

Urban Agenda Partnership on Circular Economy

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What is Urban Agenda for the EU?

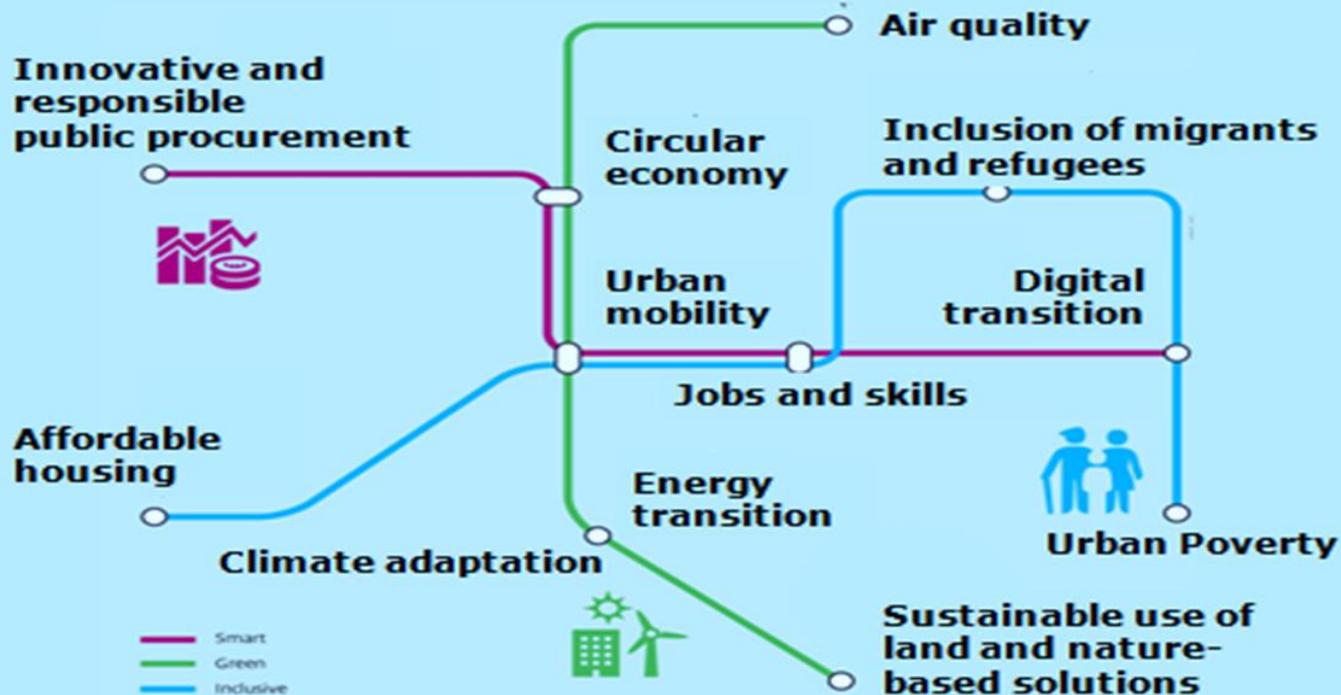


- Joint effort to strengthen the urban dimension in EU policy making
- 70 per cent of EU population live in Urban areas
- Make European regulation and resources more adapted to the cities

Three dimensions

- **Improve regulations**
- **Create more workable financial instruments**
- **Create European platforms for urban inspiration and knowledge sharing**

