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«Mayors of the world for a
Global Cities Dialogue
on the Information Society»

11th GBDe Summit - Munich

Angela Spizig, Vice-Mayor, City of Cologne, Germany

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- The «**Global Cities Dialogue**», also known as **GCD**, is an international Non-Profit organization under Belgian law
- GCD members are cities dedicated to the promotion of ICT and committed to providing people with a wide access to these technologies
- Cities are ideal places for activities building a fair information and knowledge society due to their proximity to citizens and their role as decision-maker at the local level

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- **GCD is 10 years old!**

Anniversary was celebrated two days ago in Helsinki!

- GCD is composed of **200 cities** in 57 countries and has members spread over all continents

- **6 Observer members** such as GBDe and the European Commission

- **Cooperation with GBDe since 2001** should be fortified!

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- Co-operation between GBDe & GCD is pertinent due to our common objectives and focuses on many topics:
 - e.g. health care, digital opportunity / digital Solidarity, public services, sustainable development . . .

- Indeed, the last three examples are the main areas of work of GCD for 2009/2010 as agreed in the GCD-action plan for this period

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«GCD bright ideas»

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■ **Public services** via ICT has turned into a must.

Citizens react positively to new services and expect more of them.

GCD-Brochure “Sharing Members’ Experience”
released in Helsinki.

■ **Digital Solidarity** is a moral obligation.

Access for all especially in less developed countries,
but also in richer countries.

Nowadays “Digital Gap” is everywhere.

■ **Sustainable development** is a key concern.

Pressure from the citizens to tackle environmental issues.

ICT have a great potential in this regard.

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OPPORTUNITY

- to **share experience**
- to **lobby** international institutions
- to start **joint-ventures** and be partner in international projects;
Synergies between the private sector and local authorities
- to **cooperate** with GCD as a network or with specific members according to their focus and localisation

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«Privileged Contact Partners»

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The Steering Committee of GCD:

- Issy-les-Moulineaux (France)
- Rufisque (Senegal)
- Guro (South Korea)
- Segrate (Italy)
- Viña del Mar (Chile)
- Cologne (Germany)
- Helsinki (Finland)
- Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
- Miraflores (Peru)

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The Regional Vice-Chair Cities:

- Rufisque (Senegal) Africa
- Guro (South Korea) Asia
- Segrate (Italy) Europe
- Viña del Mar (Chile) Latin-America

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Thank you for your attention!

We are looking forward
to working with you soon!

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