



 **URBACT**
Driving change for
better cities



- ◆ **10.00-10.15 Welcoming**
- ◆ **10.15-11.00 URBACT Action Planning Networks call + Q&A**
 - Jon Aguirre, Spanish National URBACT Point
- ◆ **11.00-11.30 URBACT inspiring stories**
 - CityCentreDoctor: David Muriel, Medina del Campo City Council
 - BoostInno: Cinta Arasa, Barcelona Activa
- ◆ **11.30-11.45 Coffee break**
- ◆ **11.45-13.00 Idea Market, with the National URBACT Points**
 - On-Site: Jon Aguirre (NUP for Spain) Sabrina Abdi (NUP for France) and Aldo Vargas (NUP for Poland)
 - On-line: Petra Ockerl, (NUP for Slovenia), Heike Mages (NUP for Germany & Austria) Ana Resende (NUP for Portugal)
- ◆ **13.00-14.00 Finger lunch**
- ◆ **14.00-16.30 Workshops & Webinars**
 - Check the document with all the schedule, rooms, topics and participants here:
<http://bit.ly/2FM2Kh3>
- ◆ **16.30-17.00 Final conclusions and closing**
 - Jon Aguirre, Spanish National URBACT Point



URBACT
PROGRAMME





URBACT III in a nutshell

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

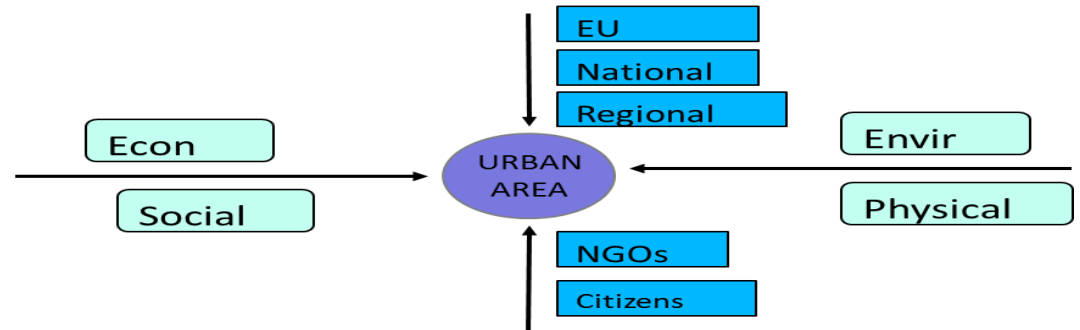
- Duration: 2014-2020

- Budget: EUR 96 million

- Managing Authority: France

- Monitoring Committee composed by MS/PS and Commission

- Target: Decision makers and practitioners in the cities



URBACT

bringing EU cities together

as a **European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)** programme
co-financed by ERDF and Member/Partner States



- ◆ **Main objective:** To promote integrated sustainable urban development in Europe
- ◆ **Target:** EU city administrations (city staff – policy makers, decision makers, practitioners)

Since
2002



nearly
1000
cities



139
Networks



¿QUÉ ES URBACT?



¿Qué es URBACT?

523 visualizaciones

 2  0  COMPARTIR  GUARDAR ...



URBACT España

Publicado el 31 oct. 2017

SUSCRIBIRSE 1

URBACT es un programa europeo de intercambio y aprendizaje que promueve el desarrollo urbano sostenible e integrado, englobando a 550 ciudades, 29 países y más de 7.000 agentes locales activos.

finding tailored responses with the URBACT Method



Integrated + Participative + Transnational Exchange + Expertise = 'hands on' Sustainable Urban Development

- ◆ Integrated approach > tackling different policy areas and governance levels at the same time
- ◆ Participative approach > involving all local stakeholders
- ◆ Transnational exchange > learning from peers
- ◆ Expertise > customised support provided to all networks



3 main strands of activities



TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS



Exchange and learning among cities - sharing experiences (problems, solutions), identify good practices to design & implement integrated urban policies

