

URBACT is a unique opportunity to learn from peers in Europe to find integrated solutions to urban challenges. Together we are setting foundations for better lives and a better Europe.



URBACT
Driving change for
better cities



CALL FOR ACTION PLANNING NETWORKS

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European Union
European Regional Development Fund



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

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



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



EMPOWER

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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](#))

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 share experiences and exchange knowledge with other European cities working on similar challenges*
- ◆ *are eager to involve relevant key stakeholders and practice participatory culture for effective policy- making*

What does URBACT offer?



Learning from peers & experts across Europe



Possibility to experiment & fund small-scale solutions at local level



Enhancement of capacities for policy-making



Access to financial resources and URBACT support for exchange and learning



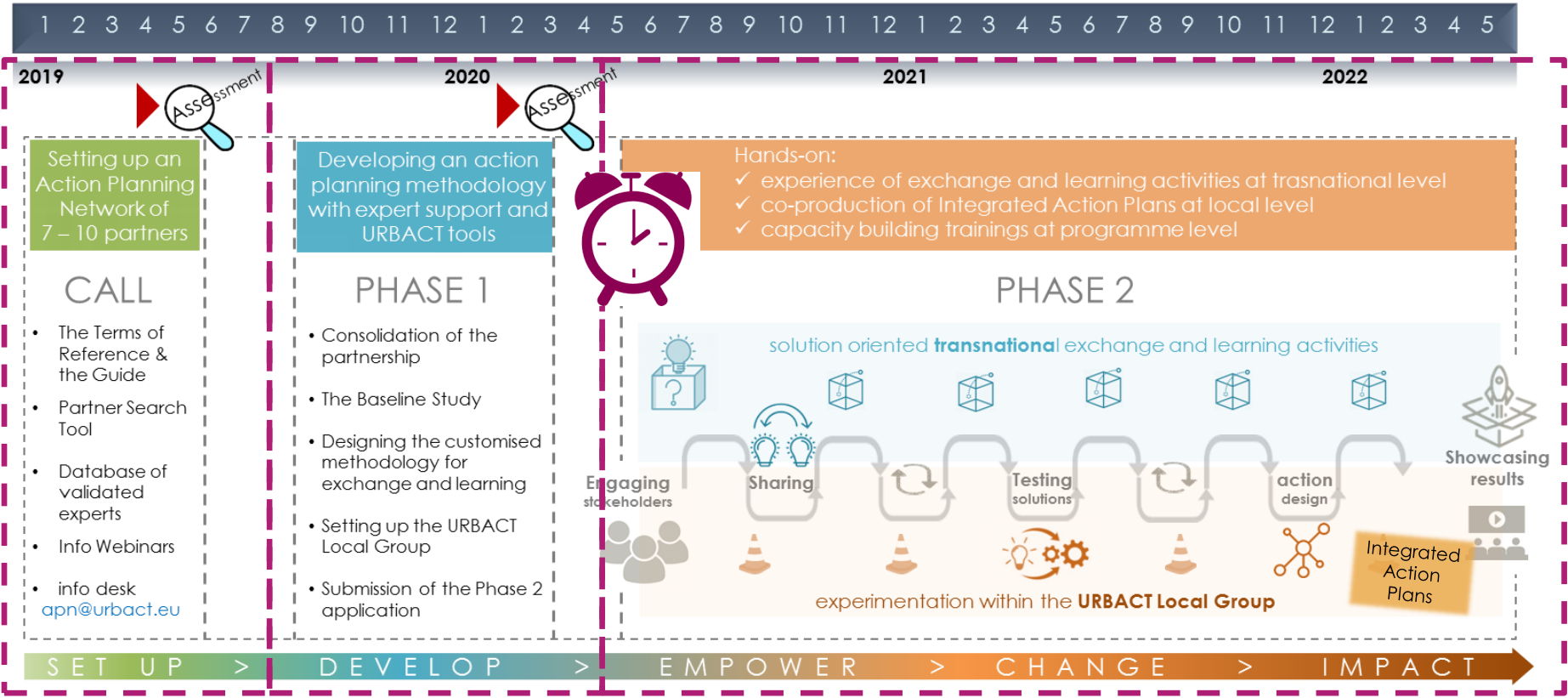
Adding value through the URBACT knowledge hub and experts

For more information, check the **Guide (p. 7 – 13)** [LINK](#)

“Thanks to the plurality of ideas and experiences we offered each other, out-of-the box thinking and the use of unconventional methods to work on our SUMP, we all grew richer in terms of knowledge and capacities and became friends by our joint work.”

Bielefeld (DE), Lead Partner coordinator for CityMobilNet

For more information, check the **Guide (p. 16 – 18)** [LINK](#)



Thematic coverage

- ◆ Research, technological development and innovation (TO1)
- ◆ Access to and 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 and management (TO5)
- ◆ Environment and resource efficiency (TO6)
- ◆ Sustainable transport and key network infrastructures (TO7)
- ◆ Employment and labour mobility (TO8)
- ◆ Social inclusion and poverty (TO9)
- ◆ Education, skills and lifelong learning (TO10)



[Links to the UAEU partnerships](#)

Who is eligible?



