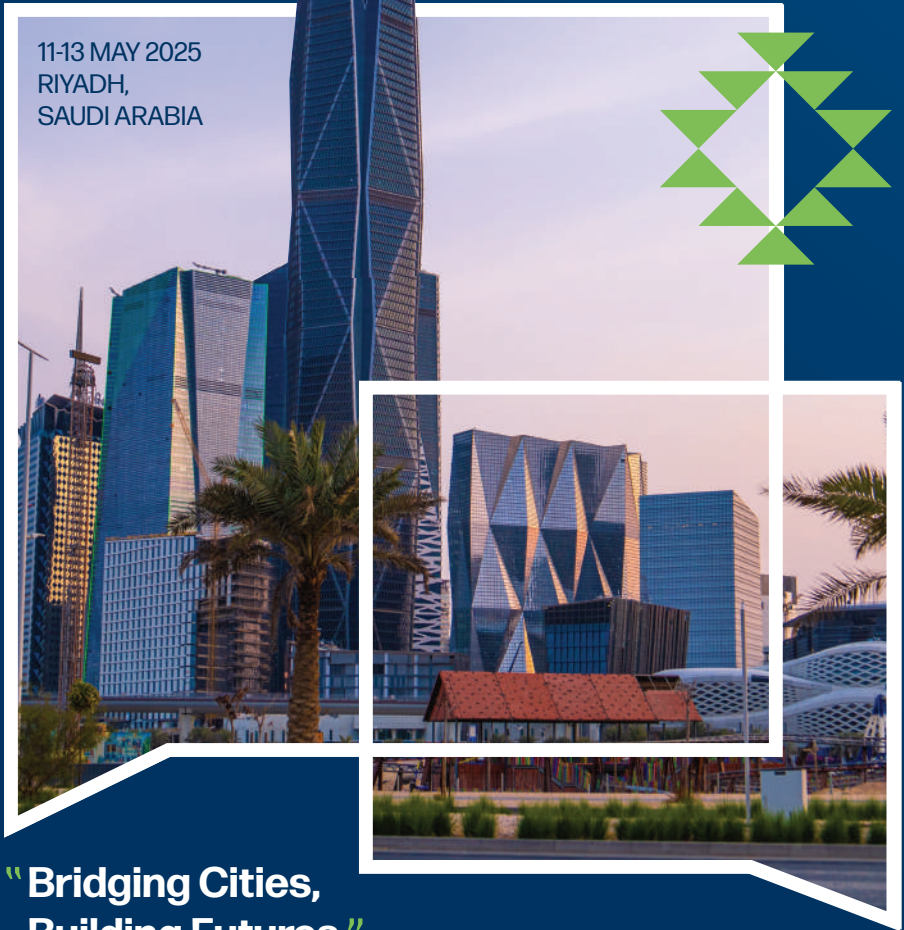




ARAB EUROPEAN CITIES DIALOGUE
Riyadh 2025

Arab European Cities Dialogue

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SAUDI ARABIA



**"Bridging Cities,
Building Futures"**

Hosted by:

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Organized by:



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Arab Urban Development Inst.



WHAT IS AECD?

The ARAB EUROPEAN CITIES DIALOGUE is an inter-regional initiative that fosters collaboration and networking between mayors and other representatives of Arab and European cities, alongside international and financing organizations. It aims to contribute to the dynamic between the Arab region and Europe by harnessing the potential of cities' diplomacy and partnerships for resilient and sustainable development.

WHY SHOULD YOU BE PART OF AECD?

CONNECT
With
120+

MAYORS

Of major cities from Arab and European regions

EXCHANGE
With
45+

SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS
Innovative Urban Policies And Practices

DISCOVER
20+

LARGE SCALE PROJECTS
In Riyadh, a city in transformation

ENGAGE
With
25+

FUNDS

To capture investment and development opportunities for cities



THEMES

The ARAB EUROPEAN CITIES DIALOGUE focuses on a number of issues that are of significance to municipal urban development



**Cities
Cooperation**



**Technology and
Digital Transformation**



**Livable Cities and
Environment**



**Municipal Financial
Sustainability**

ACTIVITIES

PLENARY AND THEMATIC SESSIONS

Discussions with mayors and experts highlighting good practices and common challenges to address urban challenges,

CITIES NETWORKING

Thematic roundtables for mayors to network and explore potential future collaborations.

URBAN FINANCING FORUM

A space for discussion and exchange between city representatives and funding institutions to support urban development.

MAYORS LEADERSHIP FORUM

A meeting of Arab and European mayors to discuss the future and governance mechanism of the AECD.

LOCAL ACTION FORUM

Workshops, roundtables, and presentations by international institutions focused on addressing day-to-day urban concerns.

MARKETPLACE

A platform for cities and organizations to showcase projects, tools, and best practices.

ORGANIZERS:



المعهد العربي لإنماء المدن
Arab Urban Development Inst.

A regional pan-Arab organization supporting a network of 650 cities to address urban development challenges through research and training in the fields of urban development and municipal affairs.



A pan-European coalition of towns and regions – and their national, EU and global associations – active in city-to-city and region-to-region development cooperation, hosted by Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR).



The regional MENA office of VNG International, with expertise in local government challenges, enhancing decentralized cooperation and building strong bridges with European and Worldwide organizations.

RIYADH,

**A Hub for Cooperation and
the First Host of the AECD**

Riyadh fosters dialogue and collaboration among cities to tackle the pressing urban challenges of today. With its ongoing transformative journey, offering unique opportunities and challenges, the Saudi capital plays a pivotal role both regionally and internationally in building bridges, forging partnerships, and enhancing cooperation between cities.

As the first host of this prestigious forum, the Riyadh Municipality is committed to creating a platform for sharing experiences across urban, municipal, and economic domains. This event will serve as a valuable opportunity for cities and municipalities to explore Riyadh's major urban transformative projects and immerse themselves in the rich historical and cultural journey of the Kingdom's capital.