CAPACITY BUILDING



Enhancing the capacities of urban practitioners and policy-makers to develop integrated and participatory approaches to urban development

CAPITALISATION COMMUNICATION



Communicating urban knowledge, policy recommendations, good practices to a wider audience of policy-makers & practitioners

Networks – 3 types

◆ **Action Planning Networks** (20 so far)

(Objective: to co-produce an Integrated Action Plan-IAP)

◆ **Implementation Networks** (4 so far)

(Objective: to overcome challenges of the implementation of IAP)

◆ **Transfer networks**

(Objective: to adapt and transfer an URBACT labelled Good Practice)

200 cities currently involved in APN & IN





CALL FOR ACTION PLANNING NETWORKS

07 JANUARY – 17 APRIL 2019



European Union
European Regional Development Fund





Following the first successful round of Action Planning networks
2nd call in URBACT III
for up to 23 Action Planning networks



EMPOWER

>



CHANGE

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IMPACT

You can learn more about the results from first round of Action Planning networks here:

- 'Cities in Action Stories of Change' publication ([LINK](#))
- Webpages of networks ([LINK](#))
- Articles on the URBACT website and blog ([LINK 1](#), [LINK 2](#))



¿Qué son las URBACT Action Planning Networks (APN)?

222 visualizaciones

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URBACT España
Publicado el 25 jul. 2018

SUSCRIBIRSE 1

¡7 de enero de 2019 se lanza la nueva convocatoria de las URBACT Action Planning Networks (APN)!

an Action Planning Network is for cities which...



- ◆ *need to tackle an urban policy challenge and find solutions through the production of an **integrated action plan***
- ◆ *wish to improve or change local policies by sharing experiences and exchange knowledge with other European cities working on similar challenges*
- ◆ *are eager to involve relevant key stakeholders and practice participatory culture by learning new tools and methods for effective policy- making*

What does URBACT offer?



