

URBACT INFODAY LATVIA

TOWARDS URBACT III

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URBACT II



Connecting cities
Building successes



URBACT IN A NUTSHELL

- **Objectives**
- **Activities**
- **URBACT II so far**

URBACT IN A NUTSHELL

- **European Territorial Cooperation programme (ETC), financed by ERDF and Member States/ Partner States (Switzerland and Norway)**
- **Main objective**
To promote integrated and sustainable urban development in EU cities by
 - **facilitating the exchange of experience and learning among cities**
 - **drawing lessons, identifying and disseminating good practices**
 - **supporting urban practitioners in developing integrated action plans**

MAIN ACTIVITIES

TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS

Allowing cities to share experiences/ problems/ solutions, to learn from one another, identify good practices to design integrated urban policies

CAPACITY-BUILDING

Enhancing the capacities of urban practitioners and policy-makers to develop integrated and participatory approaches to urban development

CAPITALISATION DISSEMINATION

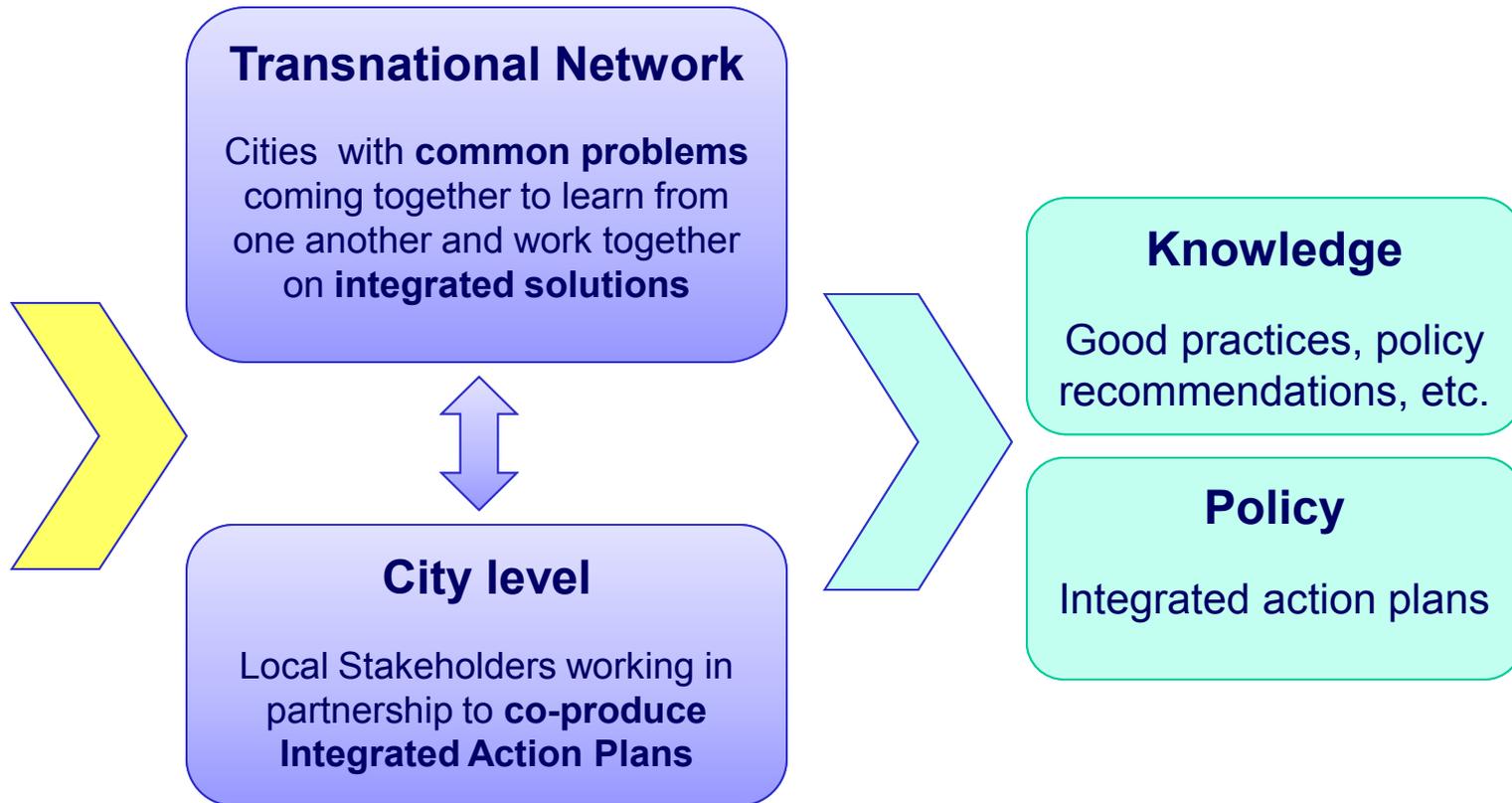
Capitalizing and disseminating urban knowledge, practices, policy recommendations to a wider audience of policy-makers and practitioners

