

European Urban Initiative

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European Urban Initiative (EUI) of the post-2020 Cohesion Policy

• Objectives

1. Strengthen integrated and participatory approach to sustainable urban development
2. Provide a stronger link to EU policies, in particular to Cohesion Policy
 - Addressing fragmentation of support offered to cities under Cohesion Policy

• Beneficiaries

- All EU urban areas; shall support Urban Agenda for the EU; upon request, support for inter-governmental cooperation on urban matters

Strands/activity areas

Support of innovative actions

Support of capacity and knowledge building, policy development and communication

Cohesion Policy support to cities in 2021-2027 and the ambition of EUI

- **Investments in sustainable urban development**

- Minimum 6% of ERDF to sustainable urban development at Member State level ('Article 9 cities')
- Policy Objective (5) Europe closer to citizens

- **European Urban Initiative**

- More coherent support to cities to overcome current fragmented landscape of various initiatives, programmes & instruments in support of cities under Cohesion Policy
- Support of the Urban Agenda for the EU and intergovernmental cooperation on urban matters

Urban support tools of Cohesion Policy part of EUI in post-2020 period:



Intergovernmental cooperation on urban matters



DGUM

UDG

*URBACT IV under European Territorial Cooperation regulation of post-2020 Cohesion Policy

EUI strands/activity areas

1. Support of innovative actions

- Next 'generation' of Urban Innovative Actions
- Assessment study on-going (surveys open until 5 June) – results in 2nd half of 2020

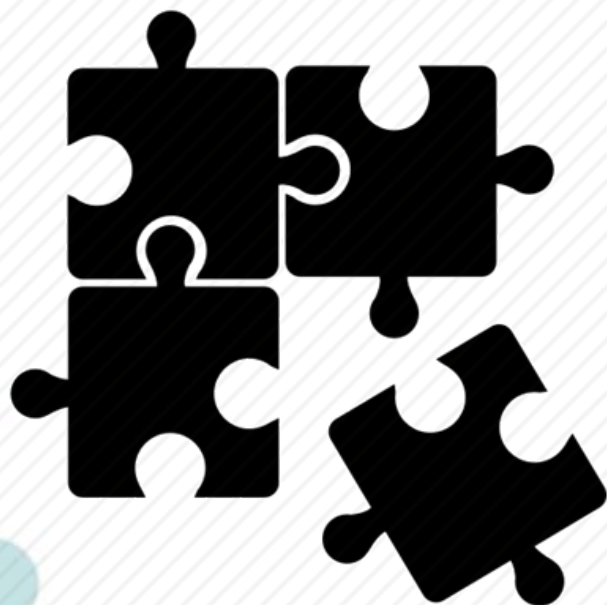
2. Support of capacity and knowledge building, policy development and communication

- Capacity building: peer learning; Urban Development Network-type of capacity building; link with URBACT IV (networks of cities);
- Knowledge building, policy development and communication: capitalisation of knowledge in support of policymaking; National Contact Points; Knowledge Sharing Platform (web-portal); communication & dissemination

Work-in-progress!

EUI strands/activity areas - modus operandi

The aim is to systematically involve in activities of EUI actors from **Innovative Actions, URBACT, Article 9 / sustainable urban development of ERDF*** and **Urban Agenda for the EU** as well as to build on their knowledge/policy/action outputs



* European Regional Development Fund of Cohesion Policy

EUI support of the Urban Agenda for the EU and intergovernmental cooperation on urban matters

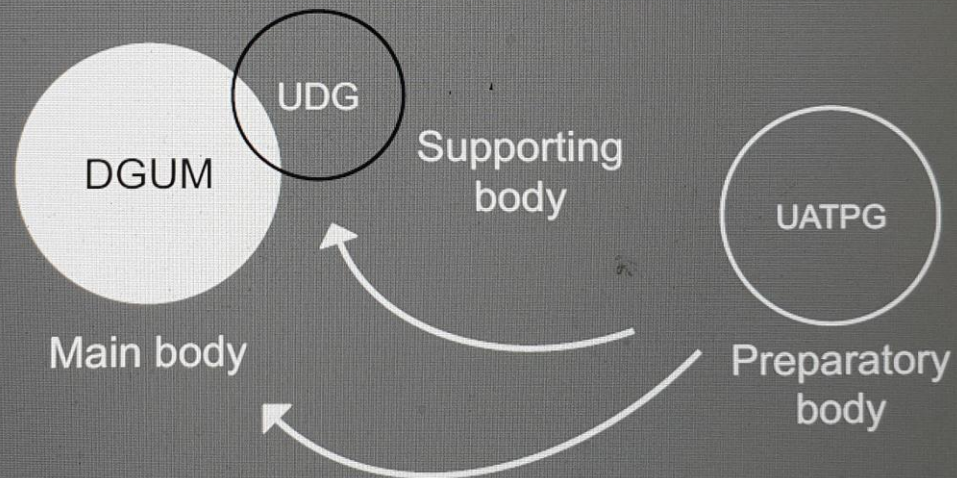
European dialogue meeting 26 May 2020 – German Presidency presentation on the new Leipzig Charter

