URBACT IN A NUTSHELL

- Objectives
- Activities
- URBACT II so far
URBACT IN A NUTSHELL

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

- Main objective
To promote integrated and sustainable urban development in EU cities by

  - facilitating the exchange of experience and learning among cities
  - drawing lessons, identifying and disseminating good practices
  - supporting urban practitioners in developing integrated action plans
MAIN ACTIVITIES

TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS
Allowing cities to share experiences/problems/solutions, to learn from one another, identify good practices to design 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
Capitalizing and disseminating urban knowledge, practices, policy recommendations to a wider audience of policy-makers and practitioners
NETWORKING in URBACT

Transnational Network
Cities with common problems coming together to learn from one another and work together on integrated solutions

City level
Local Stakeholders working in partnership to co-produce Integrated Action Plans

URBACT
- Funding
- Methods
- Expertise
- Capacity-building

Knowledge
Good practices, policy recommendations, etc.

Policy
Integrated action plans
URBACT II SO FAR...

- 52 networks (3 Calls)
- 500 partners from 26 MS & Switz. & Norway
- 5000 local stakeholders involved in local partnerships for the co-production of Local Action Plans
- 350 Local Action Plans produced (call 1 & 2)
URBACT II SO FAR...

- Capacity building activities
  - 2 Summer Universities
  - National Training seminars
  - Pilot Training for Elected officials

- Capitalisation to share knowledge and good practices about how cities are actually addressing urban challenges
URBACT II Cities in Sweden

- Botkyrka: TOGETHER
- Gävle: ESMER / ESMer C II
- Göteborg: Sustainable Food in Urban Communties / URBAMECO / My Generation / LC/FAO
- Herrljunga: N.O.S.E
- Karlshamn: REPAIR
- Lidingö: Building Healthy Communities
- Linköping: EUniverCities
- Malmö: CSI / Europe / CoNet
- Örebro: ENTER-HUI
- Söderhamn: Def for a Green Planet / RegGov
- Solna: RLHUP
- Stockholm: EVUE
- Umeå: WEED
The URBACT III programme

- Objectives & Activities
- 3 Types of network
- Beneficiaries
- How to join
- Provisional calendar
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 NETWORKS**
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**CAPACITY-BUILDING**
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URBACT III Networks – a diversified offer

3 types of networks proposed

- Action Planning Networks
- Implementation Networks
- Transfer Networks
Action-planning networks

Main purpose

To support cities with the design of integrated sustainable urban strategies/ action plans

Who?

Cities sharing common urban challenges and willing to address them by developing integrated solutions

Expected outcomes

• Integrated strategies for sustainable urban development
• Integrated action plans on one or several policy areas (to operationalise an existing strategy)
• Learning and recommendations for EU cities
Implementation networks

Main purpose

To support cities with the implementation of integrated sustainable urban strategies/ action plan

Who?

Cities implementing integrated strategies and action plans having secured different types of funding, including cities implementing integrated urban strategies and actions under article 7 (eg ITI, CLLD)

Expected outcomes

• Enhanced implementation of integrated strategies/ action plans for sustainable urban development (monitoring, timely delivery of actions, etc.)
• Learning and recommendations for EU cities
Transfer networks

Main purpose
To support cities with the transfer of good practice so as to improve the implementation of integrated sustainable urban strategies/ action plans

Who?
Cities willing to transfer locally practices of integrated urban development identified in other EU cities

Expected outcomes
• Transferred good practice in receiving cities
• Enhanced good practice
• Learning and recommendations for EU cities
Common features of URBACT networks

- Beneficiaries
- Partnerships
- Funding
MAIN BENEFICIARIES

- **Main beneficiaries**
  - Cities from EU 28 Member States, Norway & Switzerland including:
    - Cities, municipalities, towns without limit of size
    - Infra-municipal tiers of government
    - Metropolitan authorities & organized agglomerations

- **Other beneficiaries**
  - Local agencies
  - Provincial, regional and national authorities
  - Universities and research centers

All beneficiaries shall be public or public equivalent bodies
PARTNERSHIPS

- A lead partner city

- A limited number of partners
  - 8-12 partners in Action-planning & Implement° networks
  - 6-8 partners in Transfer networks

- A majority of cities – 3 non-city partners max

- Balance between partners from less developed regions and partners from more developed/transition regions
FUNDING

- Network budget: 600,000 – 750,000 euros
- ERDF + local contributions from cities
  - Less developed & Transition: 85% ERDF
  - More developed: 70% ERDF
- Additional envelope for expert support up to 127,000 euros per network
- Ongoing support by the URBACT Secretariat (tools, methods, training, etc.)
Transnational Exchange
ERDF co-financing

Co-financing from ERDF of beneficiary cities and other eligible beneficiaries for the actions implemented

- Less developed and transition regions shall receive 85% ERDF contribution

- More developed shall receive 70% ERDF contribution
Call for Proposals

Submission First proposal

Eligibility check & Assessment
Approval & funding

6-month to develop Final proposal

Submission of Final proposal

Eligibility check & Assessment
Approval & funding

24 month to implement network activities and deliver

Initial partnership with identified common urban challenge

Extended partnership with complete network proposal
Beginning 2015
1° call for Action-planning networks

End 2015
1° calls for Transfer networks
1° call for Implementation networks
PROVISIONAL CALENDAR 1st CALL FOR ACTION-PLANNING NETWORKS

- March 2015: 1st call Action-planning
- March-June 2015: applicants preparing bids
- June 2015: submission of proposals
- July-Aug 2015: eligibility check & assessment
- Sept 2015: MC approval funding 6-month preparatory phase
- Mid Sept 2015- Mid March 2016: 6-month Prep Phase
- Mid March 2016: submission Final Proposals
- March-April 2016: eligibility check & assessment
- April 2016: MC final approval funding for network
- April 2016-April 2018: 24-month for network activities

Partner search facility on URBACT website
URBACT FEST Riga, 6-8 May 2015
Grazie
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| **Geographical Balance Phase 2** | Minimum 4 Less Developed | Minimum 4 Less Developed | • Minimum 2 Less Developed if 6 PP  
• Minimum of 3 if 7 or 8 PP ** |
| **Co-financing rates** | • 70% More Developed  
• 85% Less Developed and Transition | • 70% More Developed  
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| **Budget** | Between 600k and 750k € | Between 600k and 750k € | Between 600k and 750k € |
| **Expertise** | 127.500€ | 127.500€ | 127.500€ |
| **Capacity Building** | yes | yes | yes |
How to apply and join?

- A staged process with 7 main steps
  1. Open call for proposals
  2. Submission of Declaration of interest
  3. Assessment & selection of projects to be supported for development
  4. 6-month phase to develop network proposal
  5. Submission of Application
  6. Assessment & selection of projects to be funded
  7. 24-month phase to implement network activities and deliver expected outputs

- 2 moments to join a network
  - Step 2 – Declaration of interest – in the initial partnership
  - Step 4 – During 6-month dvpt phase – in the extended partnership
Thematic Concentration

*Thematic concentration with a flexible approach to find answers to the various needs of cities*

- To help achieve the EU2020 goals, concentration of 70% of transnational exchange budget to 5 Thematic Objectives:
  - strengthening research, technological development and innovation
  - supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors
  - protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
  - promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
  - promoting employment and supporting labour mobility

- The remaining 30% will be available for all other themes based on a bottom up approach