What is an URBACT network?

URBACT offers cities a unique opportunity to collaborate through European networks for exchange and learning. Combining local participation with peer learning, cities co-create and implement new and improved local strategies for sustainable urban development.

Driving change for better cities

With EUR 96,3 million in funding, URBACT III (2014-2020) is organised around **four main objectives:**
• Capacity for policy delivery
• Policy design
• Policy implementation
• Building and sharing knowledge

The main beneficiaries are municipalities, towns (without limit of size), infra-municipal tiers of government, metropolitan authorities, organised agglomerations and local agencies. Regional and national authorities, universities and research centers can participate as non-city partners.

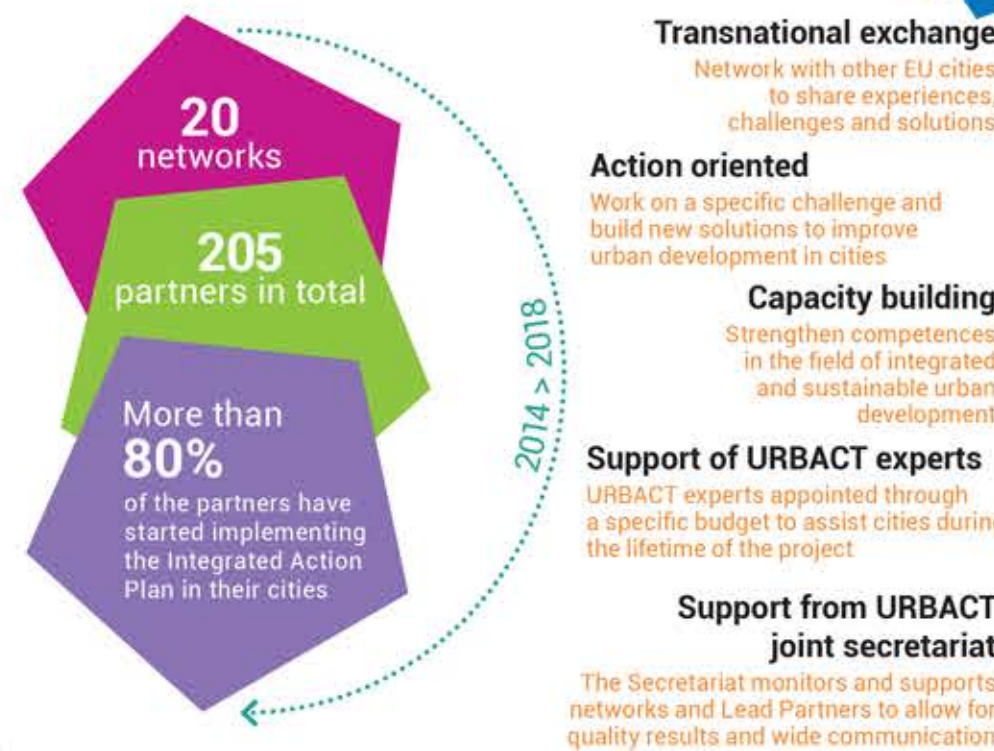To reach these objectives, the programme develops **3** types of interventions:

★ **Capacity-building**

★ **Transnational exchanges | networks**

★ **Capitalisation & communication**

Action Planning Networks

URBACT's strategic focus is to strengthen local capacities on integrated and sustainable urban development, notably using **Action Planning Networks.**

