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The URBACT Programme

URBACT is a European exchange and learning programme promoting sustainable urban development. It enables CITIES to work together to develop solutions to major urban challenges, reaffirming the key role they play in facing increasingly complex societal changes. URBACT helps cities to develop pragmatic SOLUTIONS that are new and sustainable, and that integrate economic, social and environmental dimensions. It enables cities to SHARE good practices and lessons learned with all professionals involved in urban policy throughout Europe.

URBACT is about cities working together to build solutions to major urban challenges.

URBACT is about Europe being engaged in the field to promote balanced, dynamic urban development.

URBACT is about sharing new, integrated, sustainable urban solutions.

URBACT is 255 cities, 29 countries, and 5,000 active participants.

URBACT is jointly financed by the European Union (European Regional Development Fund) and the European Union Member States.

The InteGROW project

To tackle the difficulties that certain young people are suffering, especially since the beginning of the present economic crisis, the InteGROW thematic network aims at developing integrated strategies for the inclusion of young people at risk of exclusion, through activation and employment.

OBJECTIVE

The InteGROW project is an opportunity to address social inclusion and employment of young people and to face the current economic crisis. In order to facilitate the labour market activation of young people at risk of exclusion; our OBJECTIVE is to identify and design effective, sustainable strategies and tools responding to the practical needs of European urban areas.

KEY POINT OF FOCUS

The fight against social exclusion of young people depends keenly on the integration of people furthest from the LABOUR MARKET. The persistence of large numbers of young people at risk of poverty represents a fundamental challenge to the objective of social cohesion enshrined in the European Union treaty. The goals of both Gothenburg and renewed Lisbon strategies cannot be realised if we do not make the best use of the potential human resources present in our societies.

FAST TRACK LABEL

The InteGROW project has been labeled as “Fast Track” by the European Commission. This label was created as part of the European initiative “Regions for Economic Change” to promote interregional cooperation and encourage innovative regional development strategies.

It means that the InteGROW project will be a specific tool to introduce best practice ideas in the mainstream through the Operational Programmes and will benefit from the active support and participation of the European Commission. These include a specific commitment to the ‘two-way bridge’ including participation of the ERDF and ESF Managing Authorities, the Directorate General of Education and Culture of the European Commission, and other relevant actors.

