

Sharing the Manifesto

Following the European Forum for Urban Security (Efus) 2012 Conference on “the future of prevention”, after which the manifesto *Security, Democracy and Cities: The Manifesto of Aubervilliers and Saint-Denis* was published; **Efus launched an initiative called “Sharing the Manifesto”**. This **new initiative** aims to **encourage dialogue between local European authorities, civil society and other parties involved in urban safety and security issues, including the private sector**. As part of the initiative, debates, conferences, study days and many other events have been organised with and by local authorities, with citizens and at the institutional level.

Efus and its members (European local authorities) are aiming to encourage citizen participation in local debates on urban security, an objective which is truly in keeping with the principles of the European Year of Citizens. Their participation is a source of sustainable democracy and cohesion, for security is a public good to be developed and shared by everyone.

These events emphasise the principles of the Manifesto, in which local authorities from all over Europe demonstrate their engagement to five major points:

- Long term prevention policies must be endorsed
- Prevention is a rational and strategic choice
- Citizen participation, especially youth participation, must be a fundamental right
- Women’s rights and sexual equality must be constantly promoted
- Security policies must be systematically evaluated

Some of these events will focus on one, or many of these themes which derive from the Manifesto’s 19 thematic recommendations.

During these meetings, Efus produces a short film to record the opinions of different European citizens on the themes of the manifesto.

Seven Manifesto Days will take place by the end of November 2013 in Lieges (Belgium), London (UK), Brac (Croatia), Brno (Czech Republic), Reggio Emilia (Italy), Lisbon (PT), L’Hospitalet de Llobregat (Spain) and Sosnowiec (PL).

SAVE THE DATE: 10 December 2013, Brussels - “From cities to Europe” event as part of the “Sharing the Manifesto” initiative, with the support of the Committee of the Regions.

At this event, which will be attended by representatives from European institutions, Efus will present the Manifesto of Aubervilliers and Saint-Denis as well as the work and outcome of the discussions it inspired throughout the year in the cities of Europe.

Come and help put the subject of prevention at the centre of European debates, on the eve of the 2014 elections.

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Alongside with this initiative, several events have been organised by Efus members and/or partners to disseminate the Manifesto and launch a citizen debate on urban security issues in Belgium, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Portugal and Spain.

