Every city is unique. Beyond cultural, geographical, demographic and economic differences, creativity is a common denominator for the Creative Cities. The Network offers a key forum for brainstorming the role of creativity as a driver and an enabler for sustainable urban development, and a platform for action and innovation towards implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the city level.

How The UCCN Works

A strategy linking international development goals and showcasing local innovation, the UCCN operates through a multi-level structure.

Upon International Network for Cultural Management and Global Initiative, it prepares programmatic initiatives, manages the designation process, and promotes the Network’s visibility.

• Renews their commitment to capitalize on the innovative experiences and case studies on the Creative Cities.

UCCN Mission Statement, the implementation of the Creative Cities Strategy and operations,

• Demonstrates their willingness, commitment and capacity to identify sustainable and innovative experiences in e.g. urban planning and knowledge in e.g. how to utilize design to lead the "Helsinki City stands out with inclusion." Recognizing that urban initiatives, manages the designation process, and promotes the Network’s visibility.

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What is the UNESCO Creative Cities Network?

Created in 2004, the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) aims to make creativity an essential driver for sustainable urban development.

Today, the Network comprises 180 cities from 72 countries, working together towards common objectives: placing creativity and cultural industries at the core of development plans at the local level, and actively cooperating at the international level.

To foster partnerships and synergy, the UCCN cities are designated in one of the seven creative fields covered by the Network:

- Crafts & Folk Art
- Design
- Film
- Gastronomy
- Literature
- Music
- Media Arts

One Mission Statement, Multiple Common Objectives

The UNESCO Creative Cities Network is made up of cities ready to pool their resources, experiences and knowledge for the common objectives set forth in the Network’s Mission Statement.

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