Learning from peers across Europe



Designing and testing small scale solutions*
at local level



Enhancing capacities for policy-making



Accessing financial resources and URBACT
support for exchange and learning

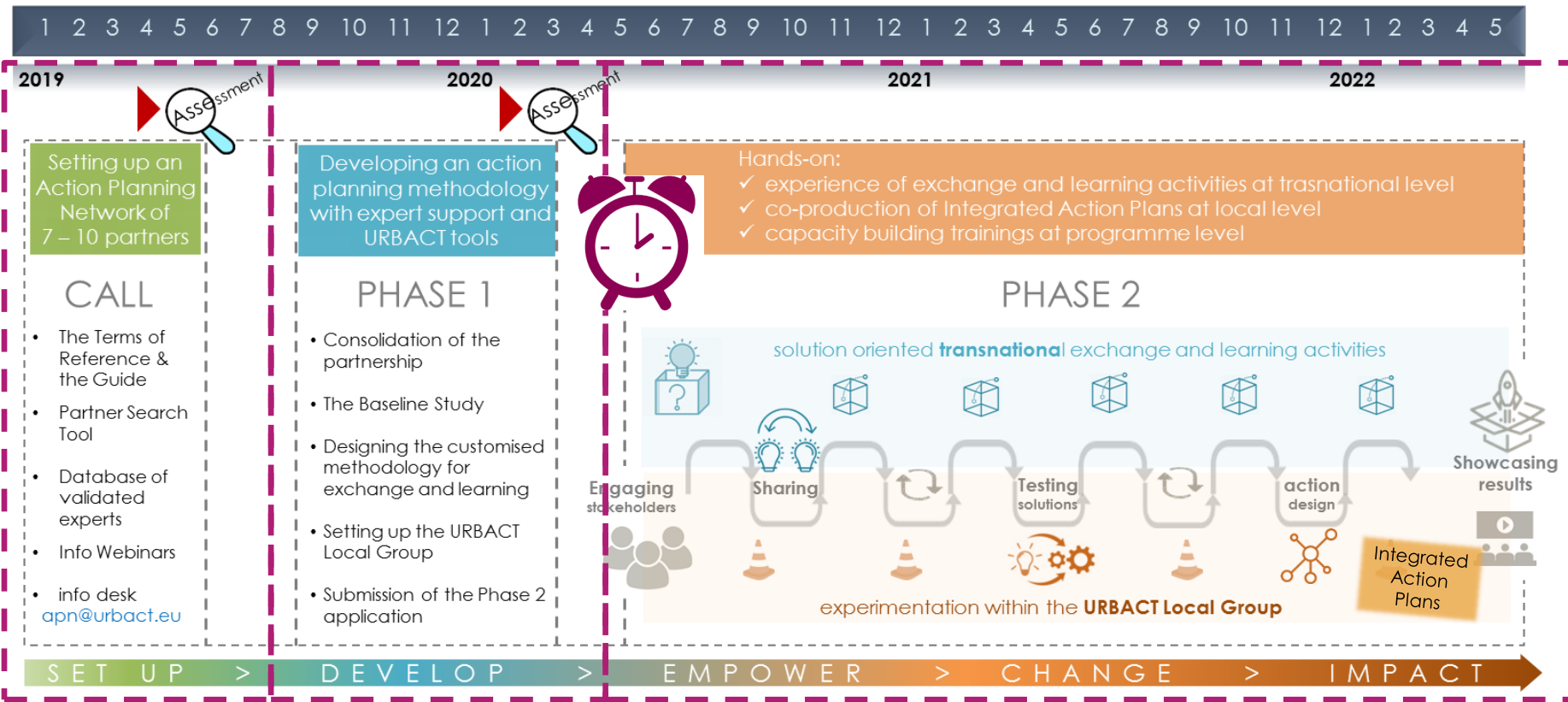


Adding value through the URBACT knowledge
hub and programme experts

“URBACT already provides significant support for network cities: e.g. offers textbooks, best practices, case studies, and webinars. It organises URBACT Summer University which is extremely helpful. We took advantage of those tools.”

Koszalin (PL), partner in Procure

The 2-Phase Journey



Who is eligible?



All “cities” from one of the member or partner EU states:

- ✓ Cities, municipalities, towns
- ✓ Infra-municipal tiers of government
- ✓ Metropolitan Authorities and organised agglomerations
- ✓ Local agencies defined as equivalent public organisations set up by a city*



+ “non-city” partners **only as network partners**

- ✓ Provincial, regional and national authorities, as far as urban issues are concerned
- ✓ Universities and research centres, as far as urban issues are concerned

*Further information available in the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the call [LINK](#)

Thematic Coverage



URBACT III covers the following **Thematic Objectives**:

- ✓ Strengthening research, technological development and innovation (TO1)
- ✓ Enhancing access to and use and quality of ICT (TO2)
- ✓ Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs (TO3)
- ✓ Supporting the shift towards a low carbon economy in all sectors (TO4)
- ✓ Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management (TO5)
- ✓ Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency (TO6)
- ✓ Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures (TO7)
- ✓ Promoting employment and supporting labour mobility (TO8)
- ✓ Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty (TO9)
- ✓ Investing in education, skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure (TO10)

Twelve thematic partnerships linked to **Urban Agenda for the EU**:

- ✓ Affordable housing
- ✓ Climate adaptation
- ✓ Inclusion of migrants & refugees
- ✓ Digital transition
- ✓ Urban poverty
- ✓ Sustainable use of land & nature based solution
- ✓ Jobs & skills
- ✓ Air quality
- ✓ Circular economy
- ✓ Innovative & responsible public procurement
- ✓ Sustainable urban mobility
- ✓ Culture and cultural heritage⁷
- ✓ Energy transition
- ✓ Security in public spaces



