



 **URBACT**  
Driving change for  
better cities



# GOOD PRACTICE CALL

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**European Union**  
European Regional Development Fund





## URBACT in a nutshell

- ◆ European Territorial Cooperation programme (ETC) co-financed by ERDF
- ◆ All 28 Member States as well as 2 Partner States (Switzerland and Norway) are eligible to participate
- ◆ Main objective: To promote integrated and sustainable urban development in European cities
- ◆ Managing Authority: France



## URBACT III – 4 main objectives

- ◆ To improve the **capacity** of cities to manage sustainable urban policies and practices in an integrated and participative way
- ◆ To improve the **design** of integrated urban & sustainable strategies/ action plans in cities
- ◆ To improve the **implementation** of integrated urban & sustainable strategies/ action plans in cities
- ◆ To ensure that practitioners and decision makers at all levels have **access to knowledge** and share know-how on all aspects of sustainable urban development



# 3 main strands of activities

## TRANSNATIONAL EXCHANGE & LEARNING

Allowing cities to share experiences/ problems/ solutions, learn from one another, 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 DISSEMINATION

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





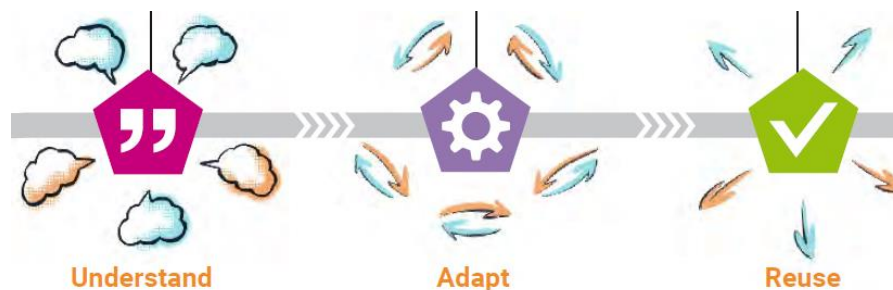
# After 14 years of driving change in European cities, URBACT launches a **Good Practice Call**



# Why?



- To be part of the pioneering group of URBACT Good Practice Cities and widely promoted at EU and International level
- To be able to share the Good Practice within the framework of a Transfer Network (call to be published in September 2017)





## What is a good practice?

A good practice is a successful experience which has been tested and validated and deserves to be shared so that a greater number of cities can adopt it...





# What kind of good practices?

◆ Open to all themes: Environmental, social, economic...

◆ THE CRITERIA:

- Relevance
- Fit with Principles of integrated sustainable urban development
- Evidence base
- Transferability





## Example of a good practice from URBACT Pilot networks:

### ◆ Diet for the Green planet

- **Sodertälje's good practice:** diet policy in public canteens – locally produced food (57% organic)
- Mollet del Vallès transferred the policies developed initially in Sodertälje
- Check the video: [here](#)





## Who is eligible?

- ◆ Cities, municipalities, towns
- ◆ Infra-municipal tiers of government
- ◆ Metropolitan Authorities and organized agglomerations
- ◆ Local agencies defined as public or semi-public organisations set up by a city



## Why apply?



- ◆ A series of promotional activities
- ◆ “Show-case” event organized by URBACT in September 2017
- ◆ Becoming an advocate of sustainable integrated urban development including contributions to the Urban Agenda for the EU
- ◆ Increasing visibility through different communication channels
- ◆ Further enhancement of the Good Practice within the framework of the URBACT Transfer Network



# What is a Transfer Network?

'Good Practice City' sharing the experience > a 'mentor' role

'Receiving cities' understand>adapt>reuse the good practice  
(Example from pilot network Diet for Green Planet - Mollet del Vallès)

## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

### GOOD PRACTICE CITY

- ◆ Refining and improving its own methodology
- ◆ Wider recognition of the potential for re-use and greater visibility

### RECEIVING CITIES

- ◆ Producing a 'Diary of Transfer experience' > experimentation
- ◆ Building the capacity to deal with urban issues



# Good practice submission procedure

- ◆ Fill in the online application form: (direct link: [here](#))

13 questions

- ◆ Complete with a support package:  
(to be sent by email - [goodpracticecall@urbact.eu](mailto:goodpracticecall@urbact.eu))

**COMPULSORY:** Good practice summary (approx. 5000)

**COMPULSORY:** 2 photos presenting the good practice

**OPTIONAL:** Short documents, infographics, video etc.



# Assessment process

- ◆ Assessment panel:
  - URBACT Programme experts,
  - Secretariat staff members,
  - Independent external adviser (CeMR, Eurocities, COR, ICLEI, etc)
  