12 Priority Themes



Timeframe

2017

Stocktaking

Develop scoping fiches
based on the topics chosen

Identifying bottlenecks and
possible actions

2018

Draft Action Plan

Public consultation and
feedback

Final Action Plan

2019

Implementation of the
Action Plan

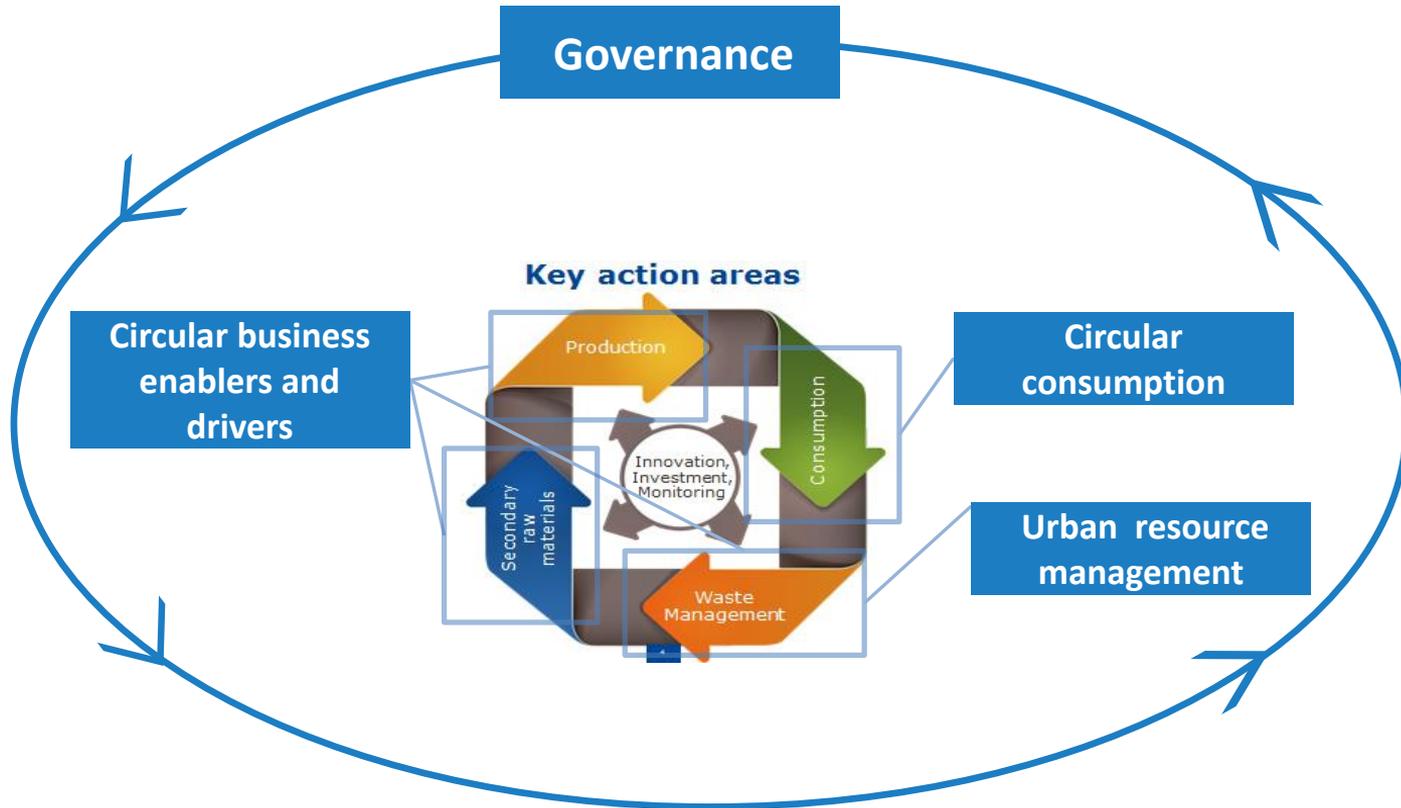
Evaluation of the
Partnership

Set of six criteria

To choose among several potential actions, a set of six criteria function as guidelines:

1. Cities' needs
2. Fit the concept of the Circular Economy
3. Potential for improvement
4. Reality check
5. Expertise
6. Added value

Scope: Four themes to investigate



Process

Phase 1: Startup

January – February 2017

1st Partnership Meeting

- Discuss scope and deliverables
- Decide on main themes
- Discuss resources and responsibilities

Deliver Orientation Paper

Outputs

- Orientation paper

Phase 2: Stocktaking

March – September 2017

2nd Partnership Meeting

- Discuss scope and barriers under the themes “Governance” and “Circular Business enablers and drivers”

3rd Partnership Meeting

- Discuss scope and barriers under the theme “Circular Consumption”

4th Partnership Meeting

- Discuss scope and barriers under the theme “Urban Resource Management”

Outputs

- 11 Scoping fiches

Phase 3: Preparatory actions

October – November 2017

5th Partnership Meeting

- Status on progression of Partnership
- Presentation of Preparatory Actions
- Initiating first draft Action Plan

6th Partnership Meeting

- Status on the first group of Preparatory Actions
- Presentation of second group of Preparatory Actions
- Further work on draft Action Plan

Outputs

- First draft Action Plan
- Set of preparatory Actions

Phase 4: Define deliverables

December – January 2018

Development of Preparatory Actions in separate working groups

7th Partnership Meeting –

- Agreement of final actions in the draft Action Plan

Revision of draft Action plan and agreement on final document for Public Consultation

Outputs

- Draft Action Plan

Vision



A city where residents and entrepreneurs do not think in terms of waste, but in terms of **resources**.

European legislation entices local authorities, companies and investors to **make the most of all types of waste**.

The knowledge and experience from other cities is shared with others through an interactive **Circular City Portal**.