- ◆ **Partnership proposed for Phase 1** should comprise up to 7 to 10 cities: 1 Lead Partner + 6 to 9 network Partners
- ◆ Partnerships shall **respect the following rules:**
 - ✓ The partnership may include 2 “non-city partners” maximum (as defined under section 2.2);
 - ✓ A beneficiary (city and non-city partners) may not be partner in more than two approved Action Planning Networks at a time;
 - ✓ A city can be Lead Partner of one Action Planning Network only;
 - ✓ *Non-written rule: North-South & East-West geographical coverage and balance*
- ◆ **A balance of cities from EU regions is necessary as follows:**
 - ✓ a minimum of 3 cities from Less Developed regions where the total number of partner cities is 7;
 - ✓ a minimum of 4 cities from Less Developed regions where the total number of partner cities is 8 to 9 partners.
 - ✓ a minimum of 5 cities from Less Developed regions where the total number of partner cities is 10 partners.

How to find partners?



- ◆ For useful hints and tips please check **the Guide**



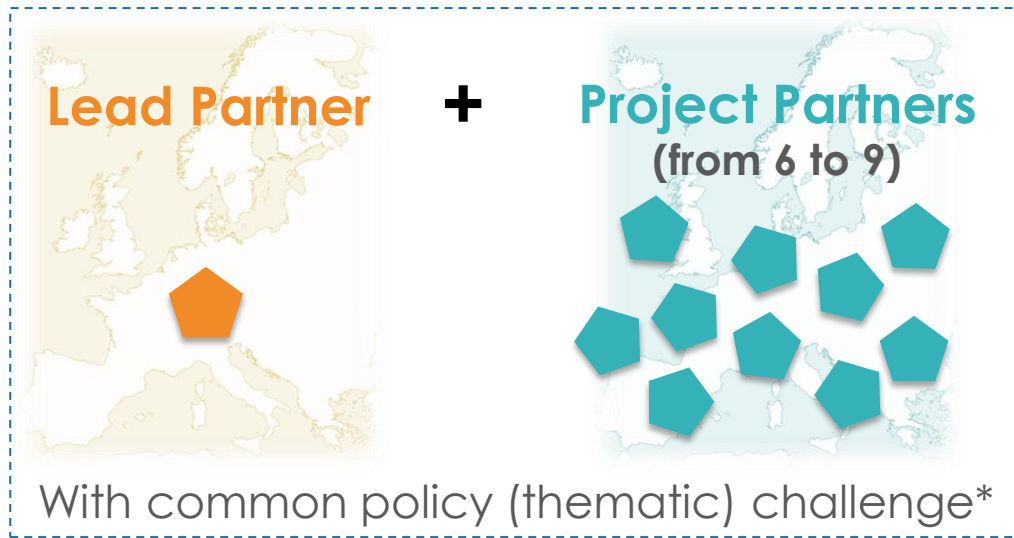
- ◆ **Partner Search Tool:** <http://urbact.eu/partner-search-tool>

- ✓ *post your network proposal*
- ✓ *check other proposals*
- ✓ *send/ receive an expression of interest to/ from potential partners*
- ✓ *signal a need for validated URBACT Lead expert*

- ◆ **National URBACT Points** can act as matchmakers across EU countries.

