EUROCITIES: the network of European cities
Founded in 1986, representing cities of over 250,000 inhabitants

**A direct link to cities**

Some 130 full members in 35 countries, representing 130m citizens

43 associate members and partners

Most European capital cities members
What we do

• **Dialogue** with EU institutions

• **Sharing** and improving knowledge between cities

• **Collaborative** projects
Six networks in one

**COOPERATION**
Chaired by the city of Nantes

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- Sustainability cuts across all of these areas
- Our network helps make the links
Electricity Saving Check - Frankfurt

- Unemployed persons trained to run energy saving checks while installing saving technologies in household
- > 2000 checks in Frankfurt since 2005
- > 80,000 checks in 100 other German cities
- Electricity and water consumption immediately reduced by 25%
- Two EU-funded programmes extending this experience to other EU member states.

Insight #1: Take an integrated approach

EUROCITIES continues to do more & more cross-sectoral work, e.g. on smart cities, energy poverty,...
Insight #2: Team up - multi-level governance

Air quality

• Cities want to deliver and support tough targets
• But they cannot do the job alone
  - Failure of Euro emission standards
  - National emission restrictions (ceilings) do not live up to local ones
  - ...

• EUROCITIES work on EU air policy review
  - Since 2011
  - Commission Expert Stakeholder Group
  - Meetings with Commission & cities
  - Raising awareness with European press
Insight #3: Raise awareness...

Visualisation

Information

Citizen engagement

Energy efficient Antwerp
Subsidies
• local
• regional

Preferential loan and tax reduction
• national

‘One stop-shop’
• City advice on how to use and combine the different funding opportunities

Other cities followed, e.g. Netwerkstad Twente inspired by a EUROCITIES working group...facilitate action - and help others do the same!
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