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### NETWORKING EVENT REPORT

Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	European Commission
City and country where lead organization is based	Brussels, Belgium
Title of the event	EU Open to the World: Cities as Actors of Open Innovation
Date of Networking Event	10/18/2016
Networking Event room number	R13
Number of participants	40
Percentage of women participants	50%
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.	<p>The event was an interactive discussion on actions and financing mechanisms for research and innovation (R&amp;I) for and with cities, placing emphasis on how international cooperation in the field of sustainable urbanisation can support the implementation of a Global Urban Agenda. The event showcased how science diplomacy with key global partners allows the European Union R&amp;I to play a pivotal role in promoting a systemic city ecosystem approach where the innovation glue can link together all the different pieces of the urban puzzle. R&amp;I was presented as a means of implementation of both the New Urban Agenda and the SDG 11 'Make Cities Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable', providing the knowledge, open data and evidence base to inform decisions on key investments in cities.</p>
Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker	Sheila Sri Prakash – Architect, Urban Designer (India)
Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker	Mundano – Social Innovator (Brazil)
Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker	Joachim Schonowski – Deutsche Telekom AG (Germany)
Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker	Inger Gustafsson – Vice-Chair, JPI Urban Europe Governing Board (Sweden)
Full name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker	Li Tie – Chairman, Chief Economist, China Centre for Urban Development (China)



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Full name, title, and organization of the 6th speaker	Evelyne Labanca – Technical Analyst at SEBRAE, Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service (Brazil)
Full name, title, and organization of the 7th speaker	Ania Rok - Coordinator of Governance and Social Innovation at ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability (Germany)
Full name, title, and organization of the 7th speaker	Niki Frantzeskaki, Senior Researcher and Lecturer at the Dutch Research Institute for Transitions