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## **Gelderland starts international cooperation between governments**

**The Province of Gelderland wants to play an active role in solving current problems in the cities by international cooperation in the coming years. On the 24th November the EU approved of an URBACT II proposal named Common Sense. The EU subsidizes the URBACT programme through which Gelderland as the project Lead Partner actively anticipates on current developments, such as the climate change and financial crisis. It intends to find durable solutions and opportunities for contemporary problems.**

At the moment all European cities are faced with the impact of the financial and economic crisis. Moreover, the impact of the climate change becomes more and more important for urban development. Only by a close substantive cooperation between governments of all levels, on the basis of an integrated and durable urban policy, solutions for the current problems can be found.

The project, called Common Sense, intends to become an innovative European platform of managing authorities, who want to jointly create new opportunities for cities starting from their own responsibilities. By reinforcing their cooperation, the managing authorities intend to stimulate the effort and effectiveness of the European resources in the cities in order to get a better implementation of an integrated and a sustainable urban development.

Gelderland as initiator of Common Sense starts with partners from Sweden, Italy and Poland. After March 2010 this cooperation will be extended with four other countries/regions. The aim is to let the platform grow with partners who are a valuable addition for cooperation and provide a constructive contribution for sustainable solutions.