

The Hannover Conference 2000

Hannover, 11th February 2000: Today 250 mayors or their representatives from all over Europe approved the 'Hannover Call' - a major achievement for the Hannover Conference 2000. Taking findings from dozens of workshops at the three-day conference, where over 1,200 delegates tackled the issues of future urban life, they debated signposts for new directions to be taken by decision-makers at European level. Making the Hannover Call, the campaign municipalities emphasised their right to assume a central role in a developing Europe, and that the fate of the continent will largely be determined in its towns and cities, where 60 percent of Europeans have their homes.

Another highlight of the Third European Conference of Sustainable Cities and Towns was the signing ceremony for more than 60 new signatories of the Aalborg Charter, drawn up at the first conference of this kind in 1994. With their signatures these urban communities, many of them from eastern and southern Europe, confirmed their commitment to the Campaign for Sustainable Cities and Towns founded six years ago, and to setting up their own Local Agenda 21.

The significance of the conference can also be gauged by generous EU support and by the stature of the speakers: European Environment Commissioner Margot Wallström, Germany's Environment Minister Jürgen Trittin and the Director of the European Environment Agency Domingo Jimenez Beltran were among the contributors. The conference has been a unique achievement in bringing together needs and proposals of representatives from all Local Agenda 21 stakeholders from local to European level in intense discussions to carry forward the core ideal of Local Agenda 21: 'Think global - Act local'.

The conference has only been possible on this scale because, along with funding from the City of Hannover, major financial support came from the European Commission, federal ministries, from central and state government, and from sponsorship by Hannover businesses and banks.

The Hannover Call

Thanks to the engagement of several partners of the Campaign, the final document of the Hannover Conference 2000, the "Hannover Call of European Municipal Leaders at the Turn of the 21st Century", is now already available in several European languages. Please [click here](#) for a copy of the Hannover Call in your preferred language.

Hannover Conference Report

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