



## Charter of Public Space 2019

### The Biennial of Public Space:

- Having proceeded to the updating of the Charter of Public Space adopted in 2013 on the basis of the suggestions received and communicated during the concluding event of the 2019 Biennial;
  - Noting with satisfaction the increasing attention that many countries and international organizations devote to public space;
  - Noting in particular the United Nations' Habitat III New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
1. Declares its full endorsement of target 11.7, stating the commitment of all countries by 2030, to provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities;
  2. Re-affirms the principles of the 2013 Charter of Public Space;
  3. Recalls in particular the definition of public space that document contains as "all places publicly owned or in public use, accessible and enjoyable by all for free and without a profit motive";
  4. Underlines the fundamental importance of public spaces in combating climate change;
  5. Further underlines the importance of:
    - a) Ensuring continuous and genuinely participatory co-operation between local government institutions and citizens in the circular process of creating, maintaining, managing and enjoying public spaces;
    - b) Share and disseminate participatory methodologies for the assessment and analysis of the accessibility, inclusiveness, safety and healthiness of urban spaces and the consequent choice of interventions and resources for their implementation, management and maintenance;
  - c) Expresses its full support of initiatives in the Biennial's spirit in other regions of the world;
  - d) Also declares its support for the establishment of regional centres for research and training on public space.

The Biennial will communicate and disseminate this document using the most appropriate means, including those offered by virtual infrastructure and networks.

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