



#### IUC-Japan: City-to-City Cooperation

6<sup>th</sup> Exchange Meeting of EU and Japanese Cities 24 November 2020

#### **Activities 2017-2020**

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IUC-Japan Calendar (2017-2020) (1<sup>st</sup> round) 5 pairings (2<sup>nd</sup> round) 3 pairings (3<sup>rd</sup> round) 2 pairings Year Month Launch Meeting (at EUD Tokyo) **Knowledge Sharing Platform** 2017 First-round call of applications **IUC-Website** 5 pairings selected 1<sup>st</sup> city-to-city event in Brussels 1<sup>st</sup> Exchange Meeting (Brussels) 2<sup>nd</sup> Exchange Meeting (Tokyo) Second round call of applications **Study tour in Japan** 2018 3 pairings selected **Study** tour in EU Study tour in EU 10 2<sup>nd</sup> city-to-city event in Brussels 3rd Exchange Meeting (Brussels) Third round call of applications 2 pairings selected 4th Exchange Meeting (Tokyo) 2019 Study tour in Japan 5<sup>th</sup> Exchange Meeting (Brussels) Study tour in EU 11 3<sup>rd</sup> city-to-city event in Brussels 12 **UCAPs** Impacts of COVID-19 Study tour in Japan 2020 **UCAPs** IUC-Asia (Japan, India & Asia) Seminar 10 **IUC-Japan Regional Seminars** 11 6<sup>th</sup> Exchange Meeting (Online) 4<sup>th</sup> city-to-city event in Brussels **UCAPs** 



City-to-City Event annual meeting in Brussels





5th Exchange Meeting November 2019 Brussels





3rd Exchange Meeting
October 2018
Brussels







#### **IUC-Japan Action Plan Guidelines**



based on the guidelines for U-CAP (Urban Cooperation Action Plan)

**EU City** 

1. City Overviews

Japan City

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2. Area of Cooperation

3. Specific Objectives

4. Planned Activities

Activities jointly implemented

Activities in EU
City

Activities in Japanese City

5. Calendar of Key Events and Milestones

6. Key Learning

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7. The Future

**Contents** 

City context, Challenges

Cooperation area and Focus

Shared objectives of the two cities
Contributions to EU Urban Agenda and SDGs
Expected Results, Result Indicators,
Target Groups

- Activity 1 Sub-activity 1.1, 1.2.....
  - Activity proponent
  - Activity Leader
  - Activity Contents
  - Outputs expected (with quantitative indicators, if possible)
  - Specific Timeframe
  - Budget Estimate, if possible
  - Stakeholders (EU, Japan)
- Activity 2
- Activity 3

What the cities have learned

Sustainability of the cooperation process



## **IUC-Japan City Parings**

	EU City	JAPAN City	Subject Area of Cooperation
1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Frankfurt (Germany)	Yokohama	Smart cities
Kick-off: Nov 2017	Essen (Germany)	Koriyama	Clean technology and renewable energy
	Donostia-San Sebastian (Spain)	Hirosaki	Buildings and site regeneration
	loannina (Greece)	Ichinomiya	Sustainable mobility and transport
	Ancona (Italy)	Ikoma	Clean energy, social inclusion, and healthy cities
<b>2</b> <sup>nd</sup> <b>Group</b> Kick-off: Oct 2018	Bratislava (Slovakia)	Tokorozawa	Climate change adaptation, urban nature-based solutions, and smart eco-city development
	Grenoble-Alpes Metropole (France)	Toyota	Smart city development
	Umea (Sweden)	Kamakura	Smart cities, social inclusion and the integration of SDGs
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Group</b> <i>Kick-off: Apr-Aug</i> 2019	Marseille (France)	Kobe	Sustainable economic development and port regeneration
	Turku (Finland)	Nagano and Obuse	Integration of urban-rural circular economy in food-water- energy nexus





#### 1st Group 5 pairings: Yokohama and Frankfurt

#### **Overview of Action Plan**



Common Challenge of the 2 cities

- ⇒ 1) Increasing renewable energy
  - 2) Changing behavior of citizens and businesses

Cooperation Areas: Energy Transition

Focus: 1) Interdependency with regional development

2) Raising awareness with regard to different target groups

#### **Specific Objectives:**

- 1) Development of cooperation with other municipalities to support the utilization of additional renewable energy production
- 2) Launching a new raising awareness project using nudge







#### What is the added value of International Urban Cooperation?

#### Partnership **Essen – Koriyama**

#### Maximizing Urban Cooperation for the Future - ESSEN & KORIYAMA





Logo image of the partnership newly-designed in Sep. 2019

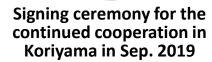


1. Invaluable relationship fostered in the IUC programme

- Friendship nurtured in the course of the IUC programme
- Continued knowledge transfer on good practices for common challenges









