measuring, monitoring and evaluating urban poverty)

**TO9.** Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination

- 25. We recognize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. We also recognize that growing inequality and the persistence of multiple dimensions of poverty, including the rising number of slum and informal-settlement dwellers, are affecting both developed and developing countries, and that the spatial organization, accessibility and design of urban space, as well as the infrastructure and the basic services provision, together with development policies, can promote or hinder social cohesion, equality and inclusion.
- **33.** We commit ourselves to stimulating the supply of a variety of adequate housing options that are safe, affordable and accessible for members of different income groups of society, taking into consideration the socioeconomic and cultural integration of marginalized communities, homeless persons and those in vulnerable situations and preventing segregation. **We will take positive measures to improve the living conditions of homeless people**, with a view to facilitating their full participation in society, and to prevent and eliminate homelessness, as well as to combat and eliminate its criminalization.

1.2. By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions.

#### **Climate Adaptation**

Key themes of the Partnership are: climate adaptation funding and financing, climate adaptation strategies, vulnerability assessments, climate resilience and risk management, access to data. **TO5**. Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management

- **67.** We commit ourselves to promoting the creation and maintenance of well-connected and well-distributed networks of open, multipurpose, safe, inclusive, accessible, green and quality public spaces, to improving the resilience of cities to disasters and climate change, including floods, drought risks and heat waves, to improving food security and nutrition, physical and mental health, and household and ambient air quality, to reducing noise and promoting attractive and liveable cities, human settlements and urban landscapes and to prioritizing the conservation of endemic species.
- 79. We commit ourselves to promoting international, national, subnational and local climate action, including climate change adaptation and mitigation, and to supporting the efforts of cities and human settlements, their inhabitants and all local stakeholders as important implementers. We further commit ourselves to **supporting building resilience** and reducing emissions of greenhouse gases from all relevant sectors. Such measures should be consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
- 101. We will integrate disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation and mitigation considerations and measures into age- and gender-responsive urban and territorial development and planning processes, including greenhouse gas emissions, resilience-based and climate-effective design of spaces, buildings and construction, services and infrastructure, and nature-based solutions. We will promote cooperation and coordination across sectors and build the capacities of local authorities to develop and implement disaster risk reduction and response plans, such as risk assessments concerning the location of current and future public facilities, and to formulate adequate contingency and evacuation procedures.
- 143. We support access to different multilateral funds, including the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility, the Adaptation Fund and the Climate Investment Funds, among others, to secure resources for climate change adaptation and mitigation plans, policies, programmes and actions for subnational and local governments, within the framework of agreed procedures. We will collaborate with subnational and local financial institutions, as appropriate, to develop climate finance infrastructure solutions and to create appropriate mechanisms for identifying catalytic financial instruments, consistent with any national framework in place to ensure fiscal and debt sustainability at all levels of government.
- **144.** We will explore and develop feasible **solutions to climate and disaster risks in cities and human settlements**, including by collaborating with insurance and reinsurance institutions and other relevant actors with regard to investments in urban and metropolitan infrastructure, buildings and other urban assets, as well as for local populations to secure their shelter and economic needs.

- 1.5. By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic. social and environmental shocks and disasters.
- 11.b. By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels.
- 13.1. Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries.

**Energy Transition** 

Key themes of the Partnership are: energy efficiency, energy storage and supply, local and renewable energy, security and resilience, affordability, fairness and equitability, clean and sustainable energy. **TO4.** Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy

- **14.** To achieve our vision, we resolve to adopt a New Urban Agenda guided by the following interlinked principles:(c) Ensure environmental sustainability by promoting clean energy and sustainable use of land and resources in urban development, by protecting ecosystems and biodiversity, including adopting healthy lifestyles in harmony with nature, by promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns, by building urban resilience, by reducing disaster risks and by mitigating and adapting to climate change.
- **54.** We commit ourselves to the **generation and use of renewable and affordable energy** and sustainable and efficient transport infrastructure and services, where possible, achieving the benefits of connectivity and reducing the financial, environmental and public health costs of inefficient mobility, congestion, air pollution, urban heat island effects and noise. We also commit ourselves to giving **particular attention to the energy** and transport **needs of all people**, particularly the poor and those living in informal settlements. We also note that reductions in renewable energy costs give cities and human settlements an effective tool **to lower energy supply costs**.
- **66**. We commit ourselves to adopting a smart-city approach that makes use of opportunities from digitalization, clean energy and technologies, as well as innovative transport technologies, thus providing options for inhabitants to make more environmentally friendly choices and boost sustainable economic growth and enabling cities to improve their service delivery.
- **75**. We commit ourselves to encouraging national, subnational and local governments, as appropriate, **to develop sustainable**, **renewable and affordable energy and energy-efficient buildings and construction modes and to promoting energy conservation and efficiency**, which are essential to enable the reduction of greenhouse gas and black carbon emissions, ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns, help create new decent jobs, improve public health and reduce the costs of energy supply.
- 121. We will ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services by promoting energy efficiency and sustainable renewable energy and supporting subnational and local efforts to apply them in public buildings, infrastructure and facilities, as well as in taking advantage of the direct control, where applicable, by subnational and local governments of local infrastructure and codes, to foster uptake in end-use sectors, such as residential, commercial and industrial buildings, industry, transport, waste and sanitation. We also encourage the adoption of building performance codes and standards, renewable portfolio targets, energy-efficiency labelling, retrofitting of existing buildings and public procurement policies on energy, among other modalities as appropriate, to achieve energy-efficiency targets. We will also prioritize smart-grid, district energy systems and community energy plans to improve synergies between renewable energy and energy efficiency.