NETWORKING in URBACT

URBACT II

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- Funding
- Methods
- Expertise
- Capacity-building



URBACT II SO FAR...

- 52 networks (3 Calls)
- 500 partners from 26 MS & Switz. & Norway
- 5000 local stakeholders involved in local partnerships for the co-production of Local Action Plans
- 350 Local Action Plans produced (call 1 & 2)



URBACT II SO FAR...

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- Capacity building activities
 - 2 Summer Universities
 - National Training seminars
 - Pilot Training for Elected officials

- Capitalisation to share knowledge and good practices about how cities are actually addressing urban challenges



The URBACT III programme

- **Objectives & Activities**
- **3 Types of network**
- **Beneficiaries**
- **How to join**
- **Provisional calendar**

URBACT III – 4 main objectives

- To improve the **capacity** of cities to manage sustainable urban policies and practices in an integrated and participative way
- To improve the **design and implementation** of integrated urban sust strategies/ action plans in cities
- To ensure that practitioners and decision makers at all levels have **access to knowledge** and share know-how on all aspects of sustainable urban development

3 MAIN STRANDS OF ACTIVITIES

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URBACT III Networks – a diversified offer

3 types of networks proposed

- **Action Planning Networks**
- **Implementation Networks**
- **Transfer Networks**



Action-planning networks

Main purpose

To support cities with the design of integrated sustainable urban strategies/ action plans

Who?

Cities sharing common urban challenges and willing to address them by developing integrated solutions

Expected outcomes

- Integrated strategies for sustainable urban development
- Integrated action plans on one or several policy areas (to operationalise an existing strategy)
- Learning and recommendations for EU cities

Implementation networks

Main purpose

To support cities with the implementation of integrated sustainable urban strategies/ action plan

Who?

Cities implementing integrated strategies and action plans having secured different types of funding, including cities implementing integrated urban strategies and actions under article 7 (eg ITI, CLLD)

Expected outcomes

- Enhanced implementation of integrated strategies/ action plans for sustainable urban development (monitoring, timely delivery of actions, etc.)
- Learning and recommendations for EU cities

Transfer networks

Main purpose

To support cities with the transfer of good practice so as to improve the implementation of integrated sustainable urban strategies/ action plans

Who?

Cities willing to transfer locally practices of integrated urban development identified in other EU cities

Expected outcomes

- Transferred good practice in receiving cities
- Enhanced good practice
- Learning and recommendations for EU cities

Common features of URBACT networks

- **Beneficiaries**
- **Partnerships**
- **Funding**

MAIN BENEFICIARIES

■ Main beneficiaries

Cities from EU 28 Member States, Norway & Switzerland including:

- Cities, municipalities, towns without limit of size
- Infra-municipal tiers of government
- Metropolitan authorities & organized agglomerations

■ Other beneficiaries

- Local agencies
- Provincial, regional and national authorities
- Universities and research centers

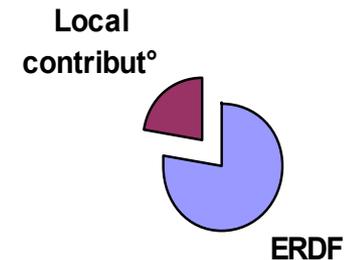
All beneficiaries shall be public or public equivalent bodies

