

Thematic Group on Social-cultural sustainability in people-centered city governance

Update on the work of the U4SSC Thematic Groups

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Thematic Group Leaders

Leader: Arne Ingebrigtsen (CEO, City of Kristiansund)



Thematic Group Scope

To develop a prototype for a digital decision-support tool designed to balance indicators of socio-cultural sustainability with economic and environmental factors in urban governance



Thematic Group Topic Areas

- Quantitative methods for measuring socio-cultural sustainability in urban governance including identification, development, and implementation of drivers and indicators.
- Concept and development of a prototype digital decision-support system.
- Framework for integrating socio-cultural sustainability into local environmental actions.
- Balancing socio-cultural sustainability with economic and environmental sustainability in city decision-making processes.

Ongoing Working Groups and Deliverables

Working Group

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Ongoing

Scope

To develop a prototype for a digital decision-support tool designed to balance indicators of socio-cultural sustainability with economic and environmental factors in urban governance

Expected deliverable

- Summary note of the contextual analysis (completed).
- Summary note of citizens' engagement (first part completed). Meetings with citizens will continue throughout the project, in line with the selected methods, and will be fully completed together with the final project report.

Meetings held in 2025

Nine online meetings have been held during the 2025 project period

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Expected deliverable

- Set of social-cultural quantifiable sustainability indicators and drivers or measurement methodology (soon to be completed)
- Case study summary note (soon to be completed)
- Final guidelines document and project report (to be completed)
- Software to complement the guidelines (to be completed)

Upcoming meetings in 2025 and 2026

- 19 November 2025, 15:00 – 16:00 hours, Geneva time
- 21 January 2026, 15:00 – 16:00 hours, Geneva time
- 25 February 2026, 15:00 – 16:00 hours, Geneva time
- 25 March 2026, 15:00 – 16:00 hours, Geneva time
- 29 April 2026, 15:00 – 16:00 hours, Geneva time
- 27 May 2026, 15:00 – 16:00 hours, Geneva time

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Thank you!

