Global GOALS for Cities

An URBACT pilot network on localising the UN Sustainable Development Goals
About URBACT

bringing EU cities together
as a European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programme
co-financed by ERDF and Member/Partner States

Main objective: Promoting Integrated Sustainable Urban Development in EU towns and cities

Target: EU city administrations (city staff – policy makers, decision makers, practitioners)

Finding tailored responses with the URBACT Method

Integrated + Participative + Transnational Exchange + Expertise = ‘hands on’ Sustainable Urban Development

Since 2002

nearly 1000 cities

nearly 150 Networks

Upcoming
A participatory approach: The URBACT Local Group

- Every partner sets up an **URBACT Local Group** with different stakeholders from the city
- Together, they co-create the **Integrated Action Plan** using the Action Planning **tools** proposed in the transnational exchanges
- This helps to make sure that the plan reflects the needs of the city
An integrated approach

Integrated Urban Development
MEANS...

Cooperation between neighbouring municipalities
TERRITORIAL INTEGRATION

Cooperation between all levels of government and local players
VERTICAL INTEGRATION

Cooperation across different policy areas and departments of a municipality
HORIZONTAL INTEGRATION

Maintaining a balance between ‘hard’ (physical) investments and ‘soft’ (social) investments
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City partners

Lead Partner - Tallinn, Estonia

Glasgow, United Kingdom

Schiedam, Netherlands

Veszprém, Hungary

Solingen, Germany

Mouscron, Belgium

Ozalj, Croatia

Jihlava, Czech Republic

Dzierżoniów, Poland

Veliki Preslav, Bulgaria

Klaipėda, Lithuania

Braga, Portugal

Bratislava, Slovakia

Gävle, Sweden

Trim, Ireland

Heraklion, Greece

La Rochelle, France

Manresa, Spain

Reggio Emilia, Italy

6 000+ - 600 000+ inhabitants

19 EU countries
An URBACT pilot network

- to support a group of EU cities to exchange, build capacities and develop tools to **localise the SDGs**
- following the **URBACT method** incl. networking, action peer-learning, integrated and participatory approach

At the end of the project, all partners will have produced an **Integrated Action Plan for localising the SDGs in their context**

In partnership with CEMR

- using the Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities (RFSC) self-assessment tool
- open to international cooperation and peer-learning between cities worldwide, beyond EU
Action Planning journey in 5 key phases

March 2021

- Diagnosis
  - SDG Priorities and Gaps analysis

- Visioning
  - SDG Stories
    - Awareness-raising and citizen engagement

- Planning Actions
  - Co-creation of Integrated Action Plans for localising the SDGs
    - Participation and co-creation

- Fixing Indicators

- Finale
  - Lessons learned and good practices

December 2022

Spreading knowledge
The RFSC tool

The Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities
About the RFSC tool

**COORDINATION TEAM**
The team leader performs the assessment using the RFSC tool.

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS**
Discuss about the findings and improve the assessment.

**IMPROVE THE STRATEGY**
Communicate using the RFSC visual graphs.

**FINAL STRATEGY**
Develop a monitoring and evaluation system.

**Context Analysis**

**Integrated SDG strategy**
Using the RFSC tool

SELECT FRAMEWORK
EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES

ASSESS YOUR STRATEGY OR PLAN

CHECK YOUR ACTIONS

MONITOR PROGRESS

The RFSC reveals the sustainability profile of your strategy or action plan.

The RFSC helps you visualise potential gaps to improve your actions.
Identifying Gaps

Using the RFSC tool – www.rfsc.eu

Analysing Priorities...

Identifying Gaps
Manresa’s URBACT journey
Origins and first results

• Manresa started its journey of localisation of the SDGs in 2019:

1) First alignment of municipal plans with the SDGs, by a technical motor group
2) Municipal cross-cutting work
3) Raising awareness campaigns
4) Participatory process open to local stakeholders and citizens
5) Analysis and report of first results: 175 local targets and +400 actions
• When joined the URBACT network in 2021, Manresa also set up an URBACT Local Group with around 50 stakeholders from the city (some already engaged in the previous phase)

• We are currently working in our own Integrated Action Plan: the Urban Agenda of Manresa 2030
Targets

Based on the **175 local targets and the final 643 proposed actions** both from previous processes and from the ULG, the city has been working so far in:

- Establishing a **shared vision** of a sustainable future city
- Agree on **8 missions** to make it a reality
- Prioritizing the **30 transformative actions by 2030**
Mission:
By 2030, we will have a competitive and sustainable local economy, thanks to technological innovation, the use of clean energy, circular production systems and a better articulation of the territory.

Action: Sustainable Rehabilitation of the Fàbrica Nova

Manresa, Spain
Next steps

- Setting smart indicators of the 30 actions

- By the end of 2022, approving our IAP: the Urban Agenda of Manresa 2030, and presenting it to the public

- By 2023, starting the implementation and assessment of progress of the Agenda

- Transforming the ULG in the future Citizens’ Alliance for the Sustainability
Fixing Indicators
The Results Framework

- URBACT guidance: Performance in policy-making
The Action Planning Cycle

- Monitoring and Assessing the Progress Made
- Analysing a Problem to Reach a Shared Understanding
- Engaging Stakeholders in Active Collaboration
- Planning and Identifying a Coherent Set of Actions
- Ensuring Adequate Means to Deliver a Concrete Plan
- Delivering Actions and Foreseen Challenges
The Integrated Action Plan Canvas
**Locally adapted SDG target**

**Specific Objective**

11.6 By 2030, reduce the adverse environmental impact of City X, paying special attention to air quality

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| Improved air quality in accordance with international annual guidelines values and EU directives | • PM10: Number of days with more than 50 µg/m³  
• NO2: Number of days with more than 50 µg/m³  
• PM2.5: Number of days with more than 25 µg/m³ |

**Vision**

By 2030, all areas of city X will enjoy enhanced environmental protection and accessibility, involving local residents in the process

**Mission**

Green City

**Action**

Action No1: Improve the air quality in the city centre by creating more opportunities to alternative means of transport (compared to private vehicles)
Indicator frameworks

+ Partner suggestions
A core set of 56+ local SDG indicators

Challenges

- The “level” of actions and objectives in the action plans vs the SDG targets
- Operational/process indicators vs “hard” results indicators
- Availability and accessibility of data at city level
Coming up
Upcoming activities

19 Integrated Action Plans localising the SDGs

1 Final Network Product – lessons learnt and tools library

1 Final Event in Tallinn (Estonia)
19-21 January 2023

Invitation to participants to co-create a conference resolution

2 Transnational meetings (10 in total)

10 Podcast episodes (YouTube)

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Thank you!