

# E-Bulletin No4 February 2009



Dear Friends

## Consultation on Strategic Research Framework

We have opened a short consultation with key stakeholders on the Strategic Research Framework.

The Research Framework is a key output for the project. We will be publishing summary extracts in a leaflet and in other project materials to help promote the Research Framework as a recognised and influential agenda for integrated research on urban sustainability within Europe and also for reference by international research platforms.

The draft Framework can be downloaded from the URBAN-NET website at <http://www.urban-net.org/newsandpublications/index.html>

Please send any comments to [Thilo.Petri@de.tuv.com](mailto:Thilo.Petri@de.tuv.com) by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

## Searchable Database of National and Regional Urban Research Programmes in Europe

The URBAN-NET database is now live on the website at <http://www.urban-net.org/search>. Searches can be made using free text entries or by a more advanced search. Programmes can also be viewed according to structured categories such as topic/theme, date, country. We hope that users will find the database easy to use and helpful. Feedback is most welcome.

## Stakeholder Workshop 31<sup>st</sup> March/1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 The Hague

Opportunities for partnership, exchange and collaboration above and beyond research calls are an important focus for URBAN-NET. This stakeholder workshop will be devoted to the development of joint activities for implementation across the stakeholder community; practitioners, decision-makers, researchers, funders and knowledge managers/facilitators.

Key tasks for workshop participants will include:

- exploring possible joint activities such as dissemination events and best practice; communities of practice and future funding options;
- establishing consortia to develop preferred joint activities;
- taking first steps in developing a long-term programme for continued collaboration and joint activities.

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URBAN-NET partners should notify Nicis of suggested invitees as soon as possible.

Please email contact details to [Marije.Breukelman@nicis.nl](mailto:Marije.Breukelman@nicis.nl)

Other stakeholders wishing to attend the workshop should email [info@urban-net.org](mailto:info@urban-net.org) in the first instance or contact a partner organisation within their country. Details of partner organisations and lead contacts are available at <http://www.urban-net.org/partners/index.html>

### Progress on Research Calls

A Funders' Call Meeting will be held 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February in Paris. Arrangements for the next call for research proposals will be discussed, including; themes and approaches; funding model options and evaluation criteria.

If you are interested in contributing funding to the next call but have not received an invitation please contact [info@urban-net.org](mailto:info@urban-net.org)

### Forum Discussion on Research Call

You can also contribute to development of 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](mailto:info@urban-net.org.uk)

### Funded Projects

Results for the first (pilot) call for research proposals and an overview of the process are summarised in an URBAN-NET leaflet which can be downloaded at [http://www.urban-net.org/binaries/urban-net/bulk/text/urban\\_net\\_pilot\\_call\\_results.pdf](http://www.urban-net.org/binaries/urban-net/bulk/text/urban_net_pilot_call_results.pdf)

The leaflet is accompanied by a short document which summarises all of the funded projects [http://www.urban-net.org/binaries/urban-net/bulk/text/summaries\\_of\\_selected\\_projects\\_pilot\\_call.pdf](http://www.urban-net.org/binaries/urban-net/bulk/text/summaries_of_selected_projects_pilot_call.pdf)

URBAN-NET partners can download a copy of the full D5.2 "Review of experience with the pilot joint call" from the members' area of the website.

Please email any contributions or suggestions for improvements to the e-bulletin to [june@sniffer.org.uk](mailto:june@sniffer.org.uk).

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