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NeT-TOPIC

New Tools and approaches for managing urban Transformation Processes in Intermediate Cities

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Further information_ www.urbact.eu/net_topic

NeT-TOPIC FOCUS

Core Theme

- _ Building new models of urban development in peripheral cities in metropolitan areas.

Sub Themes

- _ Development and consolidation of an urban identity.
- _ Enhancement of new forms of urban and metropolitan governance
- _ Tackling urban fragmentation caused by roads and communication infrastructures.
- _ Recovering and conditioning abandoned and obsolete industrial areas.
- _ The planning and management of the transformation from a mono functional to a multi functional city.

ABOUT NeT-TOPIC

NeT-TOPIC is a Thematic Network within URBACT II (European Programme for Sustainable Urban Development). It is composed of European peripheral cities in transformation, with shared problems including industrial decline, territorial fragmentation and social polarisation. Located near to major cities, they are transforming to more attractive urban areas: focusing on developing their own urban identity, offering a greater quality of life, improving citizen integration and social cohesion to fulfil a new role within their metropolitan areas.

One of the biggest challenges faced by these cities is the use and promotion of new tools and approaches relating to territorial governance and urban planning processes at local, regional and national level to improve urban transformation processes. The network provides these cities with a platform to reflect on changes in the city model to increase the strategic value of its territory.

NeT-TOPIC's network aims to foster the exchange of knowledge, experiences and best practices among its partners. The project seeks to enhance the role of peripheral cities in territorial governance and urban planning processes to achieve their desired new city model.

NeT-TOPIC ACTIVITIES & OUTPUTS

_3 Thematic Seminars and
2 Workshop-labs
_3 Thematic Seminar
Publications

_Guidelines and
Recommendations for carrying
out urban planning processes
_Bank of Urban Transformation
Processes
_Baseline Study

_9 Local Action Plans
_9 Local Support Groups
(composed of relevant
related local stakeholders)

_5 electronic newsletters
_Final event