

URBACT II

**A European programme of territorial
cooperation on urban issues**

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URBACT 2002-2006

LESSONS AND ISSUES TO CONSIDER

- A positive interactive learning experience
- The importance of expert assistance
- Exchanges of staff and local actors
- Involvement of local stakeholders and inhabitants
- Resource people
- Thematic dossiers
- Interest and limits of www.urbact.eu
- Impact of URBACT at national and european level

From tutorial learning to a large-scale transfer of knowledge

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A new context

- Mainstreaming and suppression of the URBAN programme
- European Cohesion Policy and the Lisbon-Gothenburg agenda
- The Commission's initiative « Regions for Economic Change »
- 27 EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland

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TOOLS FOR EXCHANGE AND LEARNING

- **46 Thematic Networks and 15 Working Groups**
 - Beneficiaries; size; cofinancing
 - Outputs: local action plans
 - local support groups : involvement of stakeholders at local level
 - Expert assistance
 - Call for proposals : 2 waves
 - Towards a common methodology
- **Fast Track Labelling Networks**
 - Cities and Operational Programme Managing Authorities

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CAPITALISATION & DISSEMINATION

- **Building on networks/ working groups outputs**
- **« Thematic poles » at programme level**
- **A proactive dissemination policy**
 - **at project level** (website, local support group, city local action plan, etc...)
 - **at programme level** (website and thematic dossiers, regional thematic conferences, brochures in national languages, etc.)
- **Partnerships**
 - **other EU programmes**
 - **other EU/ national networks**
 - **national dissemination points**
 - **national associations of local authorities**

THEMATIC NETWORKS and WORKING GROUPS

- Call for proposals (first wave)
- 23 Thematic networks – 7 Working groups
- Thematic approach
- Limited duration
- Limited budget
- Support by thematic experts

TN and WG new requirements

- **Local action plan:** each partner city
- **Urbact Local Support Group:** each partner
- **Association of Operational Programmes' Managing Authorities:** each network
- Each project linked with a **Thematic pole**

TWO THEMATIC PRIORITIES 1/2

Priority 1 - Cities, Engines of Growth and Jobs

- **Promoting Entrepreneurship**

(support to SMEs, PPPs, social economy, development of clusters building on opportunities such as culture, care, etc.)

- **Improving Innovation and Knowledge economy**

(ICT strategies at city level, fighting the digital divide and fostering the use of ICT among the « weakest », promotion of innovation through partnerships with universities, the private sector, etc.)

- **Employment and Human Capital**

(improving qualifications for innovation, adaptability of workers and enterprises, expanding and improving education and training systems, improving employability and employment of target groups, etc.)

TWO THEMATIC PRIORITIES 2/2

Priority 2 - Attractive and Cohesive Cities

- **Integrated development of deprived areas and areas at risk**
(integrated policies/ tools/ partnerships for sustainable urban development)
- **Social integration**
(immigration, young people, health, security, culture, etc.)
- **Environmental issues**
(integrated transport policies, brownfields, waste management, monitoring of environment, improving air quality, water quality and supply, renewable energies, etc.)
- **Strategy and Governance**
(citizens participation, horizontal/ vertical territorial governance, urban planning, etc.)

Structure of T N and WG

THEMATIC NETWORKS

- Partnership 8-12
- Lead partner: city
- Duration max: 36 months
- Budget max: 710.000
- Association of Managing Authorities
- **Fast Track Label**

WORKING GROUPS

- Partnership 6-8
- Lead partner: public authority
- Duration max: 24 months
- Budget max: 300.000

Outputs of TN and WG

THEMATIC NETWORKS

- Local action plans
- URBACT Local Support Groups
- Case studies
- Policy recommendations
- Practical guidelines
- ...

WORKING GROUPS

- Policy recommendations
- Case studies
- Contribution to URBACT capitalization process
- ...

TN WITH FAST TRACK LABEL

- A theme included in the 7/30 Regions for Economic Change
- As many Managing Authorities associated as possible
- Labelling by the Commission
- Commission representatives assistance
- Local action plan drawn up in close cooperation with Managing Authorities
- Dissemination and communication of results

TN-WG BENEFICIARIES

- Cities (municipalities and organised agglomerations)
- Regional and national authorities
- Universities and research centres

from EU 27, Norway and Switzerland

TN–WG PARTNERSHIP

THEMATIC NETWORKS

- 8 to 12 partners + 2 observer cities
- At least 3 different countries
- No more than 3 non city partners from 3 different countries
- Each city in no more than 2 URBACT projects

WORKING GROUPS

- 6 to 8 partners + 2 observer cities
- At least 3 different countries
- Each city in no more than 2 URBACT projects

TN-WG Lead Partner

- Public authority (a city for Thematic Networks)
- Responsible for project implementation, coordination of partnership and financial management
- Enters into subsidy contract with the Managing Authority and in joint convention with the partners
- Lead Partner in no more than one URBACT II project simultaneously

TN–WG DURATION 1/2

Phase I – Development phase

TN 6 months

WG 4 months

- to finalising the working group structure,
- agreeing a detailed work plan,
- carrying out a baseline study,
- setting up URBACT Local Support Groups,
- designing and submitting a detailed project audit trail,
- submitting a full project application signing all the required contractual agreements

TN–WG DURATION 2/2

Phase 2 IMPLEMENTATION

TN 30 months

WG 20 months

1. exchange and learning activities
2. set of mainstreaming and dissemination activities:
 - production of Local Action Plans (TN)
 - drawing out the key lessons and knowledge
 - dissemination of outputs

ERDF and national funding rates

- Partners from Convergence regions:
up to 80% by ERDF
- Partners from the non-Convergence regions:
up to 70% by ERDF
- Partners from Norway and Switzerland:
up to 50% by the respective national funds

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

TIMETABLE

- www.urbact.eu
IMMEDIATE search of partners, PpT
- Declarations of Interest: **February 15th 2008**
- Decisions by the Monitoring Committee: **April 18th 2008**
- Publication of approved Declarations of Interest on **www.urbact.eu**
- Phase I Development phase **April-October 2008**
- Decisions by the Monitoring Committee
 - Working groups: **September 2008**
 - Thematic networks: **November 2008**
- Phase II Implementation phase

First call for proposals

23 Thematic networks

92 applications

Thematic coverage:

Engines of Growth: 30

Attractive cohesive: 62

369 candidate partners

195 Convergence

168 Competitiveness

7 Working groups

32 applications

Thematic coverage:

Engines of Growth 7

Attractive Cohesive 25

130 candidate partners

64 Convergence

68 Competitiveness

What to do with URBACT II

Project level

- To propose a project
- To join a project

Programme level

- web site
- national dissemination points
- publications
- thematic regional conferences

Additional information

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