



# Security, Democracy & Cities Conference

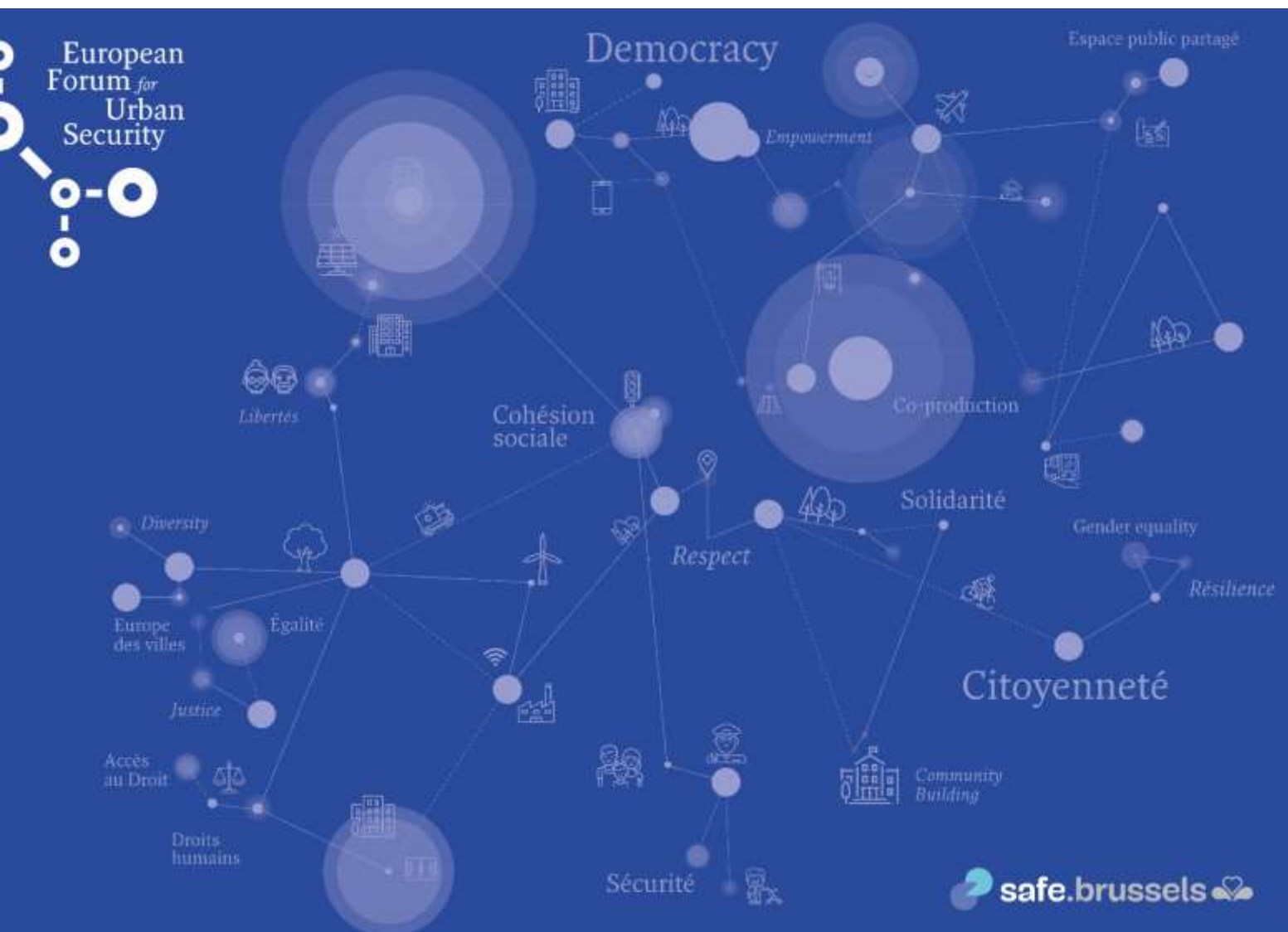
Brussels - 20, 21 & 22 March 2024

Under the auspices of the Belgian presidency of the Council of the European Union



