

Press Release

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Nancy to Host the Urban 7 International Mayors' Summit as Part of France's G7 Presidency

As part of France's G7 Presidency in 2026, France urbaine, the Urban 7 (U7) Secretariat, the City of Nancy and the Greater Nancy Metropolitan Authority, in partnership with the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, will host an International Mayors' Summit from 2 to 4 June 2026. This high-level event will bring together local political leaders, institutional representatives, academics and international partners. It will aim to highlight the role of cities and territories in international diplomacy. Local and regional authorities bring a distinct voice in the collective and diplomatic response to major international challenges, whether democratic, environmental, social or security-related. Cities are also on the front line and serve as an essential link between multilateral dialogue forums and the citizens who, in their daily lives and at the local level, experience the impacts of these challenges.

Urban 7 (U7), the voice of cities within the G7

For its 2026 G7 Presidency, France has set out its ambition to promote a renewed multilateral approach, based on cooperation between States, local and regional authorities, and civil society actors.

Particular attention will be paid to the role of territories and cities, which are on the front line when it comes to the concrete implementation of responses to major international challenges, whether democratic, environmental, social or security-related.

In this context, **France urbaine** has been tasked with leading and coordinating the Urban 7 Group as chair of the U7 secretariat, alongside [ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability](#) and the [Global Parliament of Mayors](#) (GPM) in 2026. The Urban 7, brings together national associations from G7 member countries supported by international city networks to convey shared messages and policy recommendations to Heads of State and Government.

This year the **Urban 7 (U7) group** has been recognised as the official engagement group representing cities and local governments within the G7, alongside other engagement groups such as Business 7, coordinated by MEDEF; Youth 7, which represents the voice of young people; and Civil 7, which brings together civil society organisations and international solidarity actors. With this renewed ambition, an Urban 7 International Mayors' Summit will be held in Nancy from 2 to 4 June 2026, providing a platform for political dialogue and a common forum for cities ahead of the G7 Summit.

Nancy, host territory of the International Mayors' Summit

By hosting the International Mayors' Summit, the **City of Nancy and the Greater Nancy Metropolitan Authority** reaffirm their strong commitment to international cooperation and to dialogue between local authorities. As a city with a strong European and academic tradition, Nancy has the expertise and infrastructure required to host a high-level international event. This choice will help showcase French territories on the international stage and recognise their central role in city diplomacy.

An international milestone in support of local action

The International Mayors' Summit will bring together nearly two hundred participants to address joint priority issues, selected in line with the priorities of France's G7 Presidency, including the ecological transition, social cohesion, territorial resilience and the contribution of local and regional authorities to global governance. These discussions will feed into a declaration, to be shared at the highest level as part of the G7 process, including during the G7 Summit of Heads of State and Government to be held in Évian from 15 to 17 June.

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