- 2. Foundation for open innovation in close collaboration among industry, academia and government
  - Opportunities for open innovations in the fields of renewable energy and medical device industry
  - Matching events vigorously promoted by city governments



- Exchange programme between high school students
- Internship programme between medical institutions
- Pupils scholarship programme for practical business training



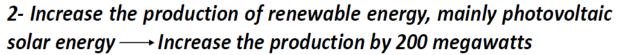






#### **Buildings and site regeneration**

1- Refurbishment of municipal buildings with high energy efficiency criteria → Reduction of 40% of the heating demand. Maintaining 21 celsius degrees comfort temperature all day long.



3- Implementation of the Smart City concept, new urban developments → Analyze new possible areas in San Sebastian to implement District heatings







## Ichinomiya and Ioannina









Lake Ioannina

Kiso River



- Waterside area
- Transportation
- Participatory planning







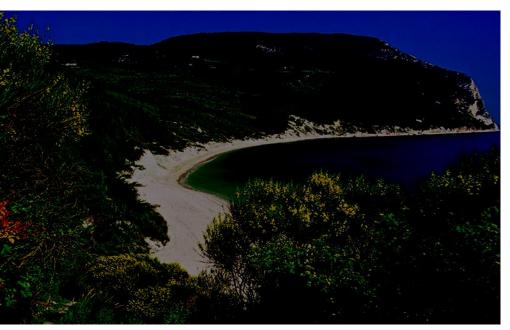
### **Ikoma and Ancona**





#### **Action Plan**

Learned from the Study Tours, the action plan was jointly developed that includes 2 activity plan.



#### **Activity 1**

Creation of "places of experience" by utilizing its local resources of Ikoma and Ancona such as nature, history, and culture

#### **Activity 2**

Development of joint strategy for slow tourism

### **Tokorozawa and Bratislava**





#### **URBAN NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS**

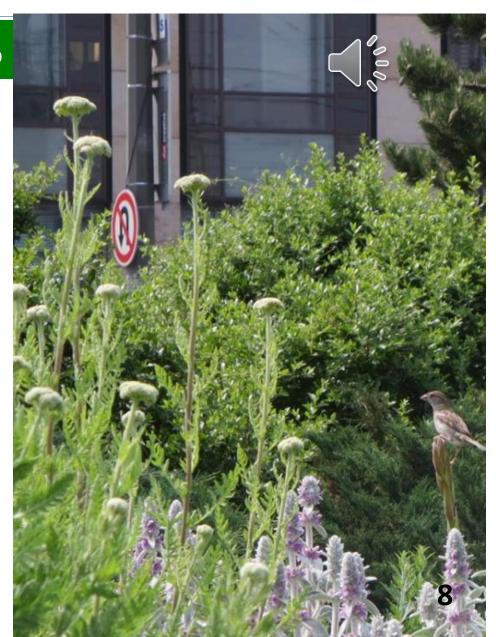
Examples of green and blue adaptation solutions

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPATION**

Examples of dealing with heat islands and extreme weather changes (rainfall) - adaptation of public space, public policies

#### SMART ECO-CITY DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABLE CITY - energy, food, water, waste, sustainable urban development and good quality of life - EXPLOITATION of local potentials and resources





#### **Toyota and Grenoble-Alpes Metropole**





H2 fleet deployment, promotion to local stakeholders & networking



Toyota Miraï, Hyundai NEXO and Renault Kangoo are proposed to be purchased within the programme "ZEV"

Grenoble-Alpes Métropole is in charge of the deployment of the "ZEV" project on its territory

Regional objectives of ZEV: Until 2023

- + 1000 H2 vehicles
- + 20 H2 refuelling stations





#### Kamakura and Umea



"Kamacon", "Umecon"

Specific objective 1: Address urban challenges from SDGs using FabCity approach through social innovations (citizen and stakeholder involvement)

Specific Objective 2:Create a certification system that promotes sustainable city management and promotes the SDGs. Encourage a transformation in citizens' behavior.

