

**Driving
change
for better
cities**

URBACT Call for Good Practices

Open: 15 April - 30 June 2024

URBACT



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg

[What we will talk about:

1. The Call for Good Practices

2. The example of the URBACT Good Practice of Ljubljana (Slovenia)- Guest Maruška Markovčič

3. URBACT Good Practices- visibility and dissemination opportunities

4. What's next

URBACT



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg

1. Call for Good Practices

15 April-30 June
2024



What are we looking for?

A successful urban good practice implemented in a European city that is:



Impactful



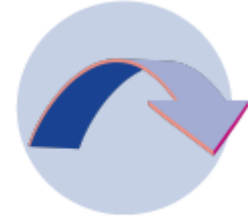
Participatory



Integrated



**Relevant
for the EU**



**Transferable
to other cities**

Thematic coverage

Any policy area contributing to sustainable urban development

Economic development, social inclusion, green transition, energy transition, digital transformation, gender equality, cultural heritage, migration, urban renewal, and others!

4 criteria for the selection of Good Practices

1. **Relevance at European Level**
2. **Fit with principles of integrated and participatory sustainable urban development**
3. **Impact at local level**
4. **Transferability**

Criteria equally important and equally weighed:

**25 points/
criterion**

[Who is eligible?

- **Cities, municipalities, towns**
- **Infra-municipal tiers of government such as city districts and boroughs**
- **Metropolitan authorities and organised agglomerations**
- **Local agencies defined as public or semi-public organisations set up by a city**

No limitations in terms of size and population in order to apply to this call for Good Practices

Institutions from:

1. **27 EU Member States**
2. **Partner States** (Switzerland and Norway)
3. **IPA countries** (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia)
4. **Ukraine, Moldova**

Submission procedure

To submit your Good Practice:

Fill in an online questionnaire in English by 30 June 2024 at 14:00 CEST*

Link to the form on urbact.eu/get-involved

**An applicant can submit more than one proposal of Good Practice. However, cities with several awarded good practices willing to take the role of a Lead partner in a Transfer Network will have to choose one of their awarded Good Practices and apply for a single Transfer Network.*

Timeline of the call



Questions about the call?



2. Beepath Net:

The URBACT
Good Practice
from Ljubljana
(SI)





URBACT

Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg



City of Ljubljana
City Administration, Department for Environmental
Protection – Section for Rural Development

From Bee Path in Ljubljana to International Bee Path Cities Network

Maruška Markovčič

Ljubljana, 23. 5. 2024

co-funded by
the European Union
Erreg



ČEBELJA POT



URBACT
GOOD PRACTICE
CITY



ČEBELA V LJUBLJANI



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg

Ljubljana – Green Capital of Europe 2016



280.000 inhabitants

46% forest

more than 30.000 trees in urban areas

10.000 ha farm land

826 farms

350 beekeepers with 4.500 bee families

More than 225 million bees 😊



Biodiversity



Food self-sufficiency

URBACT



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg



Čebela v Ljubljani – Bee in Ljubljana



ČEBELA V LJUBLJANI



**DELIMO SEMENA
IN NASVETE**

Sobota, 6. aprila, pri Tromostovju

www.bee-city.com/cebela



Municipality of Ljubljana



„We will move the grass when the bees will feed themselves“

- Beekeeping in rural areas of Ljubljana
- Development of urban beekeeping
- 118 bee stands in the urban areas of the city (more than Paris)
- Awareness raising



SOS line for collecting bee swarms



Bio monitoring of wild pollinators



20. May – World Bee Day
Honey day

Asylum for swarms

URBACT



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg



Čebela v Ljubljani – Bee in Ljubljana



ČEBELA V LJUBLJANI



- **Education**
API kindergarten



URBACT



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg



Čebela v Ljubljani – Bee in Ljubljana



- New products – Rent-a-hive, sparkling mead...
- Tourism – guided tour around Ljubljana Bee Path
- Connecting different stakeholders and creating

46





Čebela v Ljubljani – Bee in Ljubljana



ČEBELA V LJUBLJANI

What is Bee Path

- Movement
- Educational frame
- Network
- Think-tank and an incubator for new ideas
- Connects two strategic goals of Ljubljana – biodiversity and food self-sufficiency
- An actual path



Bees in Ljubljana – Ljubljana centre of urban beekeeping in Slovenia



Enriching the Urban Jungle with Bees



URBACT
Driving change for better cities



Enriching the Urban Jungle with Bees

- 2011 – first beehives on the roof of Cultural centre Cankarjev dom
- 2014 – establishment of Urban Beekeepers Association
- 2015 – **Bee Path in Ljubljana**
- 2017 – City Apiary
- 2017 – Ljubljana – The most friendly municipality to the bees in Slovenia
- 2018 – EU project – URBACT III – Transfer Networks – BeePathNet
- 2019 – Ljubljana – The most friendly municipality to the bees in Slovenia
- 2021 – EU project – URBACT III – Transfer Networks Second Wave – BeePathNet-Reloaded
- 2022 – International Bee Cities Network
- 2022 – Ljubljana – The most friendly municipality to the bees in Slovenia