Consolidating and Delivering the UAEU – *Governing the Urban Agenda for the EU with Efficient Decision-Making and Support Structures*

New

Secretariat to provide support to:

- ▶ Partnerships
- ▶ COM and MS (UAEU)
- ▶ Inter-governmental cooperation



EUI Knowledge Sharing Platform (web-portal)

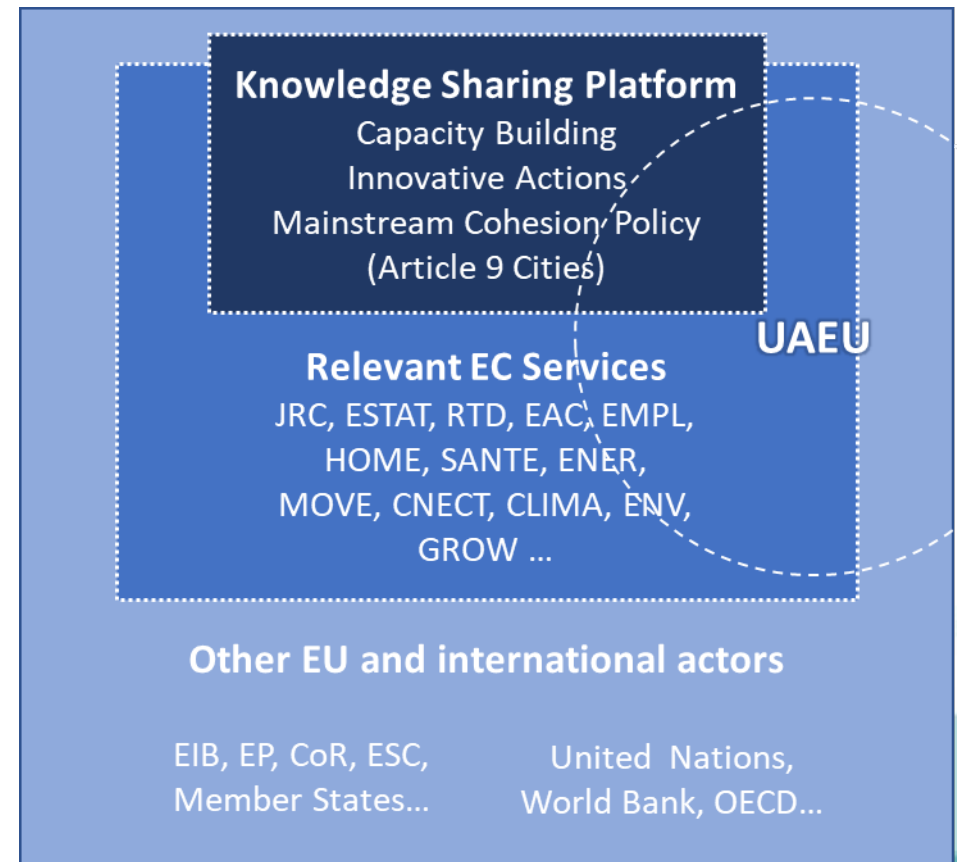
- **Specific objectives**

- Develop into knowledge base (incl. data) in support of urban policy design & implementation
- Improve access to horizontal & thematic urban knowledge

- **Main focus**

- Capacity building
 - Innovative Actions
 - Article 9 cities of Cohesion Policy
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- Urban Agenda for the EU and its Thematic Partnerships

The aim is also to interconnect **gradually** with other urban initiatives of the EU and internationally



Next steps

European Commission will continue preparatory activities of EUI together with main stakeholders in 2020

- Designing of activities that improve coordination and coherence between the urban support tools of Cohesion Policy
- Dialogue with Member States and other urban actors on how to support the Urban Agenda for the EU and intergovernmental cooperation on urban matters in the frame of EUI (UDG & DGUM meetings in autumn 2020)
- Governance structure of EUI
- Final preparations...



**Adoption of
Cohesion Policy
Regulation
2021-2027**

Thank you!

Q&A

Help us assess the UIA Initiative and prepare for the future programming period – surveys open until 5 June 2020 !

Survey open to all:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/UIA_Open_Survey

Survey dedicated to UIA beneficiaries:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/UIA_Applicant_Survey