



URBACT II OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME (2007-2013)

URBACT II is seeking facilitators for a Capacity Building Scheme in 2013

About the URBACT Programme

URBACT is a European exchange and learning programme promoting sustainable urban development. URBACT enables European cities to work together and to develop effective and sustainable solutions to major key urban challenges. Each network brings together 8 to 12 cities or other partners for 3 years and focuses on a specific urban challenge. URBACT supports cities to develop integrated and sustainable solutions that take into account the economic, social and environmental dimensions of urban development. URBACT is jointly financed by the European Union (European Regional Development Fund) and the Member States.

The URBACT Method and the Local Support Groups

Each partner in an URBACT network commits to produce a Local Action Plan. This concrete and operational output shall address the problems identified by the city partner at the beginning of the network and draw on the results of the transnational exchange and learning activities implemented by partners over the life of the project.

Each URBACT partner also commits to set up and run a Local Support Group gathering the stakeholders most concerned by the issue addressed in the Local Action Plan. These Local Support Groups contribute to and benefit from the transnational exchanges and above all, are in charge of elaborating the Local Action Plan.

The Capacity Building Scheme for URBACT Local Support Groups (ULSGs)

In 2013 URBACT will develop a series of training seminars dedicated to ULSG members in the following European countries: Italy, Spain, United Kingdom with Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Germany with Austria, France with Belgian cities, The Netherlands with Belgian cities, Sweden with Finland, Romania, Greece with Cyprus, Denmark, Czech Republic with Slovakia, Latvia, Estonia, Hungary, Norway, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Slovenia.

The main objective of the training is to increase the participants' capacity to develop and manage a participative and integrated approach to action planning and policy-making. It is foreseen that 1-2 seminars of 2 days each will be delivered in each country, in the span of 9 months starting April 2013. Each seminar will be delivered in the national language of the country it takes place in.

The ideal facilitator profile for the Capacity Building Scheme

URBACT is seeking experienced facilitators to deliver the above Capacity Building Schemes in their native languages. Facilitators will be expected to:

- Get acquainted with the URBACT Programme
- Get prepared on the training from the assigned trainer
- Support the trainer in managing and animating group discussions during the training

The ideal candidates should:

- be preferably fluent in English as well as in their own language
- be experienced facilitators, good at managing group discussions and group dynamics
- preferably have a background and/or knowledge of urban policy and experience in participative approach
- preferably have experience in working with urban development practitioners.

Selection process and deadlines

Applicants should send their English CV in Europass format with a cover letter in English to the following e-mail address application@fondazionebrodolini.it by 31 January 2012. Please quote "UPF 2013" in the subject of your e-mail application. Only selected applicants will be invited to a skype or telephone interview. Please note that applications will be dealt on a first come first served basis.

Information about the URBACT programme

<http://URBACT.eu>

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