Cities are the perfect forum for reflecting on central questions such as equality, justice and the common good. If channels are appropriately fostered, cities offer a real opportunity to renew democratic conversations in a way that national platforms simply cannot.

However, there is no blueprint of a city shaped by women as our cities have always been designed and managed by men. City planning for women, therefore, encompasses everything from street lighting, mobility and security to the gender balance of statues in public spaces and gender parity in the election of city representatives.

There is an unprecedented global momentum to empower women and address gender inequalities. Cities must join this global movement and ensure that all urban policies - including those related to public spaces, public transportation, civic participation and education – integrate gender perspectives.

The panelists will discuss how a city for women could be and showcase ways in cities can prioritise and mainstream gender-sensitive policymaking. Case studies from Cities Alliance’s latest brochure on Gender Mainstreaming in Cities will guide the discussion.

Ms Giulia Maci, Urban Specialist & Gender Focal Point, Cities Alliance - Moderator
Ms Carolina Mateo Cecilia, Policy Officer - Cities, Local Authorities, Digitalisation, Infrastructures Cities, DG DEVCO – Panelist
Ms Beatriz Alvarez, Policy Officer - Governance, Democracy, Human Rights and Gender, DG DEVCO – Panelist

About the Cities Alliance Programme for Cities for Women

Cities Alliance is the global partnership for poverty reduction and promoting the role of cities in sustainable development. The Global Programme aims to, to increase women’s engagement in urban governance and, secondly, to foster gender-awareness and competence in the political arena and planning practice across Cities Alliance Operations. More Information on the programme can be found at: https://www.citiesalliance.org/Global%20Programme-gender