

# URBACT INFODAYS CROATIA TOWARDS URBACT III Zagreb 24 November 2014



Connecting cities  
Building successes



# URBACT IN A NUTSHELL

- Objectives
- Activities
- URBACT II so far

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URBACT II

- **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

URBACT II

## 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

## URBACT

- Funding
- Methods
- Expertise
- Capacity-building

## Transnational Network

Cities with **common problems** coming together to learn from one another and work together on **integrated solutions**



## City level

Local Stakeholders working in partnership to **co-produce Integrated Action Plans**

## Knowledge

Good practices, policy recommendations, etc.

## Policy

Integrated action plans

# URBACT II SO FAR...

URBACT II

- 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...

URBACT II

- 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** of integrated urban & sustainable strategies/ action plans in cities
- To improve the **implementation** of integrated urban & sustainable 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

URBACT II

- **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**

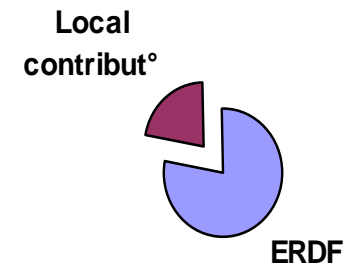


# PARTNERSHIPS

- **A lead partner city**
- **A limited number of partners**
  - 8-12 partners in Action-planning & Implement<sup>o</sup> 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.)**

# Transnational Exchange

## ERDF co-financing

*Co-financing from ERDF of beneficiary cities and other eligible beneficiaries for the actions implemented*

- Less developed and transition regions shall receive 85% ERDF contribution
- More developed shall receive 70% ERDF contribution



**Call for Proposals**



**Submission First proposal**



**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

URBACT II

- **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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- **March 2015: 1st call Action-planning**
- **March-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 2015

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

# Thematic Concentration

*Thematic concentration with a flexible approach to find answers to the various needs of cities*

- **To help achieve the EU2020 goals, concentration of 70% of transnational exchange budget to 5 Thematic Objectives:**
  - strengthening research, technological development and innovation
  - supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors
  - protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
  - promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
  - promoting employment and supporting labour mobility
  
- **The remaining 30% will be available for all other themes based on a bottom up approach**