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TOPICS TO BE COVERED

WHAT IS URBACT III?

THE EUROPEAN URBAN AGENDA AND URBACT III

URBACT III AND THE NPF PROCESS

- **SUCCESSSES 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**



EUA Partnerships
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



CHANGE!

social design of public services

◆ 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

Does your city have a solution that works?



Share your experience in the

URBACT Good Practice Call

5 DECEMBER 2016 - 31 MARCH 2017



European Union
Europe's Regional Development Fund



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.





Key Web Sites/Contacts

General background information on URBACT III is available at:

<http://urbact.eu/>

Browse the partner market place at: <http://urbact.eu/projects>

Add a project idea at: <http://urbact.eu/node/add/project-idea>

Irish facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/pages/UrbactIreland/1583123311936134>)

Irish twitter account (<https://twitter.com/Urbact3Ireland>)

URBACT Secretariat twitter page at

<https://twitter.com/URBACT> and

facebook account at

<https://www.facebook.com/URBACT>.

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