There are also accessible tools that **guide the city through the different funding possibilities**

Draft Action plan, part I

Better Regulation



Waste legislation



Water legislation

Better Funding



Circular City Funding Guide



Mainstreaming Circular Economy as an eligible area in post 2020 Cohesion Policy and corresponding Fund

Better Knowledge



Circular City Portal



Urban Resource Centres



Roadmap for Urban Resource Management



Knowledge pack Collaborative Economy

Better Regulation



**Waste
legislation**



**Water
legislation**

Action: Help make *waste legislation* support the circular economy in cities



Waste
legislation

- In-depth assessment of the ways that current waste legislation is applied in practice
- Assess the need for setting up a regulatory framework that better fits the requirements of using secondary resources

Example:

- Introduction of so-called 'beginning of waste' criteria

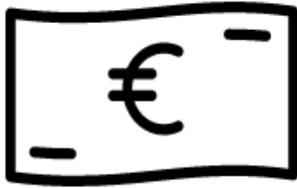
Action: Help make *water legislation* support the circular economy in cities



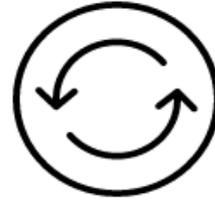
Water
legislation

- Improvement of current water sector legislation to encourage and facilitate for water re-use
- Call for a shift in European policy to better fit with the circular economy with regards to better water management and re-use of water
- Develop a position paper and provide input to ongoing legal processes within water sector legislation

Better Funding



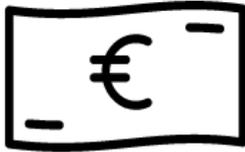
**Circular City
Funding Guide**



**Mainstreaming Circular Economy
as an eligible area in post 2020
Cohesion Policy and
corresponding Fund**

Action:

Prepare a *Circular City Funding Guide* to assist cities in accessing funding for circular economy projects



Circular City
Funding Guide

- Preparation of a guide to funding and financing sources for circular initiatives and projects in cities
- Assessment of existing needs and identify existing guides and resources on funding (for fund-seekers)
- Include guidance for public and private investments in circular city projects (for funders)
- Should have a practical and implementation orientated focus, using case studies and best practices for funding/financing solutions



**Mainstreaming Circular Economy
as an eligible area in post 2020
Cohesion Policy and
corresponding Fund**

Action:

Mainstreaming circular economy as an eligible area into post 2020 Cohesion Policy and corresponding Funds

- **Ensure that the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) post 2020 support the shift towards a circular economy at urban level**
- **Provide a detailed set of legislative options and alternative recommendations to the Commission planning the European Cohesion Policy post 2020 which promote circular economy in cities**

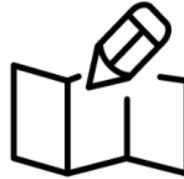
Better Knowledge



**Circular City
Portal**



**Urban
Resource
Centres**



**Roadmap for
Urban Resource
Management**



**Knowledge pack
Collaborative
Economy**

Action: Prepare a blueprint for a *Circular City Portal*



Circular City
Portal

- Prepare a central point of access to information dedicated to the promotion of circular economy in cities
- Online platform providing a point of entry for additional information on the subject
- Facilitate for the sharing and development of information, tools, guidance and know-how between cities
- 'Do-it-yourself'-guidance

Action:
**Promote *Urban Resource Centres* for
waste prevention, re-use and recycling**



**Urban
Resource
Centres**

- **Facilitate for physical centres promoting and exercising waste prevention, re-use and recycling in urban areas**
- **Build on existing experience to put a focus on waste prevention in cities through exchange of knowledge in a network and also through peer-to-peer exchange**
- **Map existing barriers, funding and legislative obstacles to the establishment of these centres**

Action: Develop a '*Circular Resource Management*' Roadmap for cities



**Roadmap for
Urban Resource
Management**

- **Establish a practical roadmap which enables cities to develop urban resource management plans**

Main elements of the roadmap:

- **Mapping resources and resource flows in cities**
- **Establish brokerage facilities to bridge the gap between supply and demand of resources**
- **How to monitor results**

Action: **Develop a *Collaborative Economy* Knowledge Pack for cities**



**Knowledge pack
Collaborative
Economy**

- **Initiate a field research on the different typologies of Collaborative Economy and circular initiatives**
- **Assessment of the typology of collaborative circular initiatives in five EU cities**
- **Co-create collaborative conference and disseminate findings**
- **Communication and implementation of findings**

Want to provide input?

Please visit:

<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/circular-economy/actions>

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**Thank you for
your attention!**

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