

Dear friends

This is the first of URBAN-NET's bi-monthly bulletins. It briefly highlights some of the projects recently completed and current work.

### **CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS**

The call for research proposals is still open, and closes on 15 April. There are two funding possibilities; for funding research projects on urban sustainability and for pre-research work. For more information visit the call secretariat's website at

[http://www.formas.se/formas\\_templates/Page\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_3790.aspx](http://www.formas.se/formas_templates/Page_____3790.aspx)

### **EUROPEAN THEMATIC URBAN RESEARCH FRAMEWORK**

The URBAN-NET partners have just completed a Europe-wide national stakeholder consultation to begin the process of determining priorities for future urban research. The aim is to develop a "Thematic Urban Research Framework" that will form the basis for future transnational collaboration between URBAN-NET partners and other European member states. Details about the 15 themes are available at <http://www.urban-net.org/newsandpublications/index.html>. From the consultation, the top themes that emerged are;

- Urban sprawl or compact city - integrated re-use of land
- Integrated urban management through multi-sector/-actor governance
- Climate change and ecological risk management
- Health, quality of life and public spaces.

These themes will be further elaborated at an international workshop in Berlin in June.

### **A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF URBAN RESEARCH PROGRAMMES IN EUROPE**

The project has recently conducted a broad survey of European urban research programmes that are current or have recently been completed. The aim is to gain an understanding of the coverage of research themes and the various administrative and management practices of the programme funding organisations. An analysis of these programmes is available for download from this page; <http://www.urban-net.org/aims/index.html>

If this has been forwarded to you and you would like to receive it directly or if you have any questions about items mentioned above or about the URBAN-NET project generally please reply to this e-mail.

Thank you.

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