

A ULSG, What for?

In the framework of an URBACT project each partner is expected to set up a Local Support Group to define and develop a Local Action Plan on the urban issues the partner is trying to tackle.

The main objectives and core missions of the ULSG are to:

- Help clarify the particular needs or concerns of the partner in relation to the Thematic Network or Working Group topic.
- Help identify what the city can offer to the project in the form of good practice, existing tools, site visits, policies and other experience.
- Identify and/or validate project inputs or outputs such as case studies.
- Help ensure that this knowledge is reflected in the base line study and the Local Action Plan.
- Help disseminate the findings of the project to a wider local audience and ensure that end-users have a voice in the decision-making process.
- Help mobilizing the political and institutional support required to ensure that the Local Action Plan leads to real change.
- Mobilize new actors (stakeholders), in experimenting a new methodology, as ambassador of its own project.
- Mobilize the political and institutional support (Managing Authorities) required to ensure the funding of the Local Action Plan.
- Contribute to exchanges.
- Be an example for partners/ city that haven't been part of an URBACT Programme yet.