## Strengthening social cohesion to improve security in cities: Join us in Brussels from 20-22 March 2024!

An event by Efus in partnership with safe.brussels



# About us

The European Forum for Urban Security (Efus) is organising the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of its international *Security, Democracy & Cities* conference

 20-22 March 2024

 **The Egg, Brussels** *rue Bara 175, 1070 Brussels, Belgium*

>>>>> An international and interdisciplinary conference organised in partnership with the Brussels-Capital Region, represented by [safe.brussels](https://safe.brussels)

>>>>> 3 days to discuss local responses to security challenges facing local authorities that would complement national and European responses

**800**  
participants

**20+**  
topics

Workshops,  
field visits,  
plenary sessions

>>>>> Security in cities is a major social and political issue: Europe's cities and regions will come together to address this democratic challenge ahead of the upcoming European elections





*« Europe's cities and regions have tremendous capacity for mobilisation and solidarity. They represent the level of governance best placed to develop policies for everyday security »*

Willy Demeyer

Mayor of the City of Liège and President of Efus



*« This conference is a key event for safe.brussels, and we are proud to be organising it in close collaboration with our privileged partner, Efus »*

Sophie Lavaux

Governor of the Brussels Conurbation and Director general of safe.brussels

>>>>> Because we are convinced that **security is a common good** that must be achieved with the participation of all urban life stakeholders, and which must be based on a balance between **prevention, sanction and social cohesion**, the conference will address the issue of **governance between different territorial authorities** and the participation of the private sector and civil society - in particular citizens - in security policies



>>>>> Policy recommendations will be submitted to national governments and the EU's decision-making instances to reaffirm the role of cities and local authorities as key partners for security in Europe

>>>>> Aimed at all urban security stakeholders, the conference will bring together local, regional, national and European elected officials, civil servants, magistrates, security professionals, social workers, researchers, representatives of the private sector and civil society, experts and representatives of European institutions and international organisations

## Dialogue between cities and the EU

>>>>> Proceedings to feed into the European Security Strategy 2025-2029

>>>>> The conference will coincide with the Belgian Presidency of the EU

>>>>> Discussions with EU decision-making bodies three months before the European elections





# A wide range of topics

>>>>> Local, national and European elected representatives, field practitioners and academics will discuss some 20 topics that reflect the day-to-day reality of cities in terms of urban security and crime prevention

Crisis Management	Prevention of violent radicalisation	Fight against discriminatory violence	Prevention of violence against women
Victim Support	Design and management of public spaces	Nightlife	Polarisation
	Technology	Security linked to climate change	

>>>>> **Field visits and demonstrations** to discover some of Brussels' crime prevention schemes, such as the supervised drug consumption room and the crisis management centre, and the city's policies on technologies, public space management, social mediation...



# Programme

The programme will cover some twenty topics that reflect the daily concerns of cities in the area of urban security and crime prevention with a cross-cutting approach.

The conference offers 3 days of varied session formats: plenary sessions, thematic sessions, how-to sessions, field visits, pitch sessions, mayors' panels, networking...

>>>>> Find the full programme and list of speakers:  
[sdconference.efus.eu](https://sdconference.efus.eu)





# Join us to...

>>>>> **Meet** local elected representatives, representatives of European and international institutions and security professionals from Europe and around the world

>>>>> **Learn** by discovering innovative actions and practices

>>>>> **Take part** in a collaborative, multidisciplinary experience in an international context

>>>>> **Showcase** your practices to 800 institutional and professional representatives



## *About the European Forum for Urban Security (Efus)*

The European Forum for Urban Security (Efus) is the only European network dedicated to fostering discussion, cooperation and support among local and regional authorities in the field of crime prevention and urban security. Founded in 1987, it brings together nearly 250 cities and regions from 17 countries. Recognised for its expertise by national and European institutions, Efus is a network that represents the diversity of territories and promotes the exchange of experience between local and regional authorities beyond political affiliations, according to the principle of: 'Cities helping cities'.

Information and registration: [sdconference.efus.eu](https://sdconference.efus.eu)

# #SDC24

[www.sdconference.efus.eu](https://www.sdconference.efus.eu)

[contact@efus.eu](mailto:contact@efus.eu)

+33 (0)1 40 64 49 00

