



Common Sense in Gelderland: the European partners are complete and ready to go !

The Province of Gelderland leads the URBACT II project Common Sense. The purpose of the Common Sense project is to stimulate the use and effectiveness of European resources in the cities in order to get a better implementation of an integrated and a sustainable urban development. In short: Common Sense wants to make better use of the European funding which is available for the cities together with 7 partners.

The project started for the first phase in September 2009 with 4 partners. The URBACT programme requires 6 to 8 partners for the second phase. Now in March 2010 the team is completed with 4 other partners. The participating managing authorities and cities, besides the Province of Gelderland (NL) are: the Regions of Lazio (I) and Sicily (I), the Provinces of Namur (B) and Barcelona (S), the Managing Authorities of Bulgaria (BG), and the cities Aachen (D) and Brasov (RO).

The URBACT programme also requires an in-depth study of the regions and cities. This Baseline Study is available now and can be found on the Common Sense project's website www.urbact.eu/commonsense. In this study, all the partners are presented with their current European policy and the way the funding is spread over various areas. For the coming years, the project strives at a more efficient use of funding and organizing project and proposals. Themes like innovation, sustainable and urban development are the central point of focus. But also the training of officials to make better use of European funds and deepen their knowledge of rules and regulations, as well as their financial understanding is a project which will be developed as a model for other countries. The project also aims at exchanging knowledge and experiences on a European level.

From the 24th of March the Common Sense European team awaits the approval of the URBACT Secretariat to GO !

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