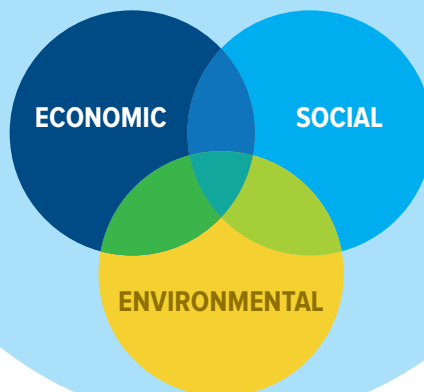




# THE EUROPEAN COOPERATION PROGRAMME FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

THE **INTEGRATED APPROACH** TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT, EMBRACING THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSIONS OF URBAN CHALLENGES, IS AT THE **CORE OF URBACT**



Since 2002, URBACT is the European Territorial Cooperation Programme fostering sustainable integrated urban development in cities across EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland. URBACT is an instrument of the Cohesion Policy, co-financed by the European Commission (ERDF) and Member/ Partner States.

URBACT enables cities to work together and develop integrated solutions to their local challenges. In URBACT networks, cities share experiences and learn from one another, draw lessons and transfer good practices to enhance their urban policies.

Following URBACT I and II, URBACT III will continue to promote sustainable integrated urban development and contribute to the delivery of the EU 2020 strategy. Through networking, capacity-building, and capitalisation of good practices, it will support urban policy-makers and practitioners at EU, national, regional and local level.

URBACT III is currently in the process of being approved by the European Commission. It will be launched at the beginning of 2015, by means of open calls for the creation of transnational networks.

## NEXT STEPS

Timeline with four steps: SEPT 2014 - JAN 2015 (URBACT NATIONAL INFODAYS), END 2014 (Adoption of the URBACT III programme), EARLY 2015 (First calls for proposals), and 6-8 MAY 2015 (URBACT event in Riga).

## URBACT MAIN ACTIVITIES

### TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS

To support cities with the design and implementation of integrated urban strategies, building on mutual learning and the transfer of good practices

### CAPACITY- BUILDING

To enhance the capacity of urban players to develop integrated and participatory approaches to the design and delivery of urban policies

### CAPITALISATION AND DISSEMINATION

To build and share knowledge, practices and recommendations and inform the design and delivery of sustainable urban policies at local, regional, national and eu level

## URBACT MAIN BENEFICIARIES

**URBACT addresses all key players of sustainable urban development at European, national, regional or local level: policy-makers, decision-makers, urban practitioners, city-staff, managing authorities of operational programmes, etc.**

### **CITIES of the 28 EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland will be the main beneficiaries of transnational networks:**

- Cities, municipalities and towns (no population threshold)
- Infra-municipal tiers of government such as districts and boroughs
- Metropolitan authorities and organised agglomerations

### **A NUMBER OF NON-CITY PARTNERS will also be eligible to join networks:**

- Local agencies defined as organisations set up by a city, partially or fully owned by the city and responsible for urban related issues
- Provincial, regional and national authorities
- Universities and research centers

### **NETWORK PARTNERS shall normally be co-financed:**

- Up to 85% ERDF for partners located in Less Developed and Transition regions
- Up to 70% ERDF for partners located in More Developed regions

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