

URBACT II

Promoting Integrated & Sustainable Urban Development

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URBACT II - Objectives

- a European Programme of Territorial Cooperation 2007-2013 (**jointly financed by ERDF and the Member and Partner States – budget 69 M€**)

Main objective:

To promote Integrated and Sustainable Urban Development in EU cities

- Specific objectives :
 - **To facilitate** exchange and learning activities among urban policy-makers, decision-makers, practitioners
 - **To draw lessons and build knowledge** based on ground realities (**capitalization**)
 - **To disseminate** good practices and lessons drawn from the transnational exchanges
 - **To support** local policy-makers and practitioners, as well as Managing Authorities of Operational Programmes, to define action plans for sustainable urban development (capacity building)

Main Challenges

- ❑ How to organise transnational exchange as a learning process in order to have a local impact on the partner cities
- ❑ How to build useful knowledge for the outside world based on the experience of partner cities

EXCHANGE

CAPITALISATION

COMMUNICATION-DISSEMINATION

THE URBACT METHOD

The URBACT method: Exchange

- a) Transnational exchange and learning activities:
thematic networks and working groups**
- b) Participative Approach (ULSG)**
- c) Local Action Plans**
- d) Expert support**
- e) Working with Managing Authorities**

Mutual learning, Action oriented, participative approach

The URBACT method: Exchange (*cont...*)

Beneficiaries

Cities

National and regional authorities

Universities, research centres and public bodies

Partnership: 8/12 Cities (max. 3 Non-city Partners)

Balance: Competitiveness and Convergence cities
50/50

Duration: 33 months (6 Dev. Phase + 27 Impl. Phase)

Budget: 800.000€

An additional envelope to finance an expert made available to support the network

Bottom up approach: tackling local challenges

Conditions for success

The URBACT method: Capitalisation

Supporting the networks

- Expert support
- Secretariat support
- Capacity building

Building knowledge

- Thematic poles Clusters
- Seminars, city labs, conferences
- Synthesis documents, TRIBUNE, articles

A supporting programme

The URBACT method: Communication

- › Each Thematic network responsible for its own communication
- › A flagship website www.urbact.eu
- › Contractual partnership with national websites: the National Dissemination Points
- › Using the social networks: blog, Facebook, Twitter
- › Events, publications

**To promote and to disseminate
How to reach practitioners throughout Europe?**

Programme implementation so far

27 Member States, 2 Partner States, Norway and Switzerland

28 Thematic networks and 7 Working groups

- 280 partner cities
- 14 national/ regional authorities
- 12 universities and research centers
- A community of work of 4.500 people in the URBACT Local Support Groups

Building a European, urban community of work

URBACT in Europe

