





### **TOPICS TO BE COVERED**

WHAT IS URBACT III?

THE EUROPEAN URBAN AGENDA AND URBACT III

**URBACT III AND THE NPF PROCESS** 

- SUCCESSES FOR IRISH CITIES
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR IRISH CITIES



## WHAT IS URBACT?

The aim of URBACT is to foster successful urban development in cities across Europe.

It is an instrument of the Cohesion Policy, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and by Member & Partner States.

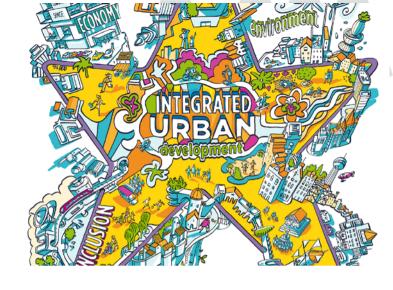
It is not an investment programme it supports the creation of learning networks and policy transfer.

(note: cities are NOT defined tightly: most settlement sizes qualify)



# THREE PRINCIPLES Sustainable Integrated Participatory

Leipzig Charter for Sustainable European Cities (2007) and the Toledo Declaration (2010).



THREE PILLARS Networking

Action Planning Network
Implementation Networks
Transfer Networks

Capacity Building Capitalisation





## EUROPEAN URBAN AGENDA Pact of Amsterdam

- To look at how existing rules and regulations can be adjusted to become more urban-proof ('better regulation');
- To improve use of existing EU financial instruments ('better funding');
- •To improve current data exchange networks ('better knowledge'). URBACT III





Air Quality

**Urban Poverty** 

Affordable Housing

Inclusion of Migrants & Refugees

Circular Economy

**Digital Transition** 

**Urban Mobility** 

Jobs and Skills in the Local Economy

Sustainable Use of Land

Energy efficiency

Climate adaptation

Innovative and responsible public procurement

#### **URBACT III THEMATIC OBJECTIVES**

Research, technological development and innovation (TO1)

Access to, use and quality of ICT (TO2)

Competitiveness of SMEs (TO3)

Shift towards a low carbon economy in all sectors (TO4)

Climate change adaptation, risk prevention & management (TO5)

**Environment & resource efficiency (TO6)** 

Sustainable transport & bottlenecks in key network infrastructures (TO7)

**Employment and labour mobility (TO8)** 

Social inclusion & combating poverty (TO9)

Education, skills & lifelong learning (TO10)





#### **URBACT III AND THE NPF**

The quality of policy making matters!

Urbact points to the central role of methodology – sustainable, integrated, participatory - in successful urban policy.

- Defines these terms
- Builds the capacity of policy makers to practice the craft of urban policy towards these ends
- Provides good practice exemplars to inspire



### **IRISH SUCCESSES**



















### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR IRISH CITIES**

#### ACTION PLANNING NETWORKS (APN)

- 20 APN currently active (Phase 2) (May 2016-May 2018)
- 2nd call for APN to be launched end 2018

#### IMPLEMENTATION NETWORKS

- 7 IN in Prep (Phase 1) (until April 2017)
- Active (Phase 2) (June 2017-June 2019)

#### TRANSFER NETWORKS

- Call for Good Practices (Dec 2016-31 March 2017)
- Call for the creation of Transfer Networks September 2017
- Prep (Phase 1) April 2018- October 2018









## **URBACT City Festival 2017**

**GOOD PRACTICE FESTIVAL** 

URBACT City Festival is coming to #Tallinn on Oct 4-5: Save the Date!

A unique opportunity to discover URBACT Good Practices and to learn more about URBACT Transfer networks soon to be launched.



On 6-8 May 2015, the first ever URBACT City Festival brought together over 470 urban practitioners from all over Europe. It provided a new Rind of platform for urban practitioners to learn, to share, to inspire and be inspired for better urban futures.

Let's walk through the main moments of this learning journey!







# Key Web Sites/Contacts

General background information on URBACT III is available at: http://urbact.eu/

Browse the partner market place at: <a href="http://urbact.eu/projects">http://urbact.eu/projects</a>
Add a project idea at: <a href="http://urbact.eu/node/add/project-idea">http://urbact.eu/node/add/project-idea</a>

Irish facebook page

(<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/UrbactIreland/1583123311936134">https://www.facebook.com/pages/UrbactIreland/1583123311936134</a>)
Irish twitter account (<a href="https://twitter.com/Urbact3Ireland">https://twitter.com/Urbact3Ireland</a>)

**URBACT Secretariat twitter page at** 

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