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Strategic Research Framework Brochure Hard copies of the URBAN-NET brochure “Strategic Research Framework in the Field of Urban Sustainability” are now available. The Framework summarises findings of the full Technical report produced in March 2009.

The Brochure sets an agenda for European urban sustainability research and covers:

- Main Principles of Urban research;
- Priority Research Areas;
- Implementation of the Framework;

There are 4 priority research areas:

- Integrated urban management and city leadership
- Sustainable land-use in city regions
- Climate Change in the urban context
- Health, quality of life and public spaces

Key themes and research topics are discussed for each research area.



The brochure can also be downloaded at http://www.urban-net.org/binaries/urban-net/bulk/text/urban-net_research-framework_pdf.pdf [↑ back to top](#)

Get Involved in URBAN-NET Joint Activities A good cross-section of representatives from the urban research stakeholder community participated in the URBAN-NET Joint Activities Workshop held 31st March/1st April 2009 in The Hague. Professor Ingemar Elander, Director of the Centre for Urban and Regional Research (CUREs) at Örebro University, Sweden, gave a thought-provoking keynote speech on cities and climate change.

Following a series of stimulating discussions in the parallel sessions a large number of participants signed up for one or more preferred activities:

- Transferability of good practice
- Co-creation of knowledge
- Visual Mass Media
- Indicator actions

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- Community of practice at European level (“intercity”)
- Community of practice at local level
- Monitoring EU funding, lobbying, brokering, etc.

URBAN-NET partners are developing activity plans with interested parties. By taking part in the joint activities practitioners, decision-makers, researchers, funders and knowledge managers/facilitators will foster partnerships, exchange and collaboration beyond the URBAN-NET research calls.

Please email Marije.Breukelman@nicis.nl if you would like more information or to participate in any of the joint activities.

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2009 Call for Research Proposals URBAN-NET partners will fund a call (to be announced October 2009) for research proposals on the theme of “*Sustainable land-use and integrated management in an urban context*”. A Funders’ Call Meeting, to discuss topics, funding model options and evaluation criteria, will be held 17th June in Paris. If you are interested in contributing funding to the call please contact Ulla.Westerberg@formas.se

You can contribute to development of the call criteria by joining the [forum discussion](#) via the member’s area on the U-N website. All existing partners can access the forum using their normal login details. Any non-partners wishing to contribute should contact info@urban-net.org.uk

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Spreading the Word Partners have been spreading the word on URBAN-NET at a range of events and conferences across Europe including presentations at the European Urban Research Association’s Annual Conference in Madrid, the European Commission’s Sustainable Development Conference in Brussels and the Urban Development Group.



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