

# Join our networks!

URBACT is co-funding up to 15 **Implementation Networks** for cities to improve the delivery of their integrated urban strategies and action plans. Implementation Networks will allow cities to work together and find concrete solutions to the key challenges they face:



measuring performance

integrated approach

involving stakeholders

operational action plans

smart public procurement

structuring project pipelines

innovative financial solutions

public/private partnerships

“Being involved in this transnational exchange and learning experience as an elected representative actually transformed the way I was working. It helped to improve our urban development policy. It was also a great opportunity to build up an active dialogue between the local, regional, national and EU levels.”  
**Angels Chacon,**  
Igalada, Spain

“As partner of an URBACT network, not only did we exchange good practices with cities across Europe. We could also improve our capacities to better address key challenges, working on what we could do to foster the creation of jobs for instance. Cities can actually make a difference by integrating their policies and building on a participatory approach. That’s the URBACT method!”  
**Daniel Garnier,**  
Basingstoke, UK

## ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES

Cities with an **integrated urban strategy/action plan** addressing a policy challenge and with **secured funding** to start implementing the strategy/action plan within the lifetime of the URBACT network.

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

- **Cities, municipalities, towns**, without size limit
- **Intra-municipal** tiers of government
- **Metropolitan authorities & organised agglomerations**



## PARTNERSHIPS

- ➔ 7-9 partner cities from at least 3 Member and Partner States
- ➔ One city acting as Lead Partner
- ➔ Balance between partners from less developed regions and those from more developed/transition regions



## FUNDING & RESOURCES

- ➔ Total budget for an Implementation Network for 30 months: 600.000-750.000 €
- ➔ Budget consists of ERDF funding + local contributions from cities
  - ERDF co-financing for cities from less-developed & transition regions: 85%
  - ERDF co-financing for cities from more developed regions: 70%
  - National co-financing for cities from Switzerland and Norway: 50%
- ➔ Additional budget for EXPERT support: up to 127.000 €/network
- ➔ Ongoing support from the URBACT Secretariat (tools, methods, trainings, etc.)

## DURATION

- ➔ URBACT Implementation Networks operate over 30 months, including 6 months to develop the network proposal (phase 1) and 24 months to deliver all network activities and outputs (phase 2).



"Sharing experiences and working with other partner cities in the network really helped us in developing practical solutions for the implementation of our urban development policy, both in terms of content and funding. For a Mayor, it was a great added-value."

**Dr. Ferenc Kovács,**  
Nyíregyháza, Hungary



### Call for proposals

March - June 2016

### Network development phase

October 2016 - April 2017

### Implementation of networks activities

June 2017 - June 2019

**Deadline for submission**  
22 June 2016

**Approval for phase 1**  
October 2016

**Approval for phase 2**  
June 2017



## URBACT IMPROVING URBAN POLICIES

For more than ten years, **URBACT** has been supporting cities to develop pragmatic solutions that are new and sustainable and that integrate economic, social and environmental dimensions of urban policies.

To reach these objectives, **URBACT** has developed three types of interventions:

- transnational exchange and learning networks,
- capacity-building,
- capitalisation & dissemination.

**URBACT** uses resources and know-how to strengthen the capacity of cities to design and deliver more sustainable and integrated urban policies as a response to local challenges they face.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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