

Dear Sir, Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the final conference of our "Sharing the Manifesto" initiative, on 10 December 2013 at the headquarters of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union, in Brussels.

The "Sharing the Manifesto" initiative consisted in a series of public debates on issues of urban security, which we organised throughout 2013 in several European cities. During these meetings, representatives of European local authorities discussed with members of the civil society and with other stakeholders involved in urban security, including those from the private sector.

This initiative is in line with the European Forum for Urban Security's (Efus) ambition to include civil society in the overall debate on the role of prevention in urban security. Indeed, cities member of our network are convinced that citizens are at the centre of security policies, as we claimed in the *Manifesto of Aubervilliers and Saint-Denis* that was adopted by some 250 local authorities member of our network during the conference "Security, Democracy and Cities: The Future of Prevention" (December 2012).

This determination to involve citizens is also intrinsically part of the European project, as shown by the fact that 2013 is the "European Year of Citizens". It is particularly relevant today, on the eve of the important European election scheduled in 2014.



During the Brussels conference -which is organised with the support of the Committee of the Regions- Efus will present the Manifesto as well as the work carried out this year and the main conclusions of the debates held throughout Europe. We will also present in a short video a series of interviews with participants in these meetings.

We would be very happy if you could join us. If you wish to attend, please fill out the registration form available on our website.

I hope to have the pleasure to see you soon in Brussels,

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director

