



**URBACT III
Programme**

**Expertise Support for
Capitalisation action**

Call for Applicants

Design and delivery of 'Local Pact for Deprived Neighbourhoods'

1- CONTEXT

The URBACT Programme

The URBACT III Programme is part of the European Territorial Cooperation Objective of the Structural Fund policies for the period 2014-2020. The URBACT III Programme is financed through the ERDF, for which principles and regulations are laid down in EU Regulations N° 1303/2013, 1301/2013 and 1299/2013.

URBACT's mission is to enable cities to work together and develop integrated solutions to common urban challenges, by networking, learning from one another's experiences, drawing lessons and identifying good practices to improve urban policies.

URBACT promotes exchange and learning between cities. It uses European Structural Funds to achieve its goals. It does not finance investments nor does it carry out pilot projects. As stated in the Operational Programme, URBACT III is driven by the following specific objectives:

- To improve the capacities of cities to manage sustainable urban policies and practices in an integrated and participative way
- To improve the design of sustainable urban strategies and action plans in cities
- To improve the implementation of sustainable urban strategies and action plans in cities
- To ensure that practitioners and decision-makers at all levels (EU, national, regional and local) have increased access to URBACT thematic knowledge and share know-how on Sustainable Urban Development

The URBACT III programme currently supports more than 300 cities in 29 countries in Europe to participate in thematic networks consisting of 10-12 cities involving thousands of actors on the ground (local administrations, elected representatives, civil society, residents, etc.).

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2- SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED

The URBACT III programme offers new tools for cities in the programming period 2014-2020. Through the programme Capitalisation activities, urban players beyond the partners of URBACT III networks will have access to the knowledge and good practices gathered within URBACT. In particular, URBACT's involvement in the Urban Agenda for the EU partnerships (<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/urban-agenda>) ensures that cities voices are heard in the framework of this multilevel governance tool.

The capitalisation action 'Fight urban deprivation: a local pact pilot' is URBACT's contribution to the Urban Poverty Partnership action plan (see Annex 1: Urban Poverty Partnership Action Plan – Action 7). It takes the experience of URBACT cities dealing with deprived urban areas and couples it with the multilevel governance approach of the Urban Agenda to test how cities can work with national and other levels to more effectively tackle the issue of urban poverty (see Annex 2: Fight urban deprivation: a local pact pilot).

Four national support groups – comprising city, national and where necessary regional or managing authority level – will form the basis of the pilot. They are expected to be:

- France – Lyon (with input also from Lille)
- Poland – Krakow (with input also from Lodz)
- Spain – Barcelona
- Germany – Duisburg

The URBACT programme is looking for two experts with complimentary skills:

- 1) in the field of developing multilevel governance strategies for cities with deprived urban areas; in particular with expertise in State-City contracts
- 2) in the field of transnational peer-review processes using the URBACT method

The tasks will be carried out in the framework of the capitalisation action 'Fighting deprived urban areas' and will be overseen by a taskforce run by the URBACT Joint Secretariat. The experts will be working under the coordination of programme expert Ivan TOSICS. A fixed daily rate of 750€ inc. tax applies and the contract foresees a maximum of 60 days in total and a maximum of 33 days per expert. The contract runs until 31 January 2019.

Objectives

1. Test the implementation of a stronger urban dimension in the form of a multi-level governance approach on integrated urban development (called a local pact) as a way to reduce territorial disparities within urban areas.
2. To provide tools and guidelines to the 4 National Groups on setting up their own local pact
3. To provide recommendations for policymakers (national and EU) on the efficacy of this approach.

Tasks

While we expect the two experts to work closely together, one will focus more on the analytical work linked to setting up and monitoring local pacts; the other will focus more on the process of organising peer review processes and the policy lab organisation.



Expert 1:

- Map national systems to identify which ministry, and other body like Managing Authority is relevant for the action (with the support of National URBACT Points)
- Set-up in each country a National Support Group (NSG), formed from people representing all relevant levels (with the support of National URBACT Points)
- Analyse the Local Pact and identify distinct elements to form basis for policy labs
- Feed outcomes of policy labs into framework guidelines for setting up local pacts
- Participate in meetings to present activity to relevant partners (CGET, EC)
- Make recommendations to national groups about adjustments

Expert 2:

- Organise 3-4 policy labs with all national groups participating
- Conduct policy labs with peer review process
- Feed outcomes of policy labs into framework guidelines for setting up local pacts
- Contribute to guidelines and policy recommendations drafting and revising
- Contribute articles to URBACT website

Deliverables:

- **Baseline study and methodology for setting up local pact:** based on concept of 'local pact' from Urban Poverty Partnership, identify 3/4 aspects of the pact to be examined e.g. a) area-people based methods, b) legal-institutional responsibilities between the different levels (national-regional –local), c) financial questions. The methodology should also identify some evaluation criteria for measuring the impact of the activity on approaches to urban poverty.
- **Guidelines on setting up local pact:** targeted to city and national administrations
- **Policy recommendations** for effective treatment of deprived neighbourhoods: targeted to European and national policymakers
- **3 policy labs:** optimally a 2-day meeting, which includes a) short field trip to understand the given case, b) real peer review sessions on the present form of the national case, c) a brainstorming of the potential changes towards the blueprint, d) discussion on the topic selected for this meeting.

While the final schedule needs to be fixed by the chosen experts, it could take the following form:

1. March/April 2018 in France or Germany, to present the French and German system in details
2. June 2018 Poland
3. November 2018 Spain

Prepare the meeting with detailed description of the country's system (together with the NSG), prepare the peer review approach: 1) to screen what system they have in the country and 2) brainstorm how a multilevel governance system could be developed under the realities of the country to use the dedicated EU money for the elimination of urban poverty.

- **1 meeting in Brussels** with EC: to present interim policy recommendations – Sept/Oct 2018
- **1 presentation to Urban Poverty Partnership**



Prerequisites and service provider profile

1) in the field of developing multilevel governance strategies for cities with deprived urban areas; in particular with expertise in State-City contracts

1. Consultant or consulting firm
2. Experience in the implementation of urban projects and urban integrated strategy at local level (with structural funds in particular)
3. Good knowledge of urban poverty and related policy issues
4. Good knowledge of state-city agreements such as the French or German systems
5. Knowledge of peer review method
6. Strong analytical and drafting skills
7. Fluent in English (written and spoken)

2) in the field of transnational peer-review processes using the URBACT method

1. Consultant or consulting firm
2. Expertise in URBACT programme and in particular the participatory policymaking method
3. Skills in peer review method
4. Good knowledge of urban poverty and related policy issues
5. Some knowledge of state-city agreements such as the French or German systems
6. Strong analytical and drafting skills
7. Fluent in English (written and spoken)

Timeline

1. 9 January 2018: Launching of the call on the URBACT website
2. 28 January 2018: Deadline for submitting an offer
3. 02 February 2018: Selection of the service providers
4. Week of 5 February 2018: Contractual arrangements finalised with the successful candidates;
5. Week of 12 February 2018: kick-off meeting with URBACT secretariat (via webex)

3 - OFFERS

Offers must be written in English. Offers shall include:

1. A short letter of intent outlining the experience of the candidate in the field of the call for applicants and the motivation regarding the different tasks
2. CV of the consultant(s) in Europass format

Offers must be sent to the URBACT Secretariat via e-mail to Nuala MORGAN n.morgan@urbact.eu and Thierry PICQUART t.picquart@urbact.eu

Offers to be sent no later than Sunday 28 January 2018 midnight CET