These networks are expected to support an organised process of exchange and learning among cities across Europe, with a view to improving local policies through concrete action planning. Having identified a policy challenge to address, each city has worked with local stakeholders and exchanged with European peers to develop an **Integrated Action Plan.** This roadmap ensures a series of integrated and operational steps to overcome the challenge.
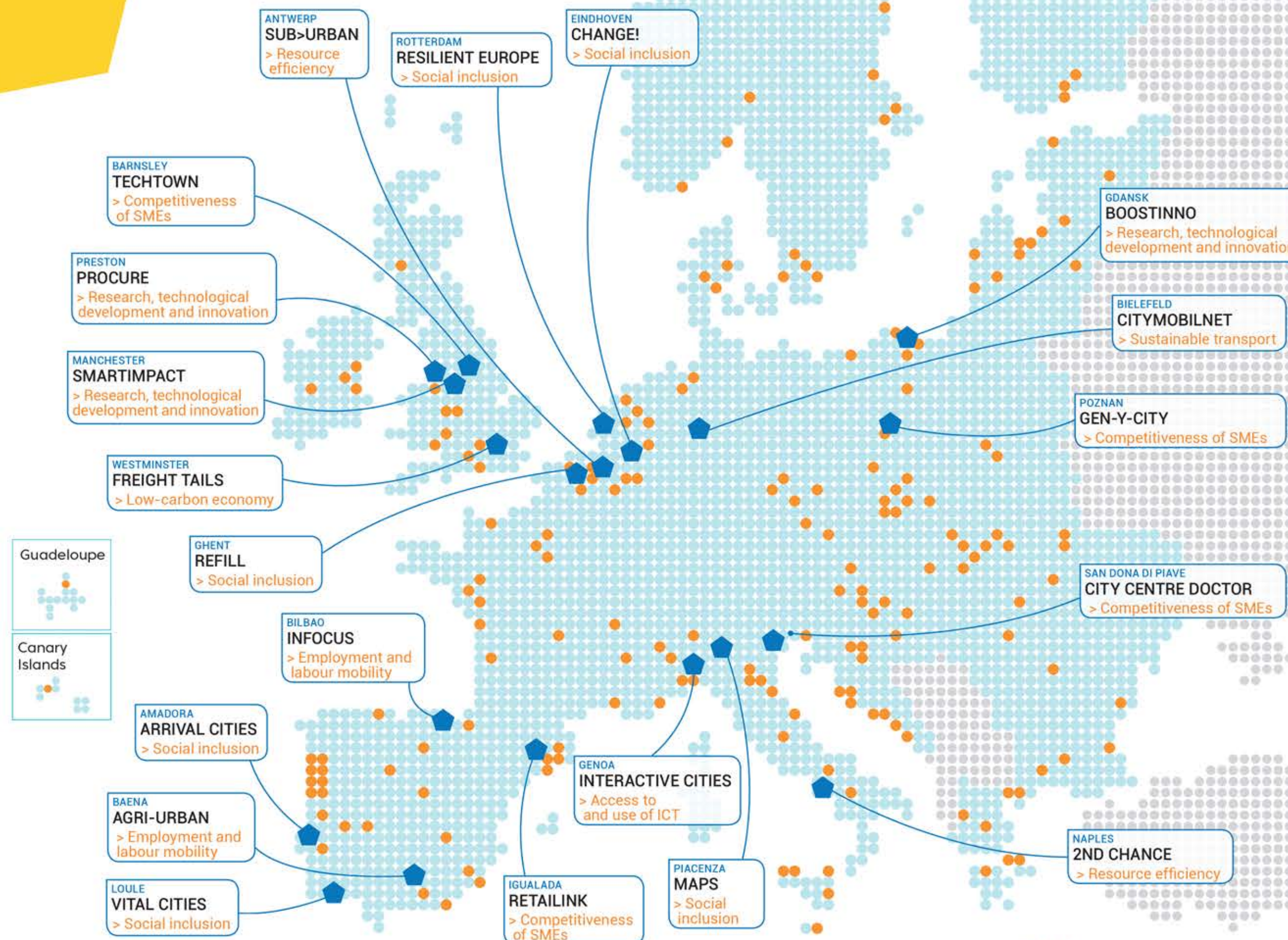
ORGANISATION

20 networks

205 partners in total

More than 80% of the partners have started implementing the Integrated Action Plan in their cities

Transnational exchange
Network with other EU cities to share experiences, challenges and solutions

