

## **Governing Urban Problems in Times of Crisis - but what crisis?**

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A closer look at the phenomenon of crisis shows the multiple character of the crisis, in particular at the local level. Economic, financial, environmental, and political aspects of the crisis overlap and not in all cities we can witness the same magnitude of the crisis. What is considered a global financial or economic crisis reveals temporal and spatial characteristics. Some cities are severely affected by the financial crisis while others are not (some may even be beneficiaries). Also the responses to the crisis differ. What is considered to be a crisis depends on framing and context in local politics. We can also observe that recovery from the crisis takes longer in cities compared to the private sector.

In this round table we will discuss local responses to the crisis and consider a comparative perspective - trying to identify the reasons for geographical variation. We will also address the role of cities in multi-level governance systems and discuss the possible contribution of EU urban policies. This discussion, in specific, is of particular interest within the new EU Urban Agenda in the making.

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