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#### **URBACT IN A NUTSHELL**

- Objectives
- Activities
- URBACT II so far





#### **URBACT IN A NUTSHELL**

- 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

# 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

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#### **URBACT**

- Funding
- Methods
- Expertise
- Capacitybuilding

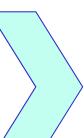


Cities with common problems coming together to learn from one another and work together on integrated solutions



#### **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...**

- 52 networks (3 Calls)
- 500 partners from 26 MS& Switz. & Norway
- 5000 local stakeholders involved in local partnerships for the coproduction of Local Action Plans
- 350 Local Action Plans produced (call 1 & 2)







#### **URBACT II SO FAR...**

- Capacity building activities
- 2 Summer Universities
- National Training seminars
- Pilot Training for Elected officials

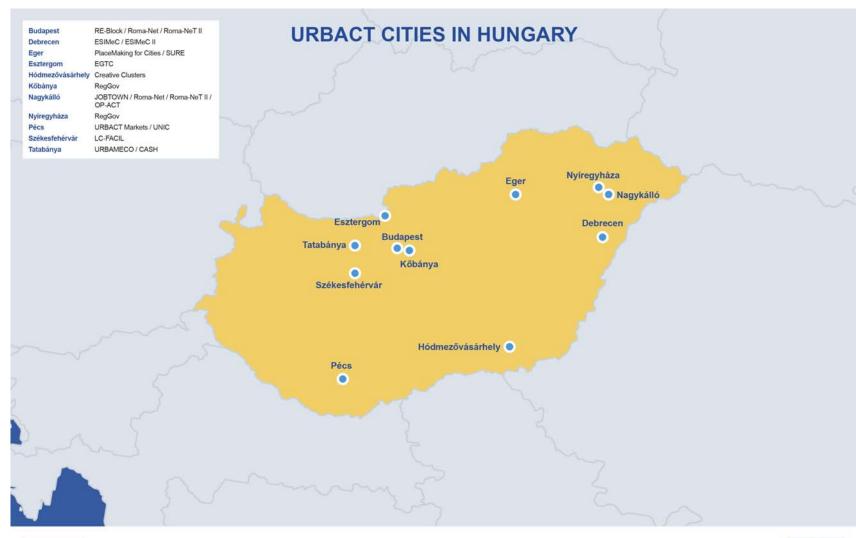
Capitalisation to share knowledge and good practices about how cities are actually addressing urban challenges







# **Hungary and URBACT II**









# 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 knowhow 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**

- 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**

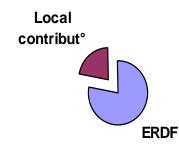
- A lead partner city
- A limited number of partners
  - 8-12 partners in Action-planning & Implement<sup>o</sup> networks
  - 6-8 partners in Transfer networks
- A majority of cities 3 non-city partners max
- Balance between partners from less developed regions and partners from more developed/ transition 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.)





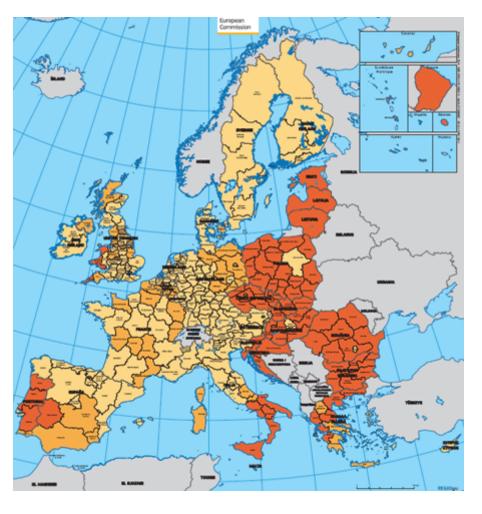
**Transnational Exchange** 

**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 Initial partnership** with identified common **Submission First proposal** urban challenge **Eligibility check & Assessment** !!! **Approval & funding** 6-month to develop Final proposal **Extended** partnership with complete network proposal **Submission of Final proposal Eligibility check & Assessment** !!! **Approval & funding** 24 month to implement network activities and deliver Connecting cities Building successes



#### **PROVISIONAL CALENDAR 2015**

- 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

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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	Action Planning	Implementation	Transfer
Phasing and Duration	Phase 1: 6 months Phase 2: 24 months	Phase 1: 6 months Phase 2: 24 months	Phase 1: 6 months Phase 2: 24 months
Lead Partner	City	City	City
N° PP Phase 1	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
Geographical Balance Phase 1	Minimum 2 Less Developed	Minimum 2 Less Developed	Minimum 2 Less Developed **
N° PP Phase 2	8/12 (max 3 non-city)	8/12 (max 3 non-city)	6/8 (max 3 non-city)
Geographical Balance Phase 2	Minimum 4 Less Developed	Minimum 4 Less Developed	<ul> <li>Minimum 2 Less</li> <li>Developed if 6 PP</li> <li>Minimum of 3 if 7 or 8</li> <li>PP **</li> </ul>
Co-financing rates	<ul><li>70% More Developed</li><li>85% Less Developed and Transition</li></ul>	<ul><li>70% More Developed</li><li>85% Less Developed and Transition</li></ul>	<ul><li>70% More Developed</li><li>85% Less Developed and Transition</li></ul>
Budget	Between 600k and 750k €	Between 600k and 750k €	Between 600k and 750k €
Expertise	127.500€	127.500€	127.500€
Capacity Building	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
- 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