> *Contact details of all NUPs are available on the webpage of the call*

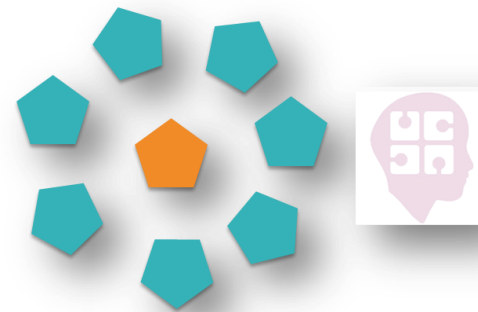
The Network proposal



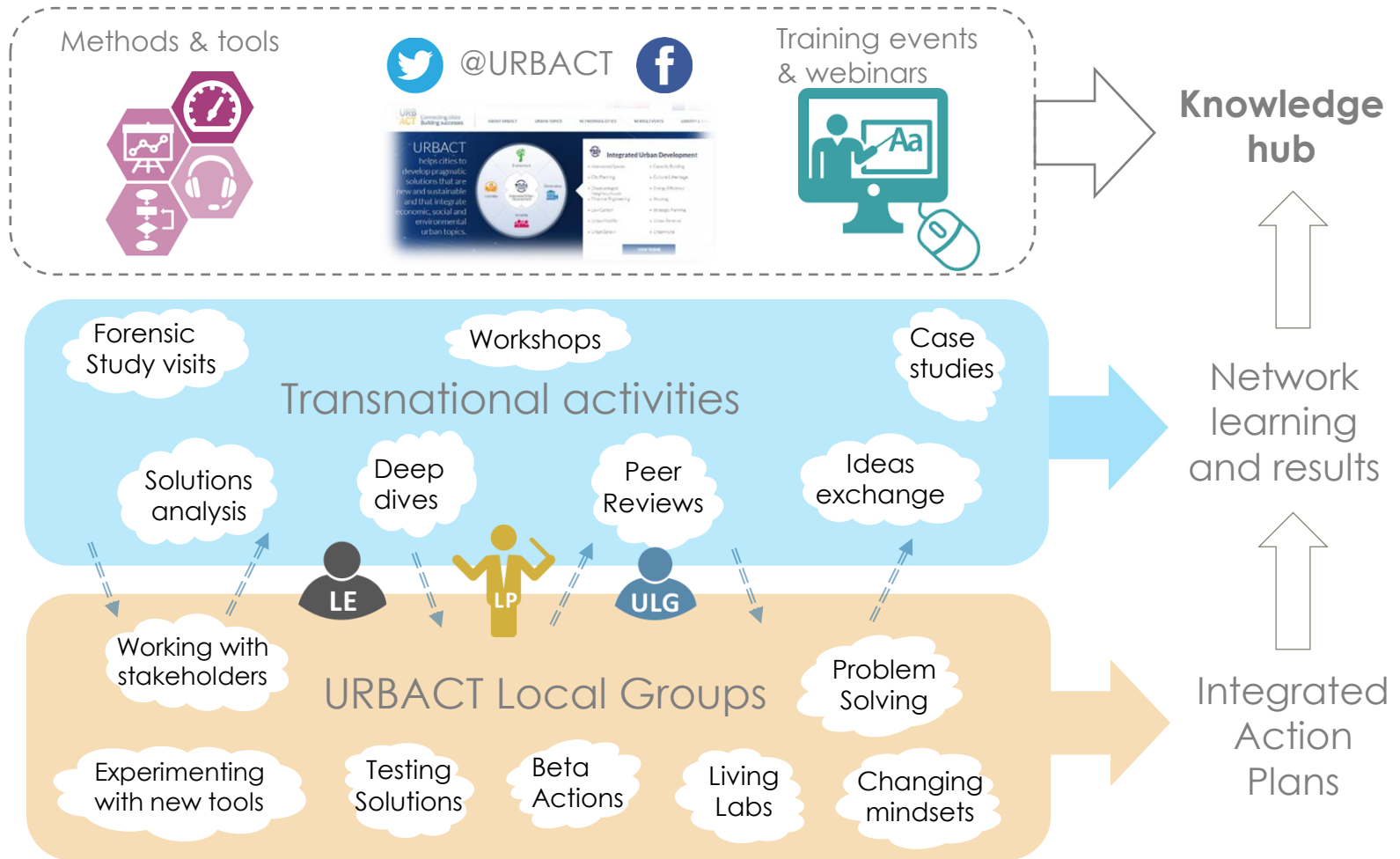
& **Lead Expert**
(3 to be proposed)



*The **Terms of Reference** and the **Guide** are the main support documents to build a successful network proposal*



The learning Process





- ◆ The **total maximum budget** of an Action Planning Network will be up to **EUR 750 000** (Phases 1 and 2)
- ◆ The total eligible cost for Phase 1 of an Action Planning Network is a maximum of EUR 150 000.