Action oriented
Work on a specific challenge and build new solutions to improve urban development in cities

Capacity building
Strengthen competences in the field of integrated and sustainable urban development

Support of URBACT experts
URBACT experts appointed through a specific budget to assist cities during the lifetime of the project

Support from URBACT joint secretariat
The Secretariat monitors and supports networks and Lead Partners to allow for quality results and wide communication

Timeline

December 2014 — URBACT III is adopted

March 2015 — Call for the creation of up to 20 Action Planning Networks

May 2016 — 20 Action Planning Networks pass Phase 2

2014 > 2018

May 2018 — The 20 Action Planning Networks end their activities

January 2019 — Next call for the creation of Action Planning Networks

ACTION PLANNING NETWORKS, ALL OVER EUROPE!

LEAD CITIES
• Network partners
NAME OF THE NETWORK
> EU Thematic objectives

ANTWERP
SUB>URBAN
> Resource efficiency

ROTTERDAM
RESILIENT EUROPE
> Social inclusion

EINDHOVEN
CHANGE!
> Social inclusion

BARNSLEY
TECHTOWN
> Competitiveness of SMEs

PRESTON
PROCURE
> Research, technological development and innovation

MANCHESTER
SMARTIMPACT
> Research, technological development and innovation

WESTMINSTER
FREIGHT TAILS
> Low-carbon economy

GHENT
REFILL
> Social inclusion

GDANSK
BOOSTINNO
> Research, technological development and innovation

BIELEFELD
CITYMOBILNET
> Sustainable transport

POZNAN
GEN-Y-CITY
> Competitiveness of SMEs

SAN DONA DI PIAVE
CITY CENTRE DOCTOR
> Competitiveness of SMEs

Guadeloupe

Canary Islands

BILBAO
INFOCUS
> Employment and labour mobility

AMADORA
ARRIVAL CITIES
> Social inclusion

BAENA
AGRI-URBAN
> Employment and labour mobility

LOULE
VITAL CITIES
> Social inclusion

GENOA
INTERACTIVE CITIES
> Access to and use of ICT

IGUALADA
RETAILINK
> Competitiveness of SMEs

PIACENZA
MAPS
> Social inclusion

NAPLES
2ND CHANCE
> Resource efficiency

The Urban Agenda for the EU

Established in 2016, the Urban Agenda for the EU brings together Member States, cities, civil society organisations and EU institutions to enhance current regulation, funding schemes and knowledge-sharing practices for better urban policy across Europe.
URBACT contributes to all 12 priority themes:

Inclusion of migrants and refugees
• Arrival Cities

Urban poverty
• BoostINNO
• CHANGE!
• VITAL CITIES

Climate adaptation (including green infrastructure solutions)
• RESILIENT EUROPE
• RetaiLink

Jobs and skills in the local economy
• AGRI-URBAN
• Arrival Cities
• BoostINNO
• CHANGE!
• City Centre Doctor
• TechTown
• Gen-Y-City
• InFocus
• INTERACTIVE CITIES
• Procure
• RESILIENT EUROPE
• RetaiLink

Innovative and responsible public procurement
• Procure
• SmartImpact
• VITAL CITIES

Air quality
• CityMobilNet
• Freight TAILS

Housing
• Sub>urban
• 2nd Chance

Circular economy
• REFILL
• 2nd Chance
• Sub>urban

Energy transition
• SmartImpact

Digital transition
• Gen-Y-City
• INTERACTIVE CITIES
• SmartImpact
• TechTown

Urban mobility
• CityMobilNet
• Freight TAILS

Sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions
• 2nd Chance
• AGRI-URBAN
• MAPS
• REFILL
• Sub>urban

★ **URBACT**
Driving change for better cities

URBACT enables cities to work together to develop new and sustainable solutions to major urban challenges, through networking, sharing knowledge and building capacity for urban practitioners. It is funded by the European Regional Development Fund and EU Member and Partner States since 2002.

