



Dear friends

This is the second URBAN-NET update bulletin. It briefly highlights some of the project's recently completed and current work. URBAN-NET is now almost two years old and growing fast!

EUROPEAN THEMATIC URBAN RESEARCH FRAMEWORK

The project is developing a European framework for urban research that will be used to assist the project partners and other national urban research funders to hold a joint call for research proposals in late 2009, and to help coordinate European level urban research activities. As part of this process the project recently held a workshop in Berlin comprising some 60 experts from the academic, programme management, policy and consultancy communities covering the following research areas;

- 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.

The workshop was a great success with new rich insights gained to inform the project on how to further develop integrated, cross sectoral and innovative approaches to the most pressing European urban research topics. All materials developed for the workshop and presentations are available from the URBAN-NET website at <http://www.urban-net.org/eventsandconferences/stakeholderworkshop2/index.html>

The workshop report will be available on the URBAN-NET website in August. This area of work is being led by the project's German partner; TÜV.

RESEARCH CALL

The call for research proposals that