



**Inclusive Cities  
Strategy Session  
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## **Guiding Principles**

- The GPM believes that maintaining social and territorial cohesion in a competitive globalisation demands local governance oriented to maintaining human rights, attention to integrating newcomers and to mobilizing local populations in an inclusive local democracy.

## **Prioritised Actions**

- We agree to establish a GPM definition of inclusive and open cities, resisting gentrification and social exclusion and to democratise the local defining the necessary competences to municipal self-governance as to make local inclusive policies effective.
- We pledge to enforce human rights in all our local policy development.
  - The GPM should provide an international stage to mayors worldwide to further their ethical and moral authority and leadership;
  - Mayor leadership includes an educational responsibility, standing against intolerance and xenophobia, developing tools and campaigns for children, parents, schools, media and local stakeholders;
  - Developing the capacities of city administration in intercultural competencies;
  - Develop a local plan in order to create cohesion and common understanding to realise inclusiveness and to change the narrative around refugees and migrants in order to teach citizens to accept diversity
- We invite global, international and national organisms to consult with Mayors on local programmes and to invest in participatory governance in order to make them context relevant to the city and part of transversal policies.
- The GPM wants to reach out to all the cities to join the priorities for inclusive and open cities.
  - This would also include mutual aid, city to city partnerships and a global inclusion fund to materially sustain policies in cities with less resources.



- We pledge to promote policies, planning instruments and practices starting from the local context to enhance intercultural cohesion and social mix, to resist socio-geographic segregation and nationalist exclusive policies.
  - Such policies include, but are not limited to:
    - Developing an inclusive labour market, economic leverages to welfare and upward social mobility and fighting poverty;
    - Specific policies to newcomers, migrants and refugees;
    - Intercultural and democratic urban vision transcending communitarianism
    - Enhancing participatory democracy, coproduction and sharing, the new urban commons.
- We agree that all cities will share their inclusive city programme with the GPM through the mayors platform.