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# CITIES AND TOWNS SECURING EUROPE'S FUTURE

16 OCTOBER 2025 | EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS

Session	Speaker	Time
Welcome coffee		8:00
<b>Opening</b> <i>Family photo</i>	<b>Roberta Metsola</b> , President of the European Parliament <b>Ursula von der Leyen</b> , President of the European Commission <b>Lars Aagaard</b> , Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities of the Kingdom of Denmark, representing the Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU (tbc) <b>Kata Tüttő</b> , President of the European Committee of the Regions and Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board <b>Attila Péterffy</b> , Mayor of Pécs, Hungary, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board	9:00
<b>Powering Europe with local, clean and affordable energy</b>  <i>Introduced by a video message by <b>Dan Jørgensen</b>, Commissioner for Energy and Housing, European Commission</i>  <i>Ceremony of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Award</i>	<b>Ditte Juul Jørgensen</b> , Director-General for Energy, European Commission <b>Bart Somers</b> , Mayor of Mechelen, Belgium <b>Sanna Koskenranta</b> , Chair of Lappeenranta's City Board, Finland <b>Liolios Charalambos</b> , Mayor of Domokos, Greece <b>Tanya Hristova</b> , Mayor of Gabrovo, Bulgaria, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board and Member of the European Committee of the Regions <b>Oleksandr Syenkevych</b> , Mayor of Mykolaiv, Ukraine	10:00

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Greetings from the Covenant around the world		11:30
<b>Protecting Europe from climate risk through local resilience</b> <i>Introduced by a video message by <b>Wopke Hoekstra</b>, Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth, European Commission</i>	<b>Jan Dusik</b> , Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Climate Action, European Commission <b>Sara Hernández Barroso</b> , Mayor of Getafe, Spain <b>Carlotta Bonvicini</b> , Deputy Mayor of Reggio Emilia, Italy <b>Åsa Lindhagen</b> , Vice Mayor of Stockholm, Sweden, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board <b>Diana Pretzell</b> , First Mayor of Mannheim, Germany <b>Julije Domac</b> , Director of REGEA, Croatia, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board	11:45
<b>Cities and the EU working together for a prosperous Europe</b>	<b>Raffaele Fitto</b> , Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms, European Commission <b>Rafał Trzaskowski</b> , Mayor of Warsaw, Poland, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board and Member of the European Committee of the Regions <b>Michele de Pascale</b> , President of Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board	12:45
Networking lunch		13:15