

# Clustering of Actions

Proposal for methodology on further work with  
UAEU thematic clusters

Ivana KaturiĆ | Urbanex

Coordinators' & Action Leaders' Meeting



# Clustering exercise development so far...

- **UATPG (Jul 2019)** – Clustering is useful exercise, main idea is to bring the UAEU Partnerships together and to avoid fragmentation
- **UDG (Sep 2019)** – *Input paper on the continued implementation of the Urban Agenda for the EU; Strengthening the synergies and the overall potential impact by clustering its actions* (by the Commission and FI PRES)
- **DGUM (Oct 2019)** - Results of the survey on clustering were presented
- **UATPG (Jan 2020)** - Clustering exercise is to be kept flexible and open, keep the discussion on clustering ongoing
- **UDG (Feb 2020)** – Discussion on importance of better regulation strand for clustering, limiting the clusters to a certain number, focus should be on similarities between actions

# Possible next steps

- **Preparation for identifying the cross-thematic clusters**

- PRES will prepare a table with the proposal of clusters
  - clusters based on the cross-cutting issues identified in the Pact of Amsterdam (they are part of the UAEU monitoring table)
  - clusters proposed by survey participants during FI PRES
  - clusters identified by HR PRES
  - clusters proposed by each action leader via the survey addressed to them
- Additionally, information on the desired model of continuation of Partnerships and actions will be gathered via survey, with options to continue the work in one of the following models:
  - within existing Partnership
  - within a cross-thematic cluster
  - combination of both within the Partnership and within a cross-thematic cluster

# Discussion at UATPG meeting on proposed clusters

- Are there clusters to be added?
- Identifying the purpose of each cluster
- Establishing and confirming methodology for further steps



## Organizing a session (online or offline) with partnerships coordinators/action leaders

- Discussion and analysis of proposed clusters
- Revision and agreement on a set of clusters
- Distributing actions in clusters in accordance with their thematic links



## Organizing a session (online or offline) with relevant action leaders

- Action leaders can express their interest to participate in the process of cluster formation and in the continuation of their actions' work
- Action leaders should evaluate whether their actions are placed in the appropriate cluster
- Gathering responses of action leaders on their interest to lead specific cluster(s) and confirming their previous responses on the desired model for continuing the work of their action (Partnership, clusters, or both)
- Based on input of action leaders' clusters and their composition should be updated

# Ex-ante evaluation of clusters

- Ex-ante evaluation could serve to help identify clusters which are “spot-on” and could provide suggestions for clusters to consider adjusting their focus and certain elements within planned scope of work in order to achieve better results
- Ex-ante evaluation would be conducted only on those clusters that would be in an advanced stage of preparedness (having defined general scope of work, partners, etc)



## General suggestions when discussing the clusters

- Better regulation can be further improved by providing better implementation mechanisms for the results of clusters/actions dealing with various topics.
- It is proposed that each thematic cluster works on how the results of their work could have implications on better regulation (where applicable, based on the nature of cluster's actions)
- Resources needed for integration of actions (clusters) should be considered and discussed in more detail.