The Sustainable Development Goals

URBACT also shares the aims of the **New Urban Agenda** and of the **Sustainable Development Goals:**

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

2ND CHANCE
REVITALISATION OF THE SLEEPING GIANTS

Naples (IT), Dubrovnik (HR), Maribor (SI), Lublin (PL), Chemnitz (DE), Brussels (BE), Caen (FR), Liverpool (UK), Gijon (ES), Porto (PT), Genoa (IT).

Rehabilitation of old, abandoned or underused buildings and sites for the benefit of a sustainable neighbourhood development based on common goods.

OUTPUTS
- "An Urban guide for the reactivation and reuse of larger vacant buildings"
- Good practice compilation
- 4 thematic papers
- 4 Insider magazines
- 5 voices from the sleeping giants videos

AGRI-URBAN
THE ROOTS OF THE CITY

Baena (ES), Fundao (PT), Monmouthshire (UK), Pays des Condruses (BE), Sodertalje (SE), Jelgava (LV), Petrinja (HR), Pyli (EL), Cesena (IT), Mouans-Sartoux (FR), Mollet del Valles (ES).

Rethinking agrifood production in small and medium-sized cities in the light of new trends resulting in new opportunities for the labour market, SMEs development and the urban-rural linkage.

OUTPUTS
- "The roots of the city" publication
- "Our learning and sharing journey" final publication
- Compendium of case studies
- Video pack

CITYMOBILNET
CO-PRODUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLANS

Bielefeld (DE), Burgos (ES), Braga (PT), Morne-a-l'Eau (FR), Aix Marseille Provence (FR), Palermo (IT), South East Region (MT), Agii Anargyri Kamatero (EL), Zadar (HR), Slatina (RO), Gdansk (PL).

Facing major problems of urban mobility by empowering cities to develop sustainable urban mobility strategies in a comprehensive and co-productive process for a time scope of 10-15 years.

OUTPUTS
- Compendium of case studies
- Policy recommendations
- SUMP thematic report

FREIGHT TAILS
TAILORED APPROACHES FOR INNOVATIVE LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS

Westminster (UK), Brussels (BE), Maastricht (NL), Gdynia (PL), La Rochelle (FR), Parma (IT), Split (HR), Suceava (RO), Tallinn (EE), Umea (SE).

Addressing the challenges posed by rapidly increasing freight movements within the context of all urban logistics and stimulating the low-carbon urban freight sector.

OUTPUTS
- "Managing urban freight more effectively: a guide to getting started and planning actions"
- 6 thematic reports
- 30 good practice factsheets

PROCURE
DRIVING INNOVATION IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Preston (UK), Albacete (ES), Candelaria (ES), Bologna (IT), Koprivnica (HR), Satu Mare (RO), Nagykallo (HU), Lublin (PL), Koszalin (PL), Almelo (NL), Prague (CZ).

Exploring how to harness the spending power through procurement to bring benefits for businesses and people and have a positive impact on the city and its local economy.

OUTPUTS
- "Creating a good local economy through procurement" final publication
- 6 case studies
- "How we spend money can make a difference" video
- "How to add value in public procurement" infographic

REFILL
REUSING OF VACANT SPACES AS A DRIVING FORCE FOR INNOVATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Ghent (BE), Nantes (FR), Athens (EL), Cluj-Napoca (RO), Ostrava (CZ), Poznan (PL), Riga (LV), Helsinki (FI), Bremen (DE), Amersfoort (NL).

Exploring the practice of temporary use of vacant sites to identify its long-lasting effects and the way in which it influences local governments in planning and decision-making processes.

OUTPUTS
- "A journey through temporary use" final publication
- Road map to temporary use
- 5 videos
- 6 REFILL magazines
- 3 lessons learnt publications

TECHTOWN
HOW CAN SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED CITIES HAVE A PLACE IN TECH ECONOMY?

