

Democracy at the Crossroads - Cities take Action  
6 - 8 June 2025 || Braga, Portugal

### Friday - 6th June 2025

- *Registration & Opening Session*

15:00 Setting the Scene

- *Ricardo Rio (Host/Mayor of Braga & Chair of GPM) & Rainer Kern (Executive Director of GPM)*

15:30 Democracy at the Crossroads

17:00 Coffee/Drinks Break

17:30 Executive & Advisory Committee Meeting

19:00 Opening Ceremony & Dr. Benjamin Barber Global Cities Award

19:30 Reception & Dinner

### Saturday - 7th June 2025

- *Registration*

09:00 Caring Cities to Repair Welfare States

10:30 Coffee/Drinks Break

11:00 Culture at the Centre of the Urban Project

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Smart Talent Cities

15:00 Break

15:30 Next Steps in Empowering Cities & Building GPM

17:00 Closing Remarks

19:30 Gala Dinner

### Sunday - 8th June 2025

- *Guided Tours & Excursions*