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# The National Urban Strategy – vehicle for democracy, dialogue & participation ?

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# Starting point

In the run-up to the strategy we considered e.g.

- The New Urban Agenda (Habitat III)
- Urbanisation as a megatrend and in Finland
- Covid-19 and cities at a turning point
- Cities as communities (of practice): governance, citizens, businesses, other actors
- Urban policy needs

## Cooperation, Development and Communications

Urban Forum

'Korpi' Seminar

Regional City Forum &  
Secretariat

Urban Policy Committee &  
Secretariat

Metropolitan Policy  
Committee & Secretariat

## Agreement Based Cooperation

Ecosystem Agreements

Land Use, Housing and  
Transport Agreements

## National Strategies, Commitments

National Transport System  
Plan 2021-2032

National Urban Strategy  
2020-2030

Regional Development  
Decision 2020-2023

## Programmes

Sustainable City Programme  
2019-2023

Sustainable  
Procurement Forum

Suburbs Programme 2020-  
2022

Municipal Climate Solutions  
2018-2021

Housing Policy and  
Development Programme  
2021-2028

# Stronger together

- cities and central government  
creating a sustainable future



**Wellbeing for everyone**



**Well-functioning connections**



**The vibrant city**



**The climate-smart city**



# Together, cities and the central government can

Lead the way in climate-smart, sustainable development in Finland and worldwide.

Act as nationwide engines of wellbeing, expertise and new growth in a changing world.

Identify the different roles and challenges of cities and strengthen the partnership.

# Partnership means...

Equal standing and trust

Joint discussion and development

Common direction and impact towards which resources are committed

Building and maintaining a joint vision

Added value for both parties



# Implementation of the strategy

September

Strategy paper  
published  
23.9.2020

October-  
November

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implementation  
plans 2021-23

December

Confirmation of  
implementation

2021–

Follow-up and  
revision of  
implementation  
plans





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**Thank you for your attention &  
Q for discussion:**

***What good practice of city – national  
government collaboration could we share  
across the Nordics?***

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# Implementation highlights



- Strengthening of urban policy and partnership development
  - Operating model for partnership in urban policy
  - Strengthening the urban knowledge base
- Vibrant city
  - Utilising Finland's Programme for Sustainable Growth (RRF)
  - [RDI] Ecosystem agreements; RDI & creative economies roadmap; Growth strategy
- Wellbeing for everyone
  - Localising the SDGs in partnership
  - Sustainable City -programme; Decreasing segregation; Suburban programme
- Well-functioning connections
  - National transport system plan
  - Land use, housing and transport (MAL) -agreements
- Climate-smart city
  - The Greendeal -model for climate leadership
  - Municipal climate solutions –programme; HINKU; FISU; Nature cities - Luontokunnat