Amarante (Portugal), Bydgoszcz (Poland), Cesena (Italy), Hegivýdek (Budapest – 12th District (Hungary), Nea Propontida (Greece)

Bee Path Cities 

Bansko (Bulgaria), Bergamo (Italy), Osijek (Croatia), Sosnowiec (Poland)





„ Naj medi! “*^{*}

* **B**eekeepers saying for luck – they say it when they part – something like: „Let there be nectar on the flowers!“

<https://www.ljubljana.si/en/ljubljana-for-you/environmental-protection/the-bee-path/>

<https://urbact.eu/knowledge-hub/food/bees>

3.URBACT Good Practice cities:

**Visibility
opportunities**



Visibility through URBACT communication channels

➤ Database of URBACT Good Practices

URBACT



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg

Country



Login

[ABOUT URBACT](#) ▾ [NETWORKS](#) ▾ [SKILLS](#) ▾ [KNOWLEDGE](#) ▾ [WHAT'S NEW](#) ▾ [GET INVOLVED!](#)



[Home](#) > [URBACT Good Practices](#)

URBACT Good Practices

The ever-growing database of URBACT-labelled Good Practices includes insider knowledge on how cities across Europe have brought positive change around just, green and productive cities, following URBACT's core principles of participation and integration.

The showcased initiatives are effective practices, policies and projects that have been successfully put into place and could be exactly what you are looking for in your own city. Most Good Practices are low-cost and high impact. They should be shared, adapted and scaled up. Stay tuned for the next URBACT call for proposals to submit your own success story!

Explore different practices

Green Cities



Just cities



Productive Cities



[Visibility through URBACT communication channels

- **Articles on the awarded URBACT Good Practices**
- **Infographic of the URBACT Good Practices**
- **Press release about the awarded URBACT Good Practices**
- **Animations/GIF for the Good Practices**

Visibility through URBACT communication channels

- **Communication/press kit for all URBACT Good Practices**
- **Dissemination activities (events, articles) at national level by the National URBACT Points**

Visibility through European Commission's channels

- **DG Regional and Urban Policy social media accounts**
- **DG Regional and Urban Policy external communication channels: Panorama, Inforegio and RegioFlash**

Visibility through the European Urban Initiative

Portico <https://portico.urban-initiative.eu/>

The screenshot displays the Portico website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Union logo and the text "Co-funded by the European Union". To the right of the logo are links for "Search", "About us", "Help & contact", "In my country", and "Create an account or log in". Below the navigation bar is a secondary menu with "Portico" and several dropdown menus: "Urban themes", "Knowledge & practices", "Urban Panorama", "Our community", and "News & events".

The main content area features a left-hand sidebar with a "Filters" section, including a "reset" link and several dropdown menus: "Thematic area", "Operational topic", "Country", "Cohesion Policy Objectives", "Content type", and "Source". Below these is a checkbox for "Small and medium-sized cities (21)".

The main content area has a horizontal navigation bar with "All", "Building my knowledge", "Building my skills", and "Urban Practices" (which is highlighted in purple). To the right of "Urban Practices" are icons for a grid view, a list view, and a "Sort By" dropdown menu.

The "Urban Practices" section is titled "Urban Practices" and described as "A collection of case studies of tested policy solutions". Below this, there are three card-like elements, each titled "Urban practices" and featuring a heart icon. Each card has a large "Urban practices" text overlay and a list of tags: "Research and Innovation", "Sustainable soil and land use" (with a "+4" or "+5" count), and "Urban practices" (with a list icon).

 Visibility through European & International events

European Week for Regions and Cities

EU Cities Forum

Other European events organised by other EU organisations/institutions

World Urban Forum

URBACT



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg

THE URBACT CITY FESTIVAL, 8-10 April 2025, Wrocław (PL)



What to expect as an URBACT Good Practice city?

1. Be in the spotlight:

Award ceremony in the evening of 8 April



[What to expect as an URBACT Good Practice city?

1. Be in the spotlight:

Present your good practice to other 500 city representatives



[What to expect as an URBACT Good Practice city?

2. Increase your knowledge on urban topics:

By discovering the other URBACT Good Practices and what's working in other European cities

[What to expect as an URBACT Good Practice city?

3. Discover the Call for URBACT Transfer Networks:

Find out the details of the Call and how you can transfer your practice to other cities through an URBACT Transfer Network

[What to expect as an URBACT Good Practice city?

4. Network and find your match !

Get to know your European peers and find partners to propose an URBACT Transfer Network!

What to expect as an URBACT Good Practice city?

5. Discover Wroclaw's good practices !



What to expect as an URBACT Good Practice city?

6. Surprises and a social programme too!



4. What's next?



[Join [u]s for the next online info sessions!

20 June, 10:00-11:00 CET:

What happens next? Insights on the Call for Transfer Networks.

Details: urbact.eu/get-involved

Contact: goodpractices@urbact.eu

URBACT



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg

THANK [u] FOR YOUR ATTENTION

URBACT



Co-funded by
the European Union
Interreg

MORE INFORMATION AT
[urbact.eu]