21 & 22 October 2026 | Lisbon

Urban development and city financial instruments



Programme

Day 1 - Wednesday, 21 October 2026

16:30 – 19:00 **Project site visit in the city of Lisbon**

Location and meeting point: Mama Shelter Lisboa (R. do Vale de Pereiro 19, 1250-270 Lisbon)

19:00 – 21:30 **Registration, cocktail dinner and welcome speech**

Location: Hotel Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa (Av. da Liberdade 185, 1269-050 Lisbon)

Gonçalo Reis, Vice President, Municipality of Lisbon
Radka Konstantinova, Policy Officer, DG REGIO, European Commission
Frank Lee, Head of Advisory Financial Institutions Division, European Investment Bank

Day 2 - Thursday, 22 October 2026

8:30 – 9:00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

Location: Hotel Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa (Av. da Liberdade 185, 1269-050 Lisbon)

9:00 – 9:10 **Introduction by moderator**

Anna Gumbau, Moderator

9:10 – 10:20 **Urban development financial instruments in Portugal**

A deep dive on examples of urban development financed through financial instruments in the country.

Isabel Barroso de Sousa, President of the Board, IFRRU 2030
Ricardo Correia Duarte, Director of Commercial Real Estate Lending, Banco BPI, Portugal
António Carlos Rodrigues, CEO, Casais, Portugal
Abel Mascarenhas, President of the Executive Board, Chairman of the Board of Directors, FOMENTO – Fundos de Investimento Imobiliário

Followed by panel discussion and Q&A with the audience

10:20 – 11:30	**Financing urban development – experience from other EU countries** *Presentation of different experiences of financing urban development through financial instruments and EIB/NPBI financing.* **Iva Petkova**, Director, FLAG Fund and the Sustainable Cities Fund, Bulgaria **Andrea Bua**, Head of Mandate Management Division, European Investment Bank **Ivana Matković Mikulić**, Head of Unit for EU Financial Instruments and Special Financing Programmes, HBOR, Croatia **Isabel Barroso de Sousa**, President of the Board, IFRRU 2030 *Followed by panel discussion and Q&A with the audience*
11:30 – 11:40	Signing ceremony
11:40 – 12:00	*Coffee break*
12:00 – 13:00	**Urban Development in 2026+** *Session featuring the Cities Mission and the EU Agenda for Cities* **Laura Liger**, Policy Officer, DG REGIO, European Commission **Brendan McDonagh**, Senior Advisor, European Investment Bank **Jari Moate**, Senior Impact Investment Advisor, Freelance **Anne de Koster**, Senior Sustainability Advisor, The Hague Municipality, The Netherlands *Followed by panel discussion and Q&A with the audience*
13:00 – 14:00	*Lunch break*
14:00 – 16:00	**Workshop - Financing urban development and housing: current trends and future needs (group 1)** **Emily Smith**, Head of Climate and Urban Finance Advisory Unit, European Investment Bank **Jonathan Denness**, Head of Financial Instruments and International Financial Institutions Relations Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission **Workshop - Financing urban development and housing: current trends and future needs (group 2)** **Desmond Gardner**, Financial Instruments Advisor, European Investment Bank **Radka Konstantinova**, Policy Officer, DG REGIO, European Commission *The content and topics of the sessions are the same; to facilitate interaction, participants will be split in two groups.*
16:00 – 16:30	**Closing session** **Jonathan Denness**, Head of Financial Instruments and International Financial Institutions Relations Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission **Frank Lee**, Head of Advisory Financial Institutions Division, European Investment Bank