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

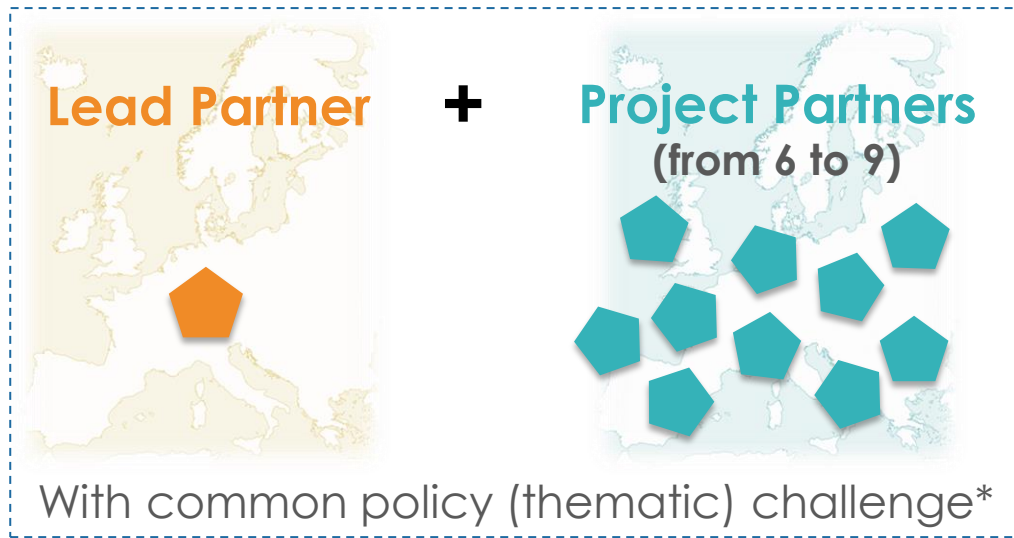


- ✓ Cities, municipalities, towns
- ✓ Infra-municipal tiers of government
- ✓ Metropolitan Authorities and organised agglomerations
- ✓ Local agencies defined as equivalent public organisations set up by a city*

+ “non-city” partners (Regions, Universities) **only as network partners – max. 2**

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

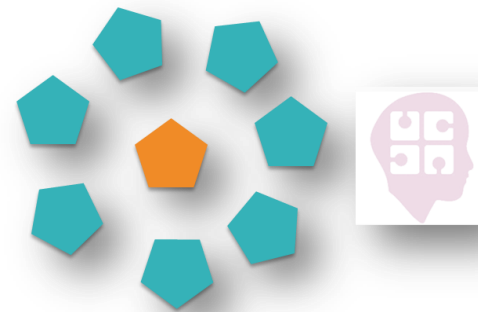
The Network proposal



& Lead Expert
(3 to be proposed)



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



For more information, check the **Guide (section 2.1)** [LINK](#)

How to find partners?



- ◆ **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*

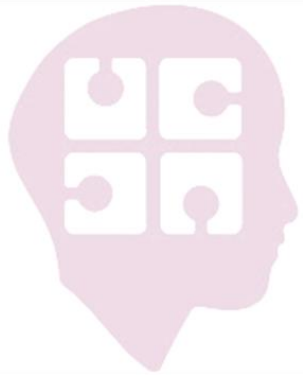
For more information, check the **Guide** [LINK](#)

When building your partnership, 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 according 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*

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](#)

*All experts must be chosen from the URBACT III **pool of validated experts** [LINK](#)*



- ◆ 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	

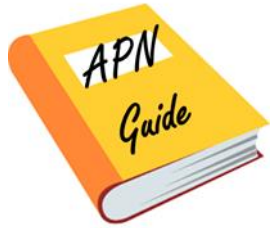
*The map of regions for co-financing rates of Structural funds is available [here](#)

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

How to draft the proposal?



- ◆ All the aspects for building a successful proposal are set out in **the Guide** [LINK](#)
 - ✓ *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*
- ◆ **Demonstrate added-value** of your proposal
- ◆ Outline of the application form and the criteria are available in the **Terms of Reference of the call** [LINK](#)



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.

Eligibility criteria



- ◆ Application package complete and in English, through SYNERGIE (then sent via email) within the deadlines
- ◆ Phase 1 partnership: 7-10 partners (incl. LP)
- ◆ Balance partners from More Developed / Less Developed regions
- ◆ Candidate Lead Partner in one URBACT proposal only
- ◆ All candidate partners are eligible
- ◆ Maximum budget Phase 1 EUR 150,000 total is respected



Assessment process



- ◆ Assessment by the External Assessment panel based on the assessment criteria:
- 1. **Relevance of the topic/theme/policy issue addressed (10%)**
- 2. **Quality of Partnership (15%)**
- 3. **Quality of the proposed methodology and activities (15%)**
- 4. **Project Management and Expertise (10%)**
- 5. **Added Value of the Proposal (25%)**
- 6. **Coherence of the Proposal (25%)**

Approval



- ◆ Approval by the Monitoring Committee 26 June 2019
- > Formal starting date of Phase 1 is 2 September 2019

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

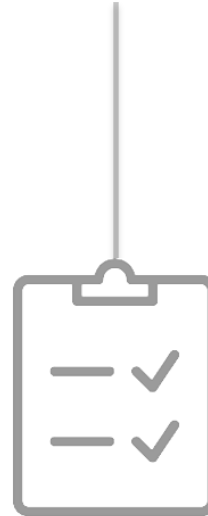
◆ URBACT Secretariat

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>



We are looking forward to
driving change for better
cities with you!