- ◆ Approval by the Monitoring Committee  
Applicants will be notified by end May

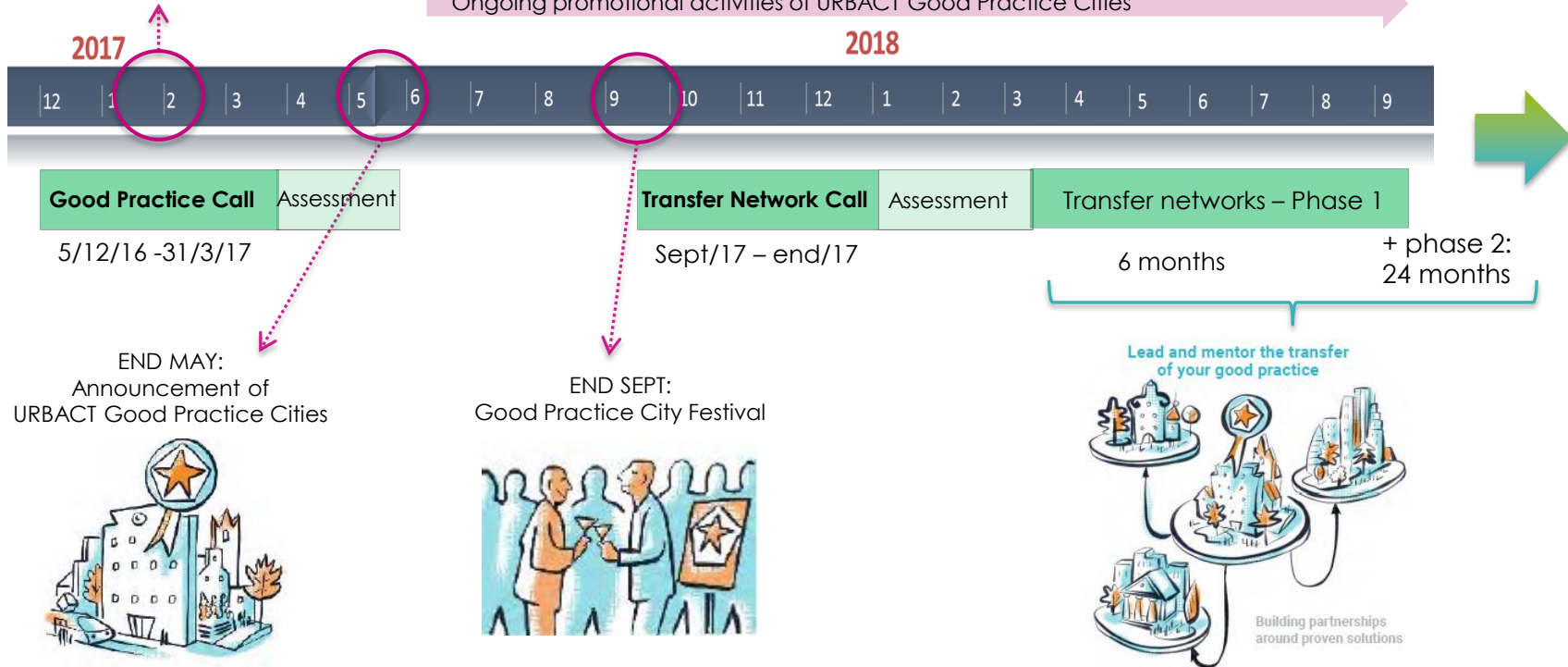


# Timeline

END JAN: EU Info-day in Brussels



Ongoing promotional activities of URBACT Good Practice Cities







## Useful resources:

### ◆ Good practice call

Direct link: [here](#)

### ◆ URBACT Secretariat

For all questions concerning the Good Practice Call, applicants are invited to contact the URBACT Secretariat on the following email address - [goodpracticecall@urbact.eu](mailto:goodpracticecall@urbact.eu)

### ◆ URBACT articles on our website & blog

If you want to learn more about the type of urban practices URBACT supports, please visit our website and blog which offers a great variety of articles organised by topics:

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

### Articles:

- <http://urbact.eu/good-practice-call-difference>
- <http://urbact.eu/cities-and-good-practice-lessons-urbact-transfer-pilots>



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**Good Practice Call**

Become an URBACT Good Practice City



**Meeting Europe's urban challenges together**

All European cities face the same kinds of problems: poverty, social exclusion, environmental concerns... The list is long.

To help you meet your city's challenges, URBACT is launching a new call to establish a pool of good practices in sustainable integrated urban development.

This Good Practice Call will enable your city to showcase solutions that can be understood, adapted and reused by cities all over Europe and beyond.

Does your city have a solution that works? Here's how to share it!