- 7.1. By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services
- **7.2.** By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix
- **7.3**. By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in **energy efficiency**.

**Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement** 

The aim of the Partnership is to push forward the development and implementation of an ambitious procurement strategy as an integrated and supportive management tool for governance. Key themes of the Partnership are: public procurement strategies, strategic procurement management, innovative and sustainable procurement, circular procurement

# **TO11**. Improving the efficiency of public administration

- **138.** We will support subnational and local governments in their efforts to implement transparent and accountable expenditure control instruments for assessing the necessity and impact of local investment and projects, based on legislative control and public participation, as appropriate, **in support of open and fair tendering processes, procurement mechanisms** and reliable budget execution, as well as preventive anti-corruption measures to promote integrity, accountability, effective management and access to public property and land, in line with national policies.
- **151.** We will promote capacity-development programmes to help subnational and local governments in financial planning and management, anchored in institutional coordination at all levels, including environmental sensitivity and anti-corruption measures, **embracing transparent and independent oversight, accounting, procurement**, reporting, auditing and monitoring processes, among others, and to review subnational and national performance and compliance, with particular attention to age- and gender-responsive budgeting and the improvement and digitalization of accounting processes and records, in order to promote results-based approaches and build medium- to long-term administrative and technical capacity.

12.7. Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities.

#### Sustainable Land Use and Nature-Based Solutions

The objective of the Partnership is to ensure the efficient and sustainable use of land and other natural resources to help create compact, liveable and inclusive European cities for everyone. Key themes of the Partnership are: polycentric urbanisation and functional urban areas. redevelopment of brownfield and reuse of vacant and underutilised land, ecosystem services, green and blue infrastructures, naturebased solutions, citizens' engagement, financing mechanism for sustainable use of land.

**TO6.** Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency

- 14. To achieve our vision, we resolve to adopt a New Urban Agenda guided by the following interlinked principles:(c) Ensure environmental sustainability by promoting clean energy and sustainable use of land and resources in urban development, by protecting ecosystems and biodiversity, including adopting healthy lifestyles in harmony with nature, by promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns, by building urban resilience, by reducing disaster risks and by mitigating and adapting to climate change.
- **51.** We commit ourselves to promoting the development of urban spatial frameworks, including urban planning and design instruments that **support sustainable management and use of natural resources and land**, appropriate compactness and density, polycentrism and mixed uses, through infill or planned urban extension strategies, as applicable, to trigger economies of scale and agglomeration, strengthen food system planning and enhance resource efficiency, urban resilience and environmental sustainability.
- **69.** We commit ourselves to **preserving and promoting the ecological and social function of land**, including coastal areas that support cities and human settlements, and to **fostering ecosystem-based solutions** to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns, so that the ecosystem's regenerative capacity is not exceeded. We also commit ourselves to promoting sustainable land use, combining urban extensions with adequate densities and compactness to **prevent and contain urban sprawl**, as well as preventing unnecessary land-use change and the loss of productive land and fragile and important ecosystems.

- 15.3. Bv 2030. combat desertification. restore degraded land and soil, including land affected desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world.
- 15.9. By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts.

# Security in public places

Key themes of the		
Partnership are: safety		
and security threats,		
terrorism and public		
spaces, urban security		
policies, smart and safe		
technologies.		

**TO9.** Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination

**TO11.** Improving the efficiency of public administration.

- **99**. We will support the implementation of urban planning strategies, as appropriate, that facilitate a social mix through the provision of affordable housing options with access to quality basic services and public spaces for all, **enhancing safety and security** and favouring social and intergenerational interaction and the appreciation of diversity. We will take steps to include appropriate training and support for service delivery professionals and communities in areas affected by **urban violence**.
- 103. We will integrate inclusive measures for urban safety and the prevention of crime and violence, including terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism. Such measures will, where appropriate, engage relevant local communities and non-governmental actors in developing urban strategies and initiatives, including taking into account slums and informal settlements as well as vulnerability and cultural factors in the development of policies concerning public security and crime and violence prevention, including by preventing and countering the stigmatization of specific groups as posing inherently greater security threats.
- **16.1.** Significantly reduce all forms of **violence and related death rates** everywhere.
- 16.a. Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for capacity building at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime.

# **Culture/Cultural Heritage**

The aim of the Partnership is to find solutions that improve the management of the historic built environment of European cities, promote Culture, and preserve the quality of urban landscapes and heritage.

Key themes of the Partnership are: Cultural tourism, creative and cultural sectors, transformation, adaptative reuse and urban reconversion, cultural and natural heritages resilience, cultural services.

- **TO5.** Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
- **TO9**. Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination

**124.** We will include **culture** as a **priority component of urban plans and strategies** in the adoption of planning instruments, including master plans, zoning guidelines, building codes, coastal management policies and strategic development policies that **safeguard a diverse range of tangible and intangible cultural heritage and landscapes**, and will protect them from potential disruptive impacts of urban development.

- 11.4. Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage
- 12.b. Develop and implement tools to monitor sustainable development impacts for sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promote local cultural and products.