





Conclusions






The Global Goals for Cities' Final Network Product

The Global Goals for Cities (GG4C) Learning Kit is part of the network's final network product - a multi-media product comprised of a collection of deliverables produced to showcase the results of the network.

The GG4C final network product contains the following elements:

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The GG4C Learning Kit (this publication).
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19 Case Studies produced by the GG4C partners sharing some highlights from the network journey.

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A Joint Statement of Support for SDG Localisation by the URBACT Global Goals for Cities network, signed by political representatives from the partner cities (shared in Module 6).
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The GG4C Podcast with 10 unique episodes and one Bonus episode (shared in Module 2).
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SDG Tweets slide deck with examples of how to raise awareness of the 17 SDGs through a Twitter campaign, based on partner cities' examples (shared in Module 2).



The final network product was finalised at the end of 2022 and released on the occasion of the network's final event in Tallinn on 19 January 2023.

All the materials and articles produced during the life span of the GG4C network can be found on [the network's URBACT web page](#).





Localising the SDGs – a complex but rewarding challenge for cities

Like the experience of the URBACT GG4C network presented in this learning kit shows, cities around Europe and beyond are playing an important role in delivering sustainable development from the ground up. Organisations like the OECD and UCLG commonly point out that around 65% of the SDGs' 169 targets will not be reached without the active involvement and contribution by local and regional governments.

Localising the SDGs implies new ways of working for national governments and local authorities alike. Achieving them – as shown throughout the examples and steps presented in this kit – require:

- a shared understanding of key challenges and trade-offs between goals and targets when setting the local SDGs agenda;
- cross-departmental collaboration and alignment across government levels to achieve policy coherence;
- meaningful engagement of multiple stakeholders in the co-creation of a shared vision and local integrated action plans;
- well-informed citizens and an active civil society to hold their local governments accountable and be able to contribute to achieving long-term goals.

Sharing knowledge and learning together

Using the SDGs as a shared framework helps to reap the benefits of both city-to-city collaboration and multi-stakeholder partnerships. At the same time, it is clear that no silver bullets or one-size-fits-all solutions exist for achieving the SDGs. Instead, complex issues such as sustainable development call for a diversity of approaches and collective intelligence.

Going forward, we hope that this learning kit will inspire more cities to take action and work with local stakeholders to define their own missions to deliver on the SDGs.

During the GG4C network's final event in Tallinn in January 2023 – lead partner of the network – practitioners, stakeholders, experts and city leaders came together to celebrate the results achieved during the project and to participate in the launch of the Tallinn European Green Capital Year 2023.

On this occasion, the GG4C network and the European Green Capital network came together at an international conference to discuss sustainability governance and pave the way for new ambitions and future partnerships.

Together, cities are contributing to transforming our world, by making global goals a local reality.

We – everyone, everywhere – are the cities!