Barnsley (UK), Limerick (IE), Basingstoke and Deane (UK), San Sebastian (ES), Clermont-Ferrand (FR), Siracusa (IT), Dubrovnik (HR), Nyiregyhaza (HU), Cesis (LV), Gavle (SE), Loop City (DK).

Exploring how small and medium-sized cities can maximise the job creation potential of the digital economy and how businesses can access the digital skills needed to grow and compete.

OUTPUTS
- TechTown online platform
- 7 podcasts

ARRIVAL CITIES
MANAGING GLOBAL FLOWS AT LOCAL LEVEL

Amadora (PT), Val-de-Marne (FR), Oldenburg (DE), Dresden (DE), Riga (LV), Vantaa (FI), Thessaloniki (EL), Patras (EL), Messina (IT), Roquetas de Mar (ES).

Managing rapid change in the population structure and interactions between individuals and social groups in cities in relation to the growing migrant population.

OUTPUTS
- "Migrants perspective book"
- Memory video
- 5 thematic workshop reports

BOOSTINNO
BOOSTING SOCIAL INNOVATION

Gdansk (PL), Wroclaw (PL), Baia Mare (RO), Milan (IT), Turin (IT), Barcelona (ES), Braga (PT), Paris (FR), Strasbourg (FR), Skania (SE).

Improving the capacities of public administrations to boost social innovation ecosystems through participation, open innovation and entrepreneurship.

OUTPUTS
- "Wellbeing in cities, a social innovation Revolution" final publication
- KUMU community sensemapping
- BoostINNO online platform
- 5 videos

GEN-Y-CITY
DEVELOPING, ATTRACTING AND RETAINING YOUNG LOCAL TALENT

Poznan (PL), Bologna (IT), Genoa (IT), Sabadell (ES), Granada (ES), Coimbra (PT), Nantes (FR), Wolverhampton (UK), Kristiansand (NO), Klaipeda (LT), Daugavpils (LV), Torun (PL).

Supporting creative and innovative entrepreneurs from Generation Y by developing tailor-made forms of cooperation between science, local government and business.

OUTPUTS
- "Developing, attracting and retaining Gen-Y creative-tech talent in European cities" final publication
- 5 thematic papers
- Compendium of case studies
- Good practices compilation
- 6 videos

INFOCUS
SMART SPECIALISATION AT CITY LEVEL

Bilbao (ES), Porto (PT), Plasencia (ES), Ostrava (CZ), Bucharest (RO), Bielsko Biala (PL), Frankfurt (DE), Bordeaux (FR), Grenoble (FR), Turin (IT).

Developing better and more efficient urban policies in order to facilitate the identification and capturing of new emerging sectorial opportunities and create smart specialisation strategies.

OUTPUTS
- "Smart specialisation at city level" final
- 4 thematic papers
- 10 city journey videos

RESILIENT EUROPE
IMPROVING CITY RESILIENCE

Rotterdam (NL), Glasgow (UK), Antwerp (BE), Bristol (UK), Potenza (IT), Ioannina (EL), Thessaloniki (EL), Burgas (BG), Katowice (PL), Malmo (SE), Vejle (DK).

Increasing the city's resilience and successfully delivering on its potential for progress using a transition management approach.

OUTPUTS
- "How we live together: resilience and social inclusion in cities" final publication
- Resilient Europe video

RETAILINK
CREATING INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO REVITALISE THE RETAIL SECTOR

Igualada (ES), Romans (FR), Fermo (IT), Sibenik (HR), Pecs (HU), Bistrita (RO), Liberec (CZ), Hengelo (NL), Hoogeveen (NL), Basingstoke and Deane (UK).

Fostering the revitalisation of the retail sector in medium-sized cities through innovative retail strategies that will enhance the competitiveness of small and/or independent retail businesses.

