Peer review workshop
Integrated sustainable urban development strategies

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The urban dimension of Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

How does Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 promote sustainable urban development?

1. Funding the implementation of **sustainable urban development strategies** and empowering urban areas (Article 7 ERDF)

2. Promoting experimentation by testing innovative solutions to urban challenges (Article 8 ERDF – **Urban innovative actions**)

3. Supporting **capacity building and knowledge exchange** (Article 9 UDN and URBACT III)

4. Offers **extra flexibility** through new implementation tools, ITI and CLLD (Article 32-36 CPR)
The elements of the SUD framework (Article 7)
Supporting integrated actions for sustainable urban development

Strategy at the centre point of Article 7. Urban areas develop and implement integrated, sustainable urban development strategies based on identified challenges.

Empowerment
Urban areas will select the projects (drawing up and applying selection criteria) taking responsibility in the implementation of the OP. The MA must designate them as IB by way of written arrangements on the delegated tasks.

Funding
At least 5% of the national ERDF allocation must be programmed for SUD using:
• A specific priority axis of an OP dedicated to SUD
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• ITI: using a part of the allocation of one or more priority axes of one or more OP for SUD
State of play of programming (allocations, delivery mechanisms)

Total ERDF allocation to SUD EUR **14.5 billion** (7.8% of ERDF)

**113 OPs** involved (of which 90 regional OPs in 9 MS)

Strong geographic concentration:

**83% of allocation in 10 MS** (22% in PL alone)

**70% in less developed regions**

Balanced use of ITI (50%) and priority axis (46%) overall 73% of ITI allocation in PL, CZ, FR, IT.

Energy efficiency/renewables and sustainable urban mobility (37%), Improvement of the urban environment (brownfield regeneration, reduction of air and noise pollution) (18%), Social, economic and physical regeneration of deprived urban areas (17%)
Implementation - From Programme to Project

- Setting up the national / regional institutional framework
- Selecting the urban areas and designating them as IBs
- **Preparation of urban development strategies**
- Selecting the strategies to be funded
- Drawing up and approval of selection criteria for projects
- Initiating the project pipeline
- Assessment and selection of projects
- Concluding the grant contracts
- Monitoring, reporting and follow-up of progress
URBAN INNOVATIVE ACTIONS

Experimentation!

- € 370 M (2015-2020)
- 1 call per year on 3-4 topics (€ 50 M)
- > 50,000 inhabitants
- € 5 M ERDF max; 80%; 3 years
First call: € 80 Moi.
• Jobs and skills
• Energy Transition
• Urban Poverty
• Integration of Migrants and Refugees

Second call: € 50 Moi. To open in November 2016
• Circular economy
• Sustainable urban mobility
• Inclusion of migrants and refugees

4 INFO DAYS in autumn on the launch of the 2nd call
1 Dec – Paris, 7 Dec – Porto, 19 Jan Thessaloniki, 26 Jan, Budapest
http://www.uia-initiative.eu/
To promote integrated and sustainable urban development in EU cities

- facilitating the exchange of experience and learning
- drawing lessons, identifying and disseminating good practices
- supporting urban practitioners in developing and implementing integrated urban development strategies
• Objective: Include urban dimension in policies
• Output: Action Plans for selected themes
• Governance: Work in partnership

URBAN AGENDA

- INCLUSION OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES
- AIR QUALITY
- HOUSING
- URBAN POVERTY
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY
- CLIMATE ADAPTATION
- ENERGY TRANSITION
- URBAN MOBILITY
- DIGITAL TRANSITION
- PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
- JOBS & SKILLS IN LOCAL ECONOMY
- SUSTAINABLE USE OF LAND AND NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS
URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

OBJECTIVES
- Better regulation
- Better funding
- Better knowledge

12 PRIORITY THEMES
- Inclusion of migrants and refugees
- Air quality
- Housing
- Urban poverty
- Climate adaptation
- Urban mobility
- Energy transition
- Sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions
- Digital transition
- Public procurement
- Jobs and skills in local economy
- Circular economy

EU CITIZENS
70%
living in cities

EU LEGISLATION
-70%
implemented by cities

JOBS
-70%
created in cities

EU GDP
85%
generated in cities

“Most EU policies have an urban dimension. Let’s work with cities!”

Corina Creţu
European Commissioner for Regional Policy

KEY PRINCIPLES
- Multi-level governance
- Partnership working method
- Integrated approach
- Sustainable urban development
- United Nations goals
- Functional urban areas
- Urban-rural linkages
- Cities of all sizes

TIMELINE
- Pact of Amsterdam: 30 May 2016
- General Affairs Council conclusions: 24 June 2016
- European Week of Regions and Cities: 10-13 October 2016
- Launch of further Partnerships One-stop-shop online: End 2016
- Cities Forum Report by the Commission: End 2017

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