

URBACT II

Promoting Integrated & Sustainable Urban Development

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URBACT II - Objectives

- a European Programme of Territorial Cooperation 2007-2013 (**jointly financed by ERDF and the Member States – budget 69 M€**)

Main objective:

To promote Integrated and Sustainable Urban Development in EU cities

- Specific objectives :
 - **To facilitate** exchange and learning activities among urban policy-makers, decision-makers, practitioners
 - **To draw lessons and build knowledge** based on ground realities (**capitalization**)
 - **To disseminate** good practices and lessons drawn from the transnational exchanges
 - **To support** local policy-makers and practitioners, as well as Managing Authorities of Operational Programmes, to define action plans for sustainable urban development (capacity building)

Thematic Priorities

Priority Axe 1 - Cities, engines of growth and jobs

- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation and Knowledge economy
- Employment and Human Capital

Priority Axe 2 - Attractive and Cohesive Cities

- Integrated development of deprived areas and areas at risk of deprivation
- Social inclusion
- Environmental issues
- Urban planning

**Integrated and sustainable urban development
from Lisbon to 2020 Strategy**

Main tool: Thematic networks

Beneficiaries:

- **Cities**
 - **Non city partners:**
 - Local Devlop. Agencies, public owned companies, etc.
 - Regional/ National authorities
 - Universities/ Research centers
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- > **Partnership:** 8/12 Cities (maximum of 3 Non-city Partners)
 - > **Balance:** Competitiveness and Convergence cities 50/50
 - > **Duration:** 33 months (6 Dev. Phase + 27 Impl. Phase)
 - > **Budget:** 800.000€
 - > **An expert support (the Lead Expert)** supporting the network financed by the programme
 - > **Two step process**
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- ✓ **Bottom up approach** : tackling a local challenges
 - ✓ **Conditions for success**

URBACT Programme so far

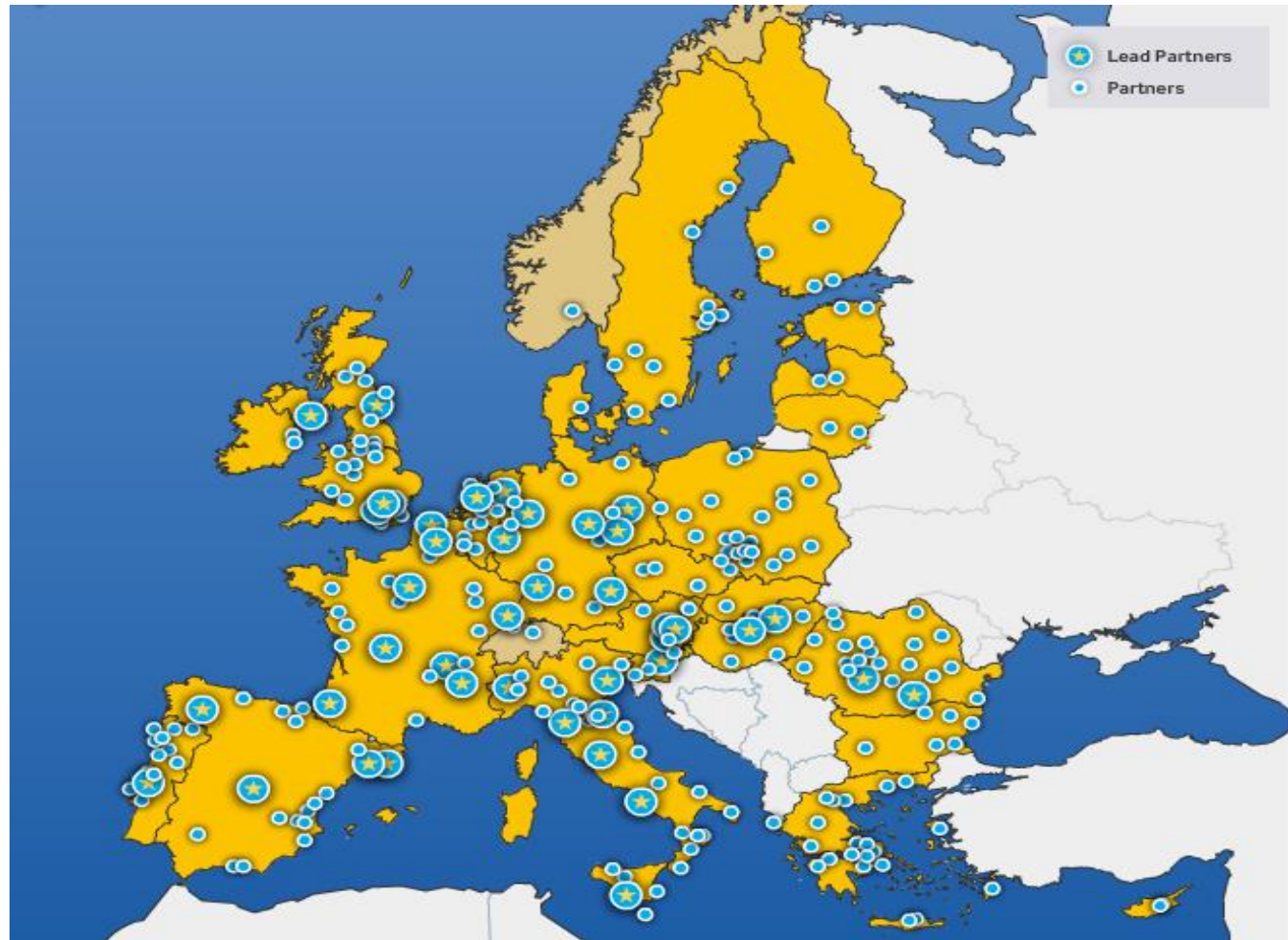
- **Budget 69M€ (79% ERDF)**
- **Two Calls for Proposals launched so far:**

