CrAFt Cities
Kick-Off
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Creating Actionable Futures

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CrAFt Cities Kick-Off

The City of Prague, Operator ICT Prague and The Czech Technical University in Prague will be hosting the CrAFt Cities Kick-off event within the Czech EU presidency.

The event is organised in cooperation with partners of the Horizon Europe funded CrAFt project and NEB Lighthouse project NEB-STAR, led by the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and with the patronage of the European Commission.

This programme is a near-final draft, as per 27 October 2022. Minor changes may occur.

NEB Lighthouse Coordinators Cluster Meeting with CINEA (7–8 November, lunch to lunch)

See separate agenda, by invitation only

CrAFt Cities NEB-inspired Side Events at the Creative Bureaucracy Festival (8 November)

The NEB-inspired Side Events will bring together attendees of the Creative Bureaucracy Festival, CrAFt Cities and NEB Lighthouse Coordinators. The goal of the Side Events is to discuss how good local collaborative governance models and creative bureaucracy can reinforce each other to boost the transition to climate-neutral, inclusive and beautiful cities, and to enable networking between cities and other partners.

The NEB Side Events are organised as Prague’s contributions to the Czech EU Presidency.
Location: https://praha.camp/en – Center for Architecture and Metropolitan Planning (CAMP), Vyšehradská 2075, 128 00 Nové Město

Who: CrAFt partners and cities, NEB Lighthouse Coordinators, attendees of the Festival (separate registration for the side event), key local stakeholders – approx. 150 people.

In addition to the NEB Side Events, there is a full-day programme for the Creative Bureaucracy Festival. You may find the full programme here.

**New European Bauhaus & Creative Bureaucracy (NEB Side Event, Session 1)**

**Time:** 13:00 – 15:00

**Chair:** Annemie Wyckmans, NTNU, Project Coordinator of CrAFt and NEB-STAR

**Scope:** This session will discuss how creative bureaucracy can help municipalities to make their processes and organisational culture more sustainable, inclusive, inspiring, and beautiful, using the integration of NEB principles and activities.
CrAFt and the New European Bauhaus Lighthouse projects will engage in an interactive discussion with the audience:

- Welcome by city representative and organisers
  - Welcome by Prague OICT - welcome, introduction of Annemie as the chair of the session
  - Welcome by Annemie Wyckmans (CrAFt / NEB-STAR) - framing of the session, introduction/mention of notable guests
  - Welcome by EC representative
- Short pitches by CrAFt and NEB Lighthouse Coordinators/Cities: What are they doing in practice?
  Each participant will present challenges they address in their NEB project, goals for NEB implementation, and concrete opportunities for the near future
- Panel discussion
  - Questions by the chair
  - Questions by the audience

**Making data accessible for decision making and citizen engagement (NEB Side Event, Session 2)**

**Time:** 15:15 – 16:45

**Scope:** The goal of the session is to demonstrate how open data can help implement principles of NEB and Creative Bureaucracy, through digital twins and similar data-driven tools, and how the creative sector can help in making data accessible and useful.

- Data as a service: How to fuel creative local bureaucracy with open data (Operator ICT Prague) - Benedict Cotmel, Director of Prague’s Golemio platform
- Role of digital twins in making data accessible and useful towards climate-neutral cities (City of Plzeň, DUET project) - Jiří Bouchal
- Role of artists and creative sector in telling stories based on open data, to increase engagement and empowerment among citizens and local stakeholders
- Virtual/augmented reality
- Panel discussion

**Networking reception**

**Time:** 18:30 – 23:30

18:30 – door open, 19:00 the Mayor will come to greet us.

Informal reception hosted by the Mayor of Prague. The event will have creative twist to it:

- Cultural program
- Activities supporting networking

**Where:** The Lord Mayor’s residence (address: Rezidence primátora, Mariánské náměstí 1/98, 110 00 Praha 1 – Staré Město)
CrAFt Cities Learning Session (9 November)

Kick-off of peer-to-peer learning and co-creation between CrAFt Cities. The goal is to facilitate sharing of experiences with implementing NEB principles to accelerate the transition to climate neutrality.

Where: Campus of the Czech Technical University in Prague, Jugoslávských partyzánů 160 00, Praha 6-Dejvice

Target groups: CrAFt partners & cities, NEB Lighthouse Coordinators and Cities, special guests (invitation only). Expected number of participants: 35 - 70. Possibility to participate online.
Agenda:

Coffee & Registration (08:30 – 09:00)

Session 1: Setting the scene (9:00–10:45)

Introduction: Welcome and agenda
25 min

- The Czech Technical University in Prague
- CrAFt Cities video
- Laura Hetel, EC DG RTD, Cities Mission
- Elisa Grafulla Garrido, EC Joint Research Centre (online)

Ice breaker: Where we stand
15 min

- What are the main challenges CrAFt should address? On site / online

Introduction of the CrAFt mosaic (on site / online)
5 minutes

- What do you as CrAFt Cities expect to learn/get in CrAFt, and what can you bring to the table? Introduction to exercise that will last throughout the entire day

How can CrAFt help address your challenges?
50 min

A breakdown of the main challenges and priorities the cities have sent us, and how CrAFt can follow up on this

The CrAFt mosaic
10 min

- Brief review of answers thus far
Coffee break and exhibition (10:45 – 11:10)

Session 2: How cities learn & transform (11:10 – 12:35)

When and how does learning lead to positive changes? How can we strengthen this?

- Session intro (5min)
- Early learnings from the H2020 Smart Cities and Communities Lighthouse (SCC01) projects, by Prof. James Evans, Triangulum, University of Manchester (10 min)
- Systemic changes in governance, by Judith Borsboom, Director of Locality (10 min)

Sharing transformative experiences (group work)

60 min

- Part 1: Participants will try to recall and share “honest lessons” on what does and does not work in urban transformation and innovation projects.
- Part 2: Participants will share what led to these lessons or where they learned them. What activity, moment or interaction generated the lessons?

LUNCH (on site)

Session 3: Putting CrAFT to good use (13:20-14:20)

Co-creation of future learning and sharing in CrAFT – what do you want to learn specifically, what type of activities would you welcome? What are barriers and possible obstacles we need to address?

- Session intro (5 min)
- Round tables on specific CrAFT challenges, facilitated by CrAFT partners (55 min)
  - What are knowledge gaps related to your challenges we should address in CrAFT – What you would like to learn?
- What type of mutual learning activities (sharing with other cities) would you welcome?
- What kind of tools and materials would you find useful based on your needs and previous experience?
- Feedback round

Coffee break and networking

Session 4: Craft your CrAFt (14:40 – 15:45)
- Presentation by the European Urban Initiative, on the 1st Innovative Actions call (deadline 19 January 2023), followed by Q&A with audience
- Presentation by URBACT, on the new call that will open in January 2023, followed by Q&A with audience
- Matchmaking & CrAFting a battle plan, using these and other funding opportunities

Wrap up and next steps (15:45 – 16:00)
- Next steps, by Annemie (5 min)
- Let’s continue CrAFting, by Rosalinde van der Vlies (EC DG RTD) (10 min)

16:00 – Informal networking – with aperitif

19:00 Voluntary dinner