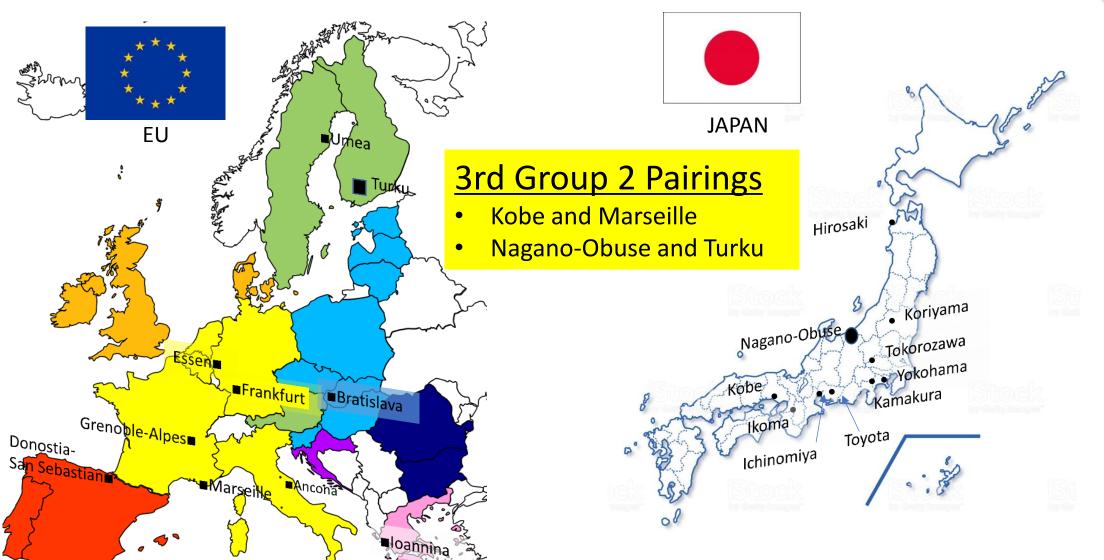
We have been inspired through our study tours and online meetings, learning about certifications for sustainability efforts and Umeå's network of sustainable restaurants. Following this, we will introduce a certification system for businesses that make sustainability efforts in Kamakura. We expect that the certification system will be recognized by citizens, and thus lead to citizens to change their behavior towards consumption patterns.

Specific Objective 3:Social inclusion of people who are vegetarian or vegan and raising awareness of the connection between choice of food and sustainability

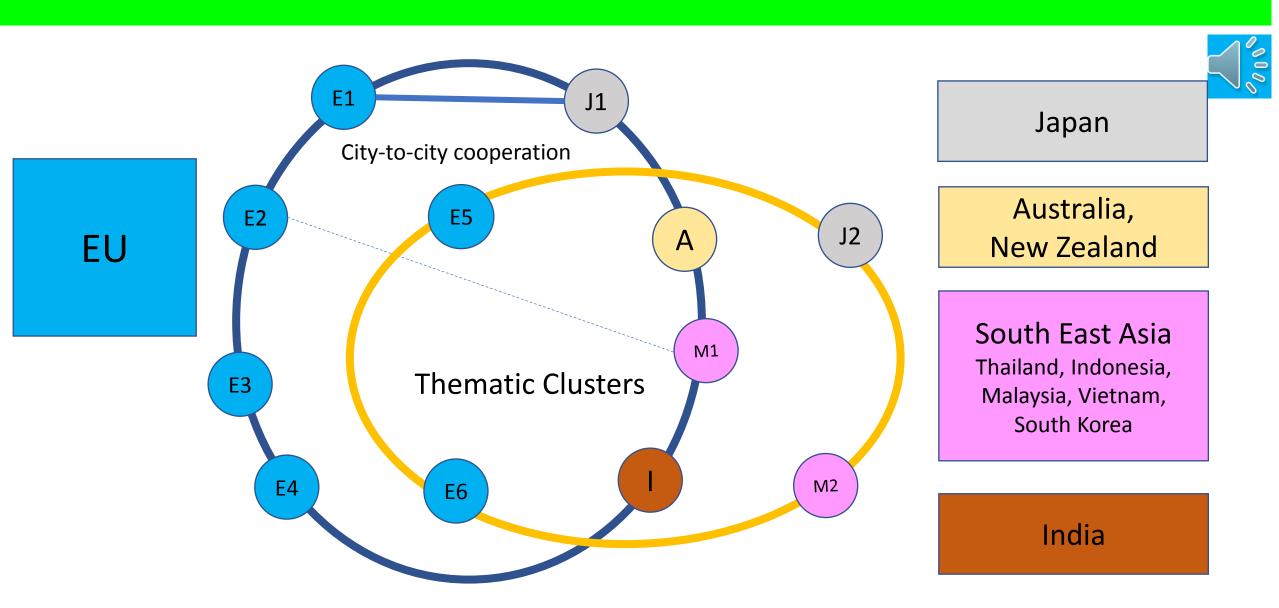


## IUC-Japan Cities on the Map





## From IUC to IURC (International Urban and Regional Cooperation) Asia and Australasia, from 2021



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