

# The URBACT II Programme

## Third Call for Proposals



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<sup>o</sup>)**
  - **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 devpt. in the context of the crisis
- How to foster integrated & sustainable approaches to urban devpt.
- 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

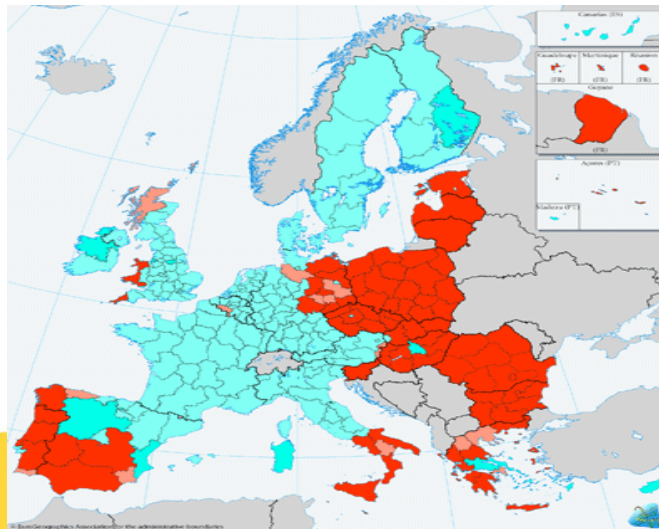
# Some pre-requisites

- **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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> step: Declaration of Interest & required docs

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- **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
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Training Session for LP/ LE**
- **11-12 Sept 2012: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>o</sup> 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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