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AGORA - Thematic Dialogue 2019



Topic: Unfolding dilemmas in urban public space development and maintenance

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Urban public spaces fulfill important societal functions and shape many of the characteristics of cities and urban areas. However, there are several dilemmas (competing goals, interests, strategies, etc.) involved in their development and maintenance. In simpler terms, addressing one issue/challenge in an urban context might have negative effects in another realm. Regarding urban public spaces, for instance, typical crossings of concerns relate to everyone's right to the city, openness to different societal groups, climate change actions and how to cater for safety and security without promoting increasingly exclusive spaces. 'Inclusive Public Spaces for Urban

Livability' is one of the thematic priorities of [JPI Urban Europe's SRIA 2.0](#).

In order to discuss these issues with you, [JPI Urban Europe](#) would like to invite you to a workshop dedicated to unfold the dilemmas of urban public spaces. You are welcome to share your expertise, perspectives and experiences from your work and ongoing and/or past projects and to exchange/co-create with colleagues in this multi- and interdisciplinary workshop.

This AGORA Thematic Dialogue will bring together **30-40 participants** from **urban administration and public authorities, research community, SMEs and business representatives, civil society and grassroots organisations** as well as other urban actors working on related topics.

Registration for the workshop is now open [here](#). Furthermore, we would like to ask you to submit a brief abstract/position paper/opinion/ of 400-500 words together with your registration, which reflects your expertise and perspectives. Your contribution will be part of a **workshop booklet**, which will be distributed to the participants before the event.

The results of this workshop will be used by JPI Urban Europe to (a) develop a **policy brief** on the matter of dilemmas related to urban public spaces (participants are welcome to be listed as contributors); (b) **generate input** for its 2020 joint call **ERA-NET Cofund Urban Transition Capacities**; and (c) provide input to the [Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership on Security of Public Spaces](#).

The workshop is kindly hosted by the **Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia** and the **State Education Development Agency of Latvia**.

Registered participants will receive more information, a detailed agenda of the workshop as well as practical information in due course. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Johannes Riegler (Johannes.riegler@jpi-urbaneurope.eu).

Register now.

About the AGORA - JPI Urban Europe's Stakeholder Involvement Platform:

The AGORA aims at creating the space to meet and exchange for urban actors with a diversity of background (researchers, practitioners, public administrators, entrepreneurs, social innovators, etc.), discussing current themes and priorities and identifying the most pressing urban challenges of today and the future. [Read more](#).