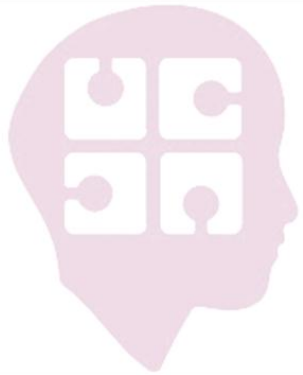
The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) co-financing rates*:

Cities in more developed regions	70%
Cities in less developed/ transition regions	85%
Swiss partners	50%
Norwegian partners may participate at their own cost	

*The map of regions for co-financing rates of Structural funds is available [here](#)

- ◆ **Expertise budget is EUR 127 500*** (for both Phases)
- ✓ equals 170 days of expertise (40 days in Phase 1)

How to find Lead Experts?



- ◆ **URBACT database of validated experts** with nearly 230 validated Lead experts > [LINK](#)
- ◆ You can invite experts you know to apply to our open call for the pool of validated experts > [here](#)
- ◆ They can come to you!
> You should signal this **@Partner Search Tool** > [LINK](#)

Selection of the Lead expert...



◆ Phase 1 – the Lead expert (40 days)

Supports the network with all Phase 1 activities (notably the Baseline Study)

- ✓ Network proposal must suggest 3 Lead experts
 - > *At least one of the three proposed Lead expert should be female!*
 - > *All experts need to sign the letter of intent (template in ToR). Start the search process early.*
- ✓ Only validated URBACT Lead experts can be proposed as experts in phase 1
- ✓ Assessment panel will make recommendations for appointing the “right” expert for phase 1
 - > *Check the Guide for tips on choosing the right expert profile and selection procedure*

◆ Phase 2 – Lead Expert and Ad hoc Experts (130 days):

- ✓ The same Lead Expert in phase 1 can be proposed as Lead Expert in phase 2 if the performance was positive
- ✓ All networks in Phase 2 can have (x number) Ad hoc Experts in addition to the Lead expert



Keep in mind...



- ◆ A city can be a Lead Partner in only one APN proposal
- ◆ A city can be a Project Partner in only two approved APN
> *check multiple commitments*
- ◆ The right mix of partners coming from less/more developed regions > check the MAP
- ◆ Proposals with newcomer cities will be rewarded due to assessment criteria
> *consult the ToR for further information*
> *The list of URBACT II and URBACT III beneficiaries is available [here](#)*
- ◆ **Make sure the partnership is coherent (including the geographical coverage*)**
> *The Guide provides useful information*



All changes are directly linked to:

- ✓ The results of the closure evaluation where all 205 APN cities responded
- ✓ The results of the Lead Expert Questionnaire
- ✓ The experience gained with Implementation Networks and Transfer Networks
- ✓ **IAP study*** will give us further intelligence for designing the Phase 2 learning journey

Main Features (1)



- ◆ **Eligible Beneficiaries** – no change from previous calls (city partners now including agencies and non-city partners as defined in the URBACT programme documents)
- ◆ **Thematic Coverage** – no change all 10 Thematic Objectives are covered. The ToR include an overview of thematic coverage to date for both TO and Urban Agenda for EU.
- ◆ **Partnership** – CHANGE to between 7-10 partner cities immediately in Phase 1. Lesson from APN call 1 closure reports.
- ◆ **Partnership** – no change to balance between more and less developed regions.
- ◆ **Lead Partner** – CHANGE LP can only be candidate in ONE network and must be a city as defined in the ToR.
- ◆ **Project Partners** – no change can be partner in 2 approved networks (but problem of multiple commitments emphasized in the guide) + [Newcomers part of the assessment criteria](#)

Main Features (2)