OUTPUTS
- "Innovative strategies for retail revitalisation in medium-sized cities" final publication
- The RetaiLand virtual city game
- RetaiLink for dummies video pack
- 3 case studies
- 5 thematic papers

VITAL CITIES
URBAN SPORTS PROMOTION FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION, HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIVING

Loule (PT), Rieti (IT), Sibenik (HR), Burgas (BG), Budapest (HU), Krakow (PL), Usti Nad Labem (CZ), Liepaja (LV), Vestfold (NO), Birmingham (UK).

Using innovative urban design and planning tools for redesigning public spaces for recreation services and breaking down barriers to participation within the less active and the deprived population.

OUTPUTS
- Vital Cities Results final publication
- Vital Cities Label study

CHANGE!
PEOPLE POWERED PUBLIC SERVICES

Eindhoven (NL), Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown (IE), Amarante (PT), Forli (IT), Nagykanizsa (HU), Riga (LV), Gdansk (PL), Skania (SE), Aarhus (DK).

Establishing a collaborative public service model in order to meet the increasing public expectations, societal challenges and financial shortages.

OUTPUTS
- "European stories of CHANGE! How to make social public services 100% social?" final publication
- 5 case studies
- 5 "CHANGE! Talk" videos
- 30 good practice factsheets

CITY CENTRE DOCTOR
REVITALISING CITY CENTRES OF SMALLER CITIES

San Dona di Piave (IT), Idrija (SI), Petrinja (HR), Valaske Mezirici (CZ), Radlin (PL), Naas (IE), Heerlen (NL), Nort-sur-Erdre (FR), Amarante (PT), Medina del Campo (ES).

Bringing innovation in the centres of smaller cities to retain local population, attract businesses and create employment.

OUTPUTS
- "A roadmap to digital urban governance"
- 12 guidelines to digital urban governance
- Video pack

INTERACTIVE CITIES
DIGITAL, SOCIAL MEDIA AND USER-GENERATED CONTENT IMPROVING URBAN GOVERNANCE

Genoa (IT), Debrecen (HU), Palermo (IT), Varna (BG), Alba Iulia (RO), Tartu (EE), Ghent (BE), Paris (FR), Lisbon (PT), Murcia (ES).

Exploring how digital, social media and user-generated content can improve today's urban management in European cities, regardless of size.

OUTPUTS
- "A roadmap to digital urban governance"
- 12 guidelines to digital urban governance
- Video pack

MAPS
REDEFINING THE MILITARY HERITAGE

Piacenza (IT), Serres (EL), Varazdin (HR), Szombathely (HU), Telsiai (LT), Koblenz (DE), Longford (IE), Espinho (PT), Cartagena (ES).

Renewal and sustainable management of dismissed military areas in urban environments to foster social inclusion, cohesion and accessibility.

OUTPUTS
- "A journey on the re-use of the former military assets urban guidebook"
- 6 thematic workshop infographics
- MAPS online platform
- Video pack

SMARTIMPACT
CITIES, PEOPLE AND THE PROMOTION OF SMART, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Manchester (UK), Dublin (IE), Porto (PT), Guadalajara (ES), Zagreb (HR), Smolyan (BG), Suceava (RO), Miskolc (HU), Stockholm (SE), Eindhoven (NL).

Deploying smart city technologies and solutions at a district level as a mechanism to help secure opportunities and remain competitive.

OUTPUTS
- SmartImpact online platform
- 5 thematic papers
- 12 case studies
- SmartImpact video

SUB>URBAN
REINVENTING THE FRINGE

Antwerp (BE), Barcelona (ES), Casoria (IT), Solin (HR), Baia Mare (RO), Vienna (AU), Brno (CZ), Oslo (NO), Dusseldorf (DE).

Increasing the density within the city borders instead of expanding the urban territory by uncovering new planning practices, processes, instruments and partnerships.

OUTPUTS
- "Are you working on your fringe?" final publication
- 14 Books of Ideas
- Video pack

Find all the information on each network's results and download their outputs at

www.urbact.eu/all-networks