Outcomes of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum

Program and organizational summary

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The Government Plenipotentiary for the organisation of the World Urban Forum in Katowice in 2022
WUF 11 in a nutshell

22,000 registered
On site - 11,000
On line - 6,000
155 countries

11 zones in the city
More than 450 sessions and events
Accessibility (programme issues)

Inclusion of accessibility in the WUF11 program:

✓ panels strictly dedicated to the issues of people with disabilities,

✓ including people with special needs in different discussion panels.
“We recognize that WUF 11 set a new standard of accessibility, and reconfirm that accessibility and universal design are an integral part of the solution to the challenges of urbanisation, including urban crisis, and constitutes the agent of transformative action for a more equitable urban future”

Katowice Declared Actions
Environment friendly solutions

- The carpet 100% recyclable - will be reused, as well the carpentry components
- Dishes in the Food Court served on biodegradable materials
- Temporary structures supplied with energy from renewable sources
- A significant part of the EXPO area prepared in reusable technology - the Octanorm system
- Plants watered with condensation from air conditioners
20 young activists constantly involved in the substantive and organizational preparations of WUF11

23 events during WUF11

Youth Village:
- 3,600 participants, including over 150 children in the Animation Zone,
- over 100 people in the Sports Zone,
- 200 people at the concert on the inauguration day of the Youth Village.
WUF11 program contained a broad business component and created many opportunities to engage entrepreneurs.

- WUF11 Business Council - 50 Polish companies associated in the UN Global Compact Network Poland
- Recommendations for cities in the field of climate transformation
40 crisis-related events, discussions on global crises, and issues related to urban recovery in Ukraine.

- **Extraordinary Dialogue** on Crisis Response and Reconstruction in Cities;

- **Additional special session**: Urban reconstruction framework;

- **Poland special session** on reconstruction after war and natural disasters.
1. Transformation of European cities: for a better Europe, for a better world

2. Block of events organized by the European Commission
• 89 exhibitors from 43 countries at Urban EXPO
• PL Pavillion - the largest exhibition space (500m2)
11 Urban Zones for the 11th session of the World Urban Forum

- **Metrolab** (discussions on transport and mobility, urban planning, ecology, economy, socio-cultural identity)
- **Science Zone** (urban technologies, ecology and sustainable development through the prism of natural sciences, engineering and social studies)
- **Innovation Zone** (broadly understood urban innovation, impact projects and smart city solutions)
- **Central Zone** (numerous artistic events)
- **KATO Urban Corner** (centre for education about sustainable development goals)
- **City of Music Zone** (evening integration and fun)
- **City 360** (lectures, workshops, author meetings and free discussions allowing for the exchange of experiences and reflections on future of the cities)
- **Urban Cinema by Santander**
- **Culture and Art Zone**
- **Youth Village**
- **Relax Zone**
Poland contribution to WUF11 legacy

Action Plan for Cities

Accessibility solutions for international events

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Thank you