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## **QUESTION**

The "document Sustainable urban development - implementation praxis of article 8" mentions 13 Operational Programmes (OPs) but does not have a comprehensive list of the specific projects within these OPs. In fact, most of the time it refers to the OP in general terms and looks at the themes tackled.

Does that mean that we can take urban development projects for the city of Gothenburg (no project examples are given in the document for the Western Sweden OP i.e. Gothenburg)? Can we also take urban development projects for the city of Marseille (no projects are listed either for the PACA OP i.e. Marseille)?

## **ANSWER / REPONSE**

The document "Sustainable urban development - implementation praxis of article 8" mentions 13 Operational Programmes (OPs) but indeed does not have a comprehensive list of the specific projects within these OPs, with the exception of 3 JESSICA examples in chapter 4.2.2.

However, the study mentioned gives an insight on the government arrangements regarding the implementation of the Article 8 by cities.

Therefore the OPs covered by the "Sustainable urban development - implementation praxis of article 8" should be excluded from the cases proposed for the thematic area number 2 "Implementation of sustainable integrated urban development operations under Article 8 of the 2007-2013 ERDF Regulation". Projects implemented in the frame of the 13 OPs concerned can be included in the proposal for the other 5 thematic areas, with the exception of the 3 cases of Jessica implementation (the State of Lithuania, the Region of Andalusia OP Spain, and the State of Poland), that should not be included in the proposal for the thematic area number 4 "Use of financial engineering".

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## **QUESTION**

1. Do relevant URBACT projects qualify as good practices under this bid? Is it correct to consider them as pertaining to thematic area 6?
2. Which typology of European programs enters category 6?
3. Are all the projects included in the policy learning database to be excluded or only those which make specific reference to urban issues? The database includes cases earmarked as pertaining to other sectors (e.g., environmental protection) which actually produce effects on specific urban areas.
4. Is it possible to consider as a single good practice two or three projects in the same urban area (which are linked strategically), funded through different sources in 2007-2013?

## **ANSWER / REPOSE**

1. The specification says: The role of cooperation, networking and learning: Identify sustainable urban development projects that stem from or are influenced by the participation of the city in cross-border, trans-national and interregional cooperation activities, including URBACT II. It implies that URBACT projects themselves do not qualify as good practices. The publisher is not interested in the quality of the implementation of an URBACT II project, but in good case urban projects that are influenced of, or initiated by the participation of the city in networking programmes.
  2. All type of sustainable urban development projects co-financed by ERDF and initiated by, or influenced of the participation of a city in a networking programme can be proposed under the category 6.
  3. The ToR specifies clearly that "The proposal should not contain any case studies or project examples already covered by the studies listed under point 3b, 3c and 3d."
  4. It is possible to consider several projects in the same urban area as a single good practice provided they are fully or partly co-financed by ERDF during the 2007-13 programming period.
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