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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  
KÅ±rÅ±yehir (Turkey) "" Music  
Kuhmo (Finland) "" Literature  
Lahore (Pakistan) "" Literature  
Leeuwarden (Netherlands) "" Literature  
Leiria (Portugal) "" Music  
Lliria (Spain) "" Music  
MÉRida (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  
Querétaro (Mexico) "" Design  
Ramallah (Palestine) "" Music  
San José (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  
Valparaíso (Chile) "" Music  
Veszprém (Hungary) "" Music  
Viborg (Denmark) "" Media Arts  
Viljandi (Estonia) "" Crafts and Folk Art  
Vranje (Serbia) "" Music  
Wellington (New Zealand) "" Film  
Wonju (Republic of Korea) "" Literature  
WrocÅ±aw (Poland) "" Literature  
Yangzhou (China) "" Gastronomy  
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