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Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanisation in the South (N-AERUS)

N-AERUS is a pluridisciplinary network of researchers and experts working on urban issues in developing countries and emerging economies. It was created in March 1996 by a group of European researchers. Its objective is to mobilise and develop the European institutional and individual research and training capacities.

N-AERUS will work in association with researchers and institutions in developing countries and emerging economies.

N-AERUS is based on three statements:

Cities are increasingly contributing to the general development process; any intervention has to take into account the social dimension of urban development, the cultural diversity of the cities and the complexity of urban areas.

The management of urban growth is one of the most difficult tasks many countries have to face in the coming decades.

European research capacities and experiences in the urban sector are presently under-utilised. Yet, European universities and institutions have been able to carry out a large array of individual and joint research projects and to offer many training programmes on urban problems in developing countries.

As a network aiming at disseminating information, developing research and training capacities, mobilizing and consolidating institutional and individual capacities and (backing) urban development projects, N-AERUS can be a key tool of the implementation of new forms of co-operation between European, developing, - and emerging economies.

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Aims and purpose of N-AERUS:

- A. Mobilise & develop European research and training capacities on urban issues in South
- B. Disseminate information
- C. Develop research & training capacities
- D. Mobilise and consolidate institutional & individual capacities
- E. Back urban development projects
- F. Assist members in disseminating & collecting information & finding appropriate resources
- G. Provide a European perspective on development

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