28 Thematic networks and 7 Working groups

- 280 partner cities
- 14 national/ regional authorities
- 12 universities and research centers
- A community of work of 4.500 people in the URBACT Local Support Groups

Building a European, urban community of work

URBACT in Europe



URBACT in Spain

› 28 Spanish Partners

› 2 Projects led by Spanish cities

- SUITE – Santiago de Compostela
- Net Topic – L'Hospitalet de Llobregat – Barakaldo

› Other projects with Spanish cities:

- Co- Net (Gijon)
- CTUR (Alicante, Generalitat Valenciana)
- Fin Urb Act (Gijon)
- Open Cities (Bilbao)
- REDIS (Manresa)
- Unic (Castellon)
- EVUE (Madrid)

3rd & last call for proposals

- **Launched 09/12/2011**
- **Up to 19 new Thematic Networks**
- **New features:**
 - **Thematic Coverage: adjusted to be in line with EU2020**
 - **Partners expected to deliver work packages**
 - **Duration: shortened to 33 months**
 - **Budget: increased to 800.000€ (ERDF + Local Contrib°)**
 - **Assessment: revised to support improvement of proposals**
 - **Simplification measures**

Thematic Coverage – 8 topics

INNOVATIVE CITIES

1. Innovation & the knowledge economy
2. Social Innovation
3. Employment & labour mobility
4. Entrepreneurship

SUSTAINABLE CITIES

5. Low carbon & energy efficient urban economies
6. Urban Planning performance & efficient public administration

INCLUSIVE CITIES

7. Active inclusion of specific groups
8. Regeneration of deprived neighbourhoods & combating poverty

3 cross-cutting issues

- How to manage urban devt. in the context of the crisis
- How to foster integrated and sustainable approaches to urban devt.
- How to develop efficient partnerships & multilevel governance processes

Phasing of a network life cycle

Life cycle of URBACT networks builds on 2 phases

1. Development phase

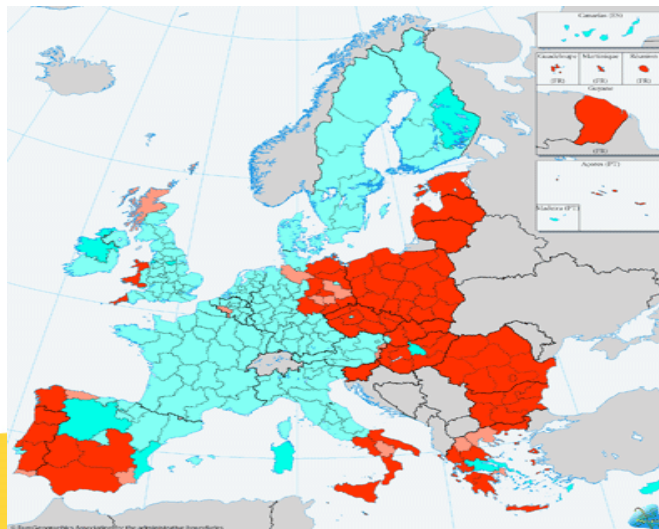
6 months to prepare a full project application

2. Implementation phase

27 months to implement all foreseen activities and deliver outputs

The initial partnership

- 5 cities (including the Lead Partner)
 - From 3 different Member / Partner States
 - **Balance Convergence and Competitiveness regions:**
 - ! *Partners from Norway and Switzerland (Partner States) not taken into account when considering the balance*
- 50% +1 Conv or Comp in case of odd nb of MS partners
- 50% Conv – 50% Comp in case of even nb of MS partners



Procedure for the creation of a network

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Stage 1	Submission of DOI by Lead Partner (incl. all required doc)
Stage 2	Eligibility check of DOI by URBACT Secretariat
Stage 3	Assessment of DOI by External Assessment Panel (EAP)
Stage 4	Decision by URBACT Monitoring Committee → Projects approved for 6-month Dvpt Phase

2. FINAL APPLICATION

Stage 5	Submission of FA by Lead Partner (6 months after approval for Dvpt phase)
Stage 6	Eligibility check of Final Application by URBACT Secr.
Stage 7	Assessment of Final Application by EAP (incl. Interviews of Lead Partner & Lead Experts → Applicants have 3 weeks to revise proposal)
Stage 8	Decision by URBACT Monitoring Committee → Projects approved for 27-month Implementation Phase

Resources & Support

- **Preparing your application for Development phase**
 - Online « project ideas » data base
 - Online database of approved experts
 - Guidelines provided by the URBACT Secretariat
 - Hotline by the team of the URBACT Secretariat

- **Completing your project during the Development phase (for approved projects)**
 - Training session organised by the Secretariat (more guidelines will then be provided)
 - Support provided by Lead Expert/ Thematic Pole Manager
 - Hotline by the team of the Secretariat
 - 2nd meeting foreseen to review draft applications before submission to Secretariat
 - Recommendations by the EAP following interviews with LP/ LE, and 3-week period to adjust applications before submission to MC

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