URBACT
Implementation Networks

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URBACT IN A NUTSHELL

- European Territorial Cooperation programme (ETC), financed by ERDF and Member States/ Partner States (Switzerland and Norway)

- Main objective:
  To promote integrated and sustainable urban development in EU cities

- Managing Authority: France “General Commission for Territorial Equality”

- Monitoring Committee composed by MS/PS, Commission, CoR, CEMR

- 500 Cities and 5000 local actors involved in 61 Networks with URBACT II
WHAT IS URBACT ABOUT?

- RESULTS
  Improving urban policies and practices
  Strengthening capacities

- PEOPLE
  A community of urban practitioners & policy-makers
  Elected representatives
  Cities and beyond

- WORKING METHODS AND TOOLS
  Networking, Sharing, learning, building capacities with participatory and integrated approach
3 TYPES OF NETWORKS PROPOSED BY URBACT III

- Action Planning Networks
- Implementation Networks
- Transfer Networks
IMPLEMENTATION NETWORKS

- **Main purpose**
  To support cities with the implementation of integrated sustainable urban strategies/ action plan

- **Who?**
  Cities that are implementing integrated strategies and action plans having secured different types of funding, including cities implementing integrated urban strategies and actions under article 7 (e.g. ITI) and article 8 (innovative actions).

- **Expected outcomes**
  Better implementation
  Learning and recommendations for EU cities
Eligible beneficiaries

- Cities having an integrated urban strategy and/or action plan addressing a policy challenge at local level AND secured funding to start the implementation of this strategy/action plan within the lifetime of the URBACT network.
- Must be a city from one of the EU 28 Member States, Norway & Switzerland including:
  - Cities, municipalities, towns without limit of size
  - Infra-municipal tiers of government
  - Metropolitan authorities & organized agglomerations
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- **Partnerships**
  - A lead partner city
  - 7 to 9 partner cities
  - Balance between partners from less developed regions and partners from more developed/transition regions

- **Thematic coverage**
  - Open to all thematic objectives of the Cohesion Policy
Implementation related challenges

- Ensuring the integrated approach in the delivery of urban policies
- Maintaining the involvement of local stakeholders in the delivery stage
- Setting up efficient indicators and monitoring systems to measure performance
- Organising the “project pipeline” (calls for projects, selection criteria, supporting project delivery, etc.)
- Organising decision-making, city services and staff for delivery
- Moving from an integrated urban strategy to operational action plans
- Communicating progress with delivery of urban policies to key stakeholders
- Setting up Public Private Partnerships for delivery
- Designing smart public procurement frameworks
- Enhancing funding of urban policies by exploring financial innovation (urban development funds, crowd-funding, etc.)
FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- Total Budget 600 000 - 750 000 Euro
  - Less developed and Transition: 85% ERDF
  - More developed: 70% ERDF

- Additional envelope for expert support
  up to 127,000 euros/ network

- Ongoing support by the URBACT Secretariat (tools, methods, training, etc.)
## GOVERNANCE & DECISION MAKING

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CALENDER

- Launch event in Brussels 23 March 2016
- March-June 2016: applicants preparing bids
- June 2016: submission of proposals
- June-August 2016: eligibility check & assessment
- Oct 2016: MC approval funding 6-month preparatory phase – networks start
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