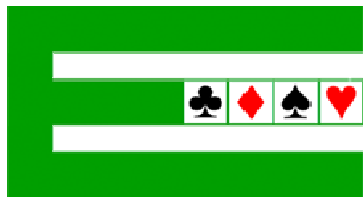


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1st EBL URBAN Teams Championship

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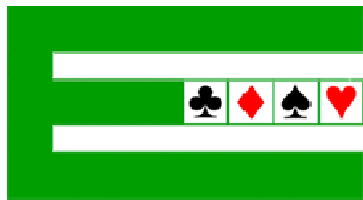
Why will EBL organize the Championship of Cities?

- The promotion of bridge in hundreds of cities,
- The involvement of city governments/ councils in preparing the Championship,
- Thousands of amateur players,

Why play on the Internet?

- Practically no cost
- A chance for many players to become involved
- Time saving

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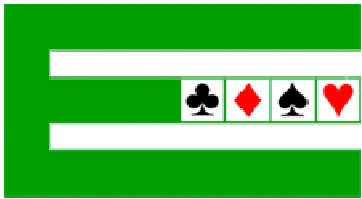
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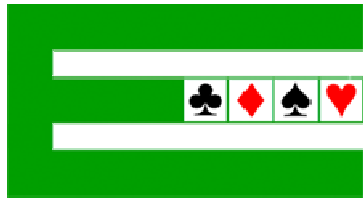


What is  ?

- The URBAN Intergroup at the European Parliament is a cross-party and cross-committee grouping with a horizontal approach to discussing urban related issues.
- URBAN works with **118 partners** from local, regional, national and European level that represent the interests of Europe's towns and cities, working in the domain relevant to urban development.

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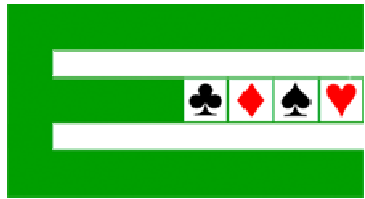
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EBL has signed:

Letter of intent on the co-operation between
URBAN Intergroup at the European Parliament
and European Bridge League

We hereby confirm the will of the partnership in
implementing the concept that was agreed
at the April 12, 2017 meeting in the European Parliament –

The organization by EBL of bridge competitions in co-
operation with the local governments of Europe
under the patronage of the URBAN Intergroup at the
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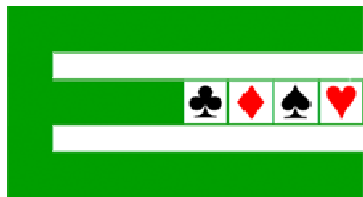
The role of the NBO's:

- Promotion
- Contact person
- Co-ordination
- Others?



How will the event be organised?

- The Championship will be a team event in the Open category and will be played using the BBO platform
- Team consists of 4, 5, 6 or 7 players. Teams may add an NPC
- Teams consisting of bridge players from EBL member NBOs, in good standing with their town/city/community governments and NBOs, are entitled to participate
- Teams are appointed by town/city/community governments with no restriction on the number of entries per town/city/community : after registration, NBO must approve each team
- The Championship consists of two stages:
 - Qualifying knockout stage
 - Each match in this stage consists of two stanzas of 16 boards each
 - Team is knocked out of the Championship when it has lost three matches
 - Grand Final of Four Teams in Brussels

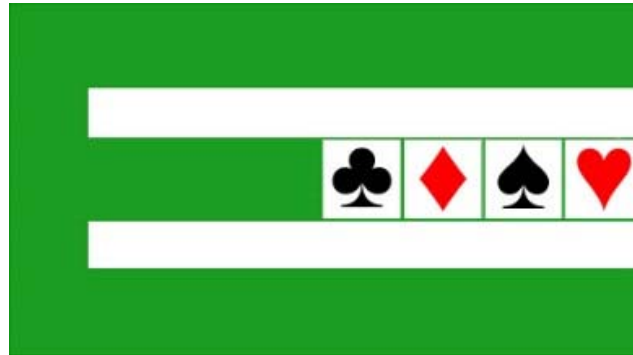
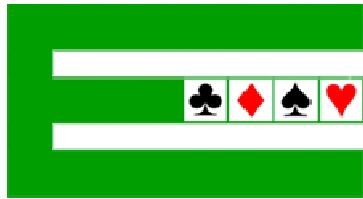


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The Schedule

- End of June 2018 - letter sent by URBAN to Cities and EBL to NBOs
- July/August - negotiations with City authorities
- September - Cities notify their teams to the EBL
- October 2018 – October 2019 - qualifying knockout stage
- November 2019 - final in Brussels

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Thank you for your attention