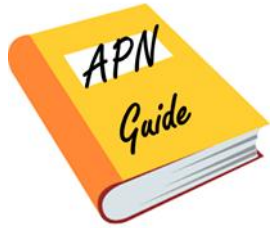


- ◆ **Network Duration** – no change to proposed duration of 6 months plus 24 months in Phase 2. Call 1 beneficiaries considered this duration to be correct.
- ◆ **Budget** – no change maximum budget 750.000€
- ◆ **Activities** – CHANGE a possibility to undertake [*small scale actions*](#) from the Integrated Action Plan during Phase 2. Lesson from APN call 1 where this was done in some projects with positive results.
- ◆ **Expertise** – CHANGE three experts will be proposed in the Phase 1 applications form using the model already tested in Transfer Networks. This model will be improved by adding an interview with the expert recommended by the EAP.
- ◆ **Expertise** – CHANGE minimum of one [*female expert*](#) to be proposed.
- ◆ **Expertise** – CHANGE evaluation of the experts work between Phase 1 and Phase 2

How to draft the proposal?



- ◆ Layout of the application form and the criteria are available in the **Terms of Reference of the call**
- ◆ All the aspects for building a successful proposal are set out in **the Guide**
 - ✓ *including explanation of all Phase 1 activities (organised within two work packages)*
 - ✓ *Including all hints and tips for coherent project proposal presented in different sections of the application form*



Submission procedure



To submit a network proposal, applicants shall complete two steps:

- ◆ **Complete and submit their Phase 1 Application through Synergie-CTE in English. Only applications submitted using Synergie-CTE will be accepted.**



- ✓ Detailed information on how to create and submit a Phase 1 Application through the online system Synergie-CTE is provided in the [Practical guide to SYNERGIE application](#).

The deadline for the online submission of the Phase 1 Applications is 17 April 2019, 15.00 CET.

- ◆ **Send the application package by email to APN@urbact.eu**



The email shall be received no later than 18 April 2019, 15.00 CET.

Assessment process



- ◆ Assessment of Action Planning Network proposals will be carried out by the External Assessment panel based on the assessment criteria
- ◆ Approval by the *Monitoring Committee 26 June 2019*
- > Formal starting date of Phase 1 is 2 September 2019

The summary of all useful resources



◆ Reference documents:

- ✓ **The Terms of Reference**
- ✓ **The Guide to Action Planning Networks– Phase 1**
- ✓ The Programme Manual Factsheet 2A – Action Planning Networks

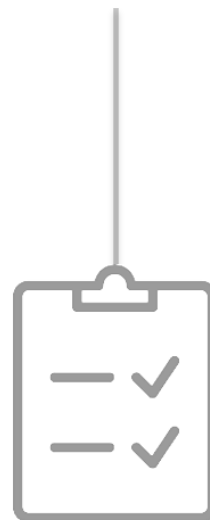
◆ URBACT Secretariat

For all questions concerning the call you are invited to contact the URBACT Secretariat on the following email address: apn@urbact.eu

+ 5 Info Webinars scheduled*:

- ✓ 11 January, 11:00 CET: General presentation of the call
- ✓ 7 February, 14:00 CET: Focus on... Building the partnership
- ✓ 7 March, 14:00 CET: Focus on... Phase 1 activities
- ✓ 4 April, 14:00 CET: Focus on... Developing your budget and submitting your application form
- ✓ 11 April, 14:00 CET: Last chance troubleshooting - especially in relation to SYNERGIE-CTE online application platform

**You need to register via the call webpage*



◆ Partner Search Tool

<http://urbact.eu/partner-search-tool>

◆ INFODAYS of National URBACT Points

<http://urbact.eu/come-find-out-more-about-next-action-planning-network-call>

◆ Publication: 'Cities in Action Stories of change' > [LINK](#)

◆ URBACT articles on our website & blog

- <http://urbact.eu/>
- <http://www.blog.urbact.eu/>

All links available on the dedicated webpage:
<http://urbact.eu/urbact-last-call-action-planning-networks-now-open>



Questions...



We are looking forward to
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cities with you!