

The URBACT II Programme

Third Call for Proposals

URBACT II



Connecting cities
Building successes



3rd & last call for proposals

- **Up to 19 new Thematic Networks**
- **Main features:**
 - **Thematic coverage adjusted to be in line with EU2020**
 - **Partners expected to deliver work packages**
 - **Duration shortened to 33 months**
 - **Budget increased to 800.000€ (ERDF + Local Contrib^o)**
 - **Simplified budget**
 - **Assessment revised to support improvement of proposals**

Thematic Coverage – 8 topics

INNOVATIVE CITIES

1. Innovation & the knowledge economy
2. Social Innovation
3. Employment & labour mobility
4. Entrepreneurship

SUSTAINABLE CITIES

5. Low carbon & energy efficient urban economies
6. Urban Planning performance & efficient public administration

INCLUSIVE CITIES

7. Active inclusion of specific groups
8. Regeneration of deprived neighbourhoods & combating poverty

3 cross-cutting issues

- How to manage urban devt. in the context of the crisis
- How to foster integrated & sustainable approaches to urban devt.
- How to develop efficient partnerships & multi-level governance

Phasing of a network life cycle

Life cycle of URBACT networks builds on 2 phases

1. Development phase

6 months to prepare a full project application
5 cities including a Lead partner
supported by a Lead expert

2. Implementation phase

27 months to implement activities and deliver outputs
8-12 partners including a Lead partner
supported by a Lead expert

Development phase – 6 months

■ Objectives

To complete the initial partnership, develop project proposal & submit Final Application

■ **Partnership:** 5 cities

■ **Budget:** 100.000 euros

■ 2 work packages

WP 1 - Project management

WP 2 - Project development

■ Actions to be implemented

To organise 2 transnational project meetings

To complete the baseline study

To set up core ULSG and hold a first ULSG meeting

To complete the project mini-site & produce logo

To submit the final application

Implementation phase – 27 months

■ Objectives

- ✓ Exchange and learning at transnational level
- ✓ Drawing lessons and disseminating results
- ✓ Applying lessons at local level
- ✓ Building capacity of local stakeholders

■ Partnership: min 8 - max 12 partners

■ Budget: 700.000 euros

■ 4 work packages

WP 1 - Project management

WP 2 - Transnational exchange & learning (network seminars)

WP 3 - Impact on local policies/ practices (ULSG, LAPs)

WP 4 - Communication & Dissemination (website, events, publi)

Willing to create or join a network?

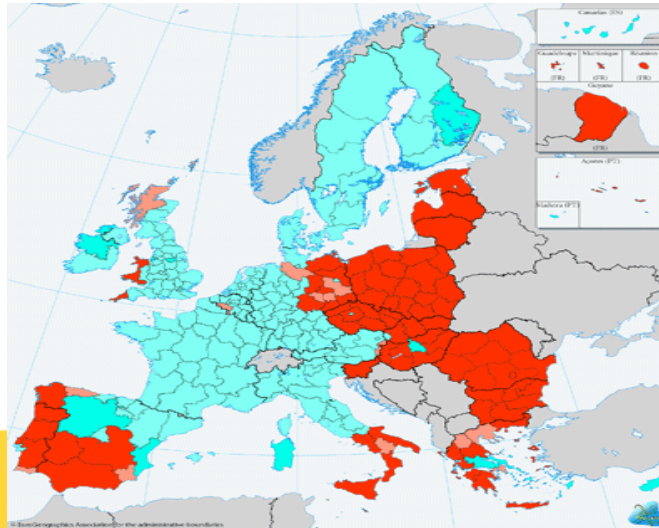
First steps and procedure

Some pre-requisites

- **BEFORE you decide to set up a Thematic Network as a Lead Partner OR to join a network as Partner, make sure to:**
 - **Consult the Guide to URBACT Thematic networks**
 - **Discuss local policy challenge / problem to be addressed**
 - **Check political support**
 - **Check the available human resources**

1st step: composing the initial partnership

- 5 cities (including the Lead Partner)
 - From 3 different Member / Partner States
 - **Balance Convergence and Competitiveness regions:**
 - ! *Partners from Norway and Switzerland (Partner States) not taken into account when considering the balance*
- 50% +1 Conv or Comp in case of odd nb of MS partners
- 50% Conv – 50% Comp in case of even nb of MS partners



2nd step: Declaration of Interest & required docs

- Declaration of interest to be filled in online
- 1 Topic to be selected among 8 topics
- Work plan and deliverables for both phases
- Information on partners
→ 5 Letters of Commitment (signed/elected rep)
- Budget: 100.000€ (ERDF + Local contribution)
- A project coordinator for the Lead Partner + Lead Expert
→ CVs to be attached

3rd step: Submission of proposal

Deadline: 15 March 2012

- 1. Online through PRESAGE-CTE :15 March 2012, 2 pm GMT**
- 2. By email (including requested doc.): 15 March 2012**
- 3. By regular mail (incl. requested doc.): post-marked 15 March 2012**

Creation of a network: a 2-step process

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Stage 1	Submission of DOI by Lead Partner (incl. all required doc)
Stage 2	Eligibility check of DOI by URBACT Secretariat
Stage 3	Assessment of DOI by External Assessment Panel (EAP)
Stage 4	Decision by URBACT Monitoring Committee → Projects approved for 6-month Dvpt Phase

2. FINAL APPLICATION

Stage 5	Submission of FA by Lead Partner (6 months after approval for Dvpt phase)
Stage 6	Eligibility check of Final Application by URBACT Secr.
Stage 7	Assessment of Final Application by EAP (incl. Interviews of Lead Partner & Lead Experts → Applicants have 3 weeks to revise proposal)
Stage 8	Decision by URBACT Monitoring Committee → Projects approved for 27-month Implementation Phase

Resources & Support

- **Preparing your application for Development phase**
 - Online « project ideas » data base
 - Online database of approved experts
 - Guidelines provided by the URBACT Secretariat
 - Hotline by the team of the URBACT Secretariat

- **Completing your project during the Development phase (for approved projects)**
 - Training session organised by the Secretariat (more guidelines will then be provided)
 - Support provided by Lead Expert/ Thematic Pole Manager
 - Hotline by the team of the Secretariat
 - 2nd meeting foreseen to review draft applications before submission to Secretariat
 - Recommendations by the EAP following interviews with LP/ LE, and 3-week period to adjust applications before submission to MC

Important Dates & Documents

■ DATES

- 15 March 2012: deadline for submission DOI
- 23 April 2012: Monitoring Committee to decide on approval

For approved projects only:

- 23-25 May 2012: 1st meeting Training Session for LP/ LE
- 11-12 Sept 2012: 2nd meeting Review of draft applications
- End of Oct 2012: submission of Final Applications
- Last 2 weeks of Nov 2012: interviews of LP/ LE by the EAP
- End of January 2013: MC to decide on approval for Implem^o phase

■ DOCUMENTS

- Call for Proposals
- Guide to URBACT Thematic Networks
- Practical Guide to PRESAGE – DOI
- Exemple DOI
- URBACT II Programme Manual

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