The EU Urban Agenda and funding for cities
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Past, present and future of the EU Urban Agenda

- **1994-2006 Urban programmes**
- **1997 Commission Communication**
- **2014 Commission Communication**
- **2007 Leipzig Charta Sust. European cities**
- **2010 Toledo Declaration Urban development**
- **2011 Territorial Agenda 2020**
- **2016 Pact of Amsterdam EU Urban Agenda**
- **2016 onwards: EU Urban Agenda Put in practice through 12 partnerships**
- **EP resolution 2011**
- **CoR opinions 2013, 2016**
- **Eurocities 2014**
- **CEMR 2015**
EU Urban Agenda: 12 partnerships on priority themes

- Circular economy: Oslo
- Digital transformation: Estonia, Oulu, Sofia
- Urban mobility: Czech Republic, Karlsruhe
- Skills and jobs: Romania, Rotterdam, Jelgava

To be launched by summer 2017:
- Public procurement;
- Sustainable land use;
- Energy transition;
- Climate adaptation
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF): total of 187 billion (excl. territorial cooperation) of which EUR 100 billion (54%) spent in cities through operational programmes, of which

- EUR 14.5 billion (7.8%) directly managed at local level in the framework of integrated **Sustainable Urban Development** strategies, namely through **Integrated Territorial Investments** and **Community-led Local Development**

- Cooperation and policy learning through **Urbact III** (EUR 96.3 million), **Interreg Europe** (EUR 359 million)

- **Urban Development Network (UDN)** of DG REGIO organises conferences workshops and study visits for more than 500 cities

- **International Urban Cooperation (IUC)**: Between 2016 and 2019, EUR 20 million from the ERDF will be used to establish projects between EU cities and third countries (city-to-city/sustainable development; sub-national/Covenant of Mayors; interregional/innovation)

- **European Social Fund (ESF)**: total of EUR 86 billion for job creation, training, social inclusion, of which EUR 1.5 billion for sustainable urban development
15 Member States use Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI), four Operational Programmes (OP) are dedicated to Sustainable Urban Development (metropolitan programme Italy, Brussels, Prague, Stockholm). 75% of the total will be invested in energy efficiency, urban mobility, urban regeneration and social inclusion.
Urbact III programme

Financed by the ERDF since 2002

EUR 96.3 million (2014-2020)

Themes: capacity-building, policy design, implementation, knowledge sharing
Urban Innovative Actions

Initiative financed by the ERDF

**EUR 371 million (2014-2020)**

1\(^{st}\) call: 18 cities on four themes selected in October 2016 (EUR 80 million)

2\(^{nd}\) call: end November 2016; themes: circular economy; integration of migrants; urban mobility
Since 2011, the EIB provided EUR 95 billion in urban lending and will extent its financing to projects with higher risk under the European Fund for Strategic Investments. EIB instruments include:

- **Direct Investment loan** for a specific investment project or programme, normally with a project cost exceeding EUR 100 million;

- **Framework Loan made directly to a city**, normally to finance a 3-5 year multi-sector investment programme in excess of EUR 100 million;

- Framework Loan via a **financial intermediary** for financing smaller municipalities;

- **Equity Fund Investment** into an urban development, infrastructure fund or brownfield fund;

- Advisory support through initiatives such as the European Investment Advisory Hub, JASPERS, and other advisory instruments benefitting cities including ELENA, EPEC, and fi-compass.

Funding for cities

The EU and the Commission provide support through a wide range of funding programmes, covering funding opportunities as well as advice on how to access funding and put it to use.

More:
http://ec.europa.eu/info/eu-regional-and-urban-development/cities/funding-cities_en