

# URBACT II

## 2007-2013

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on Integrated and Sustainable Urban Development**

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# Cities in a new context

*Globalisation and climate change*

*Cities, engines of growth, job creations and social cohesion*

- European Cohesion Policy and the Lisbon-Gothenburg agenda
- Mainstreaming and suppression of the URBAN programme
- The Commission's initiative « Regions for Economic Change »

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27 Member States, Norway, Switzerland

Budget 69 M€ (77% ERDF)

## Main objectives

- Exchanges
- Capitalization
- Dissemination
- Assisting policy makers

# At project level: 6 main new features

## To improve the quality of projects

- **A strong competition** (149/499)
- **Phasing** (Development phase / Implementation phase)
- **Assistance with experts**

## To foster the impact on local policies

- **Local Action Plans (LAP)**
- **URBACT Local Support Groups (ULSG)**
- **Association of Managing Authorities (MA)** of Operational Programmes to projects activities

# Phasing of projects

- **Creation of projects: a 2-step process**
  - Submission of Declaration of interest to enter a Development phase/  
Eligibility check/ Assessment & ranking/ MC Decision
  - Submission of Final Application to enter the Implementation phase/  
Eligibility check/ Assessment & ranking/ MC Decision
- **Development phase (6 months) dedicated to:**
  - Complete partnership; realise a baseline study; prepare the Final Application (workplan, budget, audit trail...)
- **Implementation phase (30 months) dedicated to:**

Exchanges; building action plans and recommendations; dissemination

# Local Action Plans

- **Each project partner commits** to produce a Local Action Plan (LAP) within the framework of the project
- **LAP should be a concrete output** of the exchange and learning process, aiming at solving a specific problem
- **LAP should be the result of a collective process** organised at local level by each partner
- **No precise definition** given so far as content and format of LAP should depend on the needs/ situation of each partner
- **Guidance are provided** building on exchange with Lead partners and Lead experts and experience existing outside of URBACT

# Participation of Managing Authorities

- **Projects are strongly recommended** to associate Managing Authorities (MA) of Operational Programmes to their activities (included in assessment criteria for Final Application)
- **This should allow:**
  - to link the Local Action Plan to be produced to potential funding available in the Operational programmes
  - to facilitate exchange & learning among MA with regard to the definition and implementation of urban development policies
- **MA may take part to a project being:**
  - full partners
  - associated partners (compulsory dedicated line in TN budget: min 40.000€)

# URBACT Local Support Groups

- **Each project partner commits** to set up and animate an URBACT Local Support Group (ULSG) gathering local stakeholders concerned by the issue addressed
- **ULSG shall be set up during the Development phase** (list to be included in Final Application), building on a stakeholders analysis
- **Project partners shall ensure participation of ULSG** to project activities, and more especially to:
  - production of input for exchange & learning activities (case studies)
  - production of the Local Action Plan
- **In each Thematic Network**, a minimum budget of 70.000 € shall be dedicated to the functioning of ULSG

# URBACT II State of the art

- 26 Thematic networks and 6 working groups
- 194 partners (50/50 Convergence-Competitivity)
- Main thematics: innovation and growth, urban regeneration, social inclusion, governance

# At programme level

*based on learning from the URBACT I experience*

**3 Thematic Poles** Pillars of the Capitalisation-Dissemination process at programme level intended to:

- Allow cross-cutting exchange and learning between URBACT projects maximise on the learning and outputs from URBACT projects
- Organise capitalisation and dissemination at programme level, building on projects' outputs
- Organise the exchange of knowledge with external programmes/ projects/ networks working on urban policies

## Partnership

**Dissemination:** national dissemination points, web site common search engine, thematic regional conferences, annual conference

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