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## UNESCO CELEBRATES WORLD CITIES DAY DESIGNATING 66 NEW CREATIVE CITIES

### A TOTAL OF 246 MEMBERS

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**USPA NEWS** - On the occasion of World Cities' Day, celebrated on 31 October, UNESCO is designating 66 urban settlements that are to join the Organization's Network of Creative Cities, which now number a total of 246 members. The Network brings together cities that base their development on creativity, whether in music, arts and folk crafts, design, cinema, literature, digital arts or gastronomy. UNESCO creative cities commit to placing culture at the centre of their development strategies and to share their best practices. "All over the world, these cities, each in its way, make culture the pillar, not an accessory, of their strategy," says UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay. "This favours political and social innovation and is particularly important for the young generations."

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In the framework of a partnership between UNESCO and Netexplo Observatory, the celebration will also recognize ten cities which use state of the art technological innovation at the service of citizens to transform cities around the world sustainably. Relying on a global network of 20 universities, ten cities will be honoured for their innovative use of digital technology in their socio-economic and environmental development.

The new members of UNESCO's Creative Cities Network are:

Afyonkarahisar (Turkey) "" Gastronomy  
Ambon (Indonesia) "" Music  
Angoulême (France) "" Literature  
Areguá (Paraguay) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
Arequipa (Peru) "" Gastronomy  
Asahikawa (Japan) "" Design  
Ayacucho (Peru) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
Baku (Azerbaijan) "" Design  
Ballarat (Australia) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
Bandar Abbas (Iran [Islamic Republic of]) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
Bangkok (Thailand) "" Design  
Beirut (Lebanon) "" Literature  
Belo Horizonte (Brazil) "" Gastronomy  
Bendigo (Australia) "" Gastronomy  
Bergamo (Italy) "" Gastronomy  
Biella (Italy) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
Caldas da Rainha (Portugal) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
Cebu City (Philippines) "" Design  
Essaouira (Morocco) "" Music  
Exeter (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) "" Literature  
Fortaleza (Brazil) "" Design

Hanoi (Vietnam) "" Design  
 Havana (Cuba) "" Music  
 Hyderabad (India) "" Gastronomy  
 Jinju (Republic of Korea) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
 Kargopol (Russian Federation) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
 Karlsruhe (Germany) "" Media Arts  
 Kazan (Russian Federation) "" Music  
 K             (Turkey) "" Music  
 Kuhmo (Finland) "" Literature  
 Lahore (Pakistan) "" Literature  
 Leeuwarden (Netherlands) "" Literature  
 Leiria (Portugal) "" Music  
 Liria (Spain) "" Music  
 M  rida (Mexico) "" Gastronomy  
 Metz (France) "" Music  
 Muharraq (Bahrain) "" Design  
 Mumbai (India) "" Film  
 Nanjing (China) "" Literature  
 Odessa (Ukraine) "" Literature  
 Overstrand Hermanus (South Africa) "" Gastronomy  
 Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago) "" Music  
 Portoviejo (Ecuador) "" Gastronomy  
 Potsdam (Germany) "" Film  
 Quer  taro (Mexico) "" Design  
 Ramallah (Palestine) "" Music  
 San Jos   (Costa Rica) "" Design  
 Sanandaj (Iran [Islamic Republic of]) "" Music  
 Santiago de Cali (Colombia) "" Media Arts  
 Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) "" Music  
 Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) "" Film  
 Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
 Slemani (Iraq) "" Literature  
 Sukhothai (Thailand) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
 Trinidad (Cuba) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
 Valladolid (Spain) "" Film  
 Valledupar (Colombia) "" Music  
 Valpara  so (Chile) "" Music  
 Veszpr  m (Hungary) "" Music  
 Viborg (Denmark) "" Media Arts  
 Viljandi (Estonia) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
 Vranje (Serbia) "" Music  
 Wellington (New Zealand) "" Film  
 Wonju (Republic of Korea) "" Literature  
 Wroc    w (Poland) "" Literature  
 Yangzhou (China) "" Gastronomy  
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