PARTNERSHIPS

- **A lead partner city**
- **A limited number of partners**
 - 8-12 partners in Action-planning & Implement^o networks
 - 6-8 partners in Transfer networks
- **A majority of cities – 3 non-city partners max**
- **Balance between partners from less developed regions and partners from more developed/ transition regions**

FUNDING

- **Network budget: 600.000 – 750.000 euros**
- **ERDF + local contributions from cities**
 - **Less developed & Transition: 85% ERDF**
 - **More developed: 70% ERDF**



- **Additional envelope for expert support up to 127.000 euros/ network**
- **Ongoing support by the URBACT Secretariat (tools, methods, training, etc.)**

Willing to join ?

- **URBACT launches calls for proposals**
- **2 main stages – 2 opportunities for you to join**
 - **Declaration of interest**
 - initial partnership (average 5 cities)
 - identified urban challenge to be addressed
 - **Final proposal**
 - complete partnership (average 10 cities)
 - refined thematic focus and policy issues to be addressed
 - baseline study/ state of play in all partner cities
 - work plan and list of deliverables

Call for Proposals



Submission Declaration of Interest



**Eligibility check & Assessment
Approval & funding**



6-month to develop final proposal



Submission of Final proposal



**Eligibility check & Assessment
Approval & funding**



**24 month to implement network
activities and deliver**

**Initial partnership
with identified
common
urban challenge**

**Extended
partnership with
complete
network proposal**

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR 2015

- **Beginning 2015**

 - 1° call for Action-planning networks**

- **End 2015**

 - 1° calls for Transfer networks**

 - 1° call for Implementation networks**

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR 1st CALL FOR ACTION-PLANNING NETWORKS

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- **Febr 2015: 1st call Action-planning**
- **Febr-June 2015: applicants preparing bids**
- **June 2015: submission of proposals**
- **July-Aug 2015: eligibility check & assessment**
- **Sept 2015: MC approval funding 6-month preparatory phase**
- **Mid Sept 2015- Mid March 2016: 6-month Prep Phase**
- **Mid March 2016: submission Final Proposals**
- **March-April 2016: eligibility check & assessment**
- **April 2016: MC final approval funding for network**
- **April 2016-April 2018: 24-month for network activities**

Partner search
facility on
URBACT website

URBACT FEST
Riga, 6-8 May 2105

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	Action Planning	Implementation	Transfer
Phasing and Duration	Phase 1: 6 months Phase 2: 24 months	Phase 1: 6 months Phase 2: 24 months	Phase 1: 6 months Phase 2: 24 months
Lead Partner	City	City	City
N° PP Phase 1	4/6 (only cities) – from minimum 3 MS/PS	4/6 (only cities) - from minimum 3 MS/PS	4/6 (only cities) - from minimum 3 MS/PS
Geographical Balance Phase 1	Minimum 2 Less Developed	Minimum 2 Less Developed	Minimum 2 Less Developed **
N° PP Phase 2	8/12 (max 3 non-city)	8/12 (max 3 non-city)	6/8 (max 3 non-city)
Geographical Balance Phase 2	Minimum 4 Less Developed	Minimum 4 Less Developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2 Less Developed if 6 PP • Minimum of 3 if 7 or 8 PP **
Co-financing rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% More Developed • 85% Less Developed and Transition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% More Developed • 85% Less Developed and Transition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% More Developed • 85% Less Developed and Transition
Budget	Between 600k and 750k €	Between 600k and 750k €	Between 600k and 750k €
Expertise	127.500€	127.500€	127.500€
Capacity Building	yes	yes	yes

How to apply and join ?

■ A staged process with 7 main steps

1. Open call for proposals
2. Submission of Declaration of interest
3. Assessment & selection of projects to be supported for development
4. 6-month phase to develop network proposal
5. Submission of Application
6. Assessment & selection of projects to be funded
7. 24-month phase to implement network activities and deliver expected outputs

■ 2 moments to join a network

- Step 2 – Declaration of interest – in the initial partnership
- Step 4 – During 6-month dvpt phase – in the extended partnership