

Iván Tosics is an “urban explorer”, eager to find interesting examples and good practices of cities to innovate urban development. Since his involvement in Eurocities (1998-2011) and URBACT (2008-onwards, as one of the Programme Experts) he is an enthusiastic believer in integrated and sustainable development, in which cities have to play a key role, both as local governments and as the natural leaders of functional urban areas and metropolitan territories. He strives to be an independent thinker who analyses EU-wide policies, exploring (as a critical friend) besides the achievements also their problems and deficiencies, from inclusion and sustainability angles. He is a passionate analyst of multi-level governance conflicts; e.g. how well-intended EU policies are misdirected by national gatekeepers, and how financial support is misused by beneficiaries, especially local governments. Having been member of numerous international collaborations in the EU and outside Europe (through UN Habitat links and projects), his speciality is his deep involvement in the New Member States; having direct information about the specificities of the path-dependent transitions of post-socialist countries and cities.

He publishes extensively on topics like integrated urban development, urban renewal, metropolitan areas, EU urban policies, dilemmas of post-Covid urban development. Some of his recent works:

Tosics, I. – Colini, L. (2022). Territorial effects of EU policies: which social outcomes at the local level? In: Kazepov, Y. – Barberis, E. – Cucca, R. – Mocca, E. (eds), *Handbook on Urban Social Policies. International Perspectives on Multilevel Governance and Local Welfare*. Research Handbooks in Urban Studies series. Cheltenham, UK – Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 308–324. [Ebook sample](#)

Tosics, I. (2022). Governance models and development ideas for metropolitan areas. *Metrolab Magazine Vienna – Program on the new role of metropolitan areas*. May 2022. [Download](#)

Tosics, I. (2021). Urban agendas in the European context. In: *European Public Mosaic 15: Urban Agendas*, pp. 42–61. [Download](#)

Tosics, I. – Tulumello, S. (2021). Between markets and social rights: confused EU housing policies. In: Daniel Rauhut – Franziska Sielker – Alois Humer (eds), *EU Cohesion Policy and Spatial Governance. Territorial, Social and Economic Challenges*. Cheltenham, UK – Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 244–259.

Bressaud, S. – Patti, D. – Tosics, I. (2019). *The Local Pact: a new approach for tackling urban poverty. Policy Paper*. Commissioned by the URBACT Secretariat as a Capitalisation Activity within the Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership on Urban Poverty. December 2019. [Download](#)

Tosics, I. (2019). Post-Socialist City. In: Anthony M Orum (ed.), *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopaedia of Urban and Regional Studies*. John Wiley & Sons, April 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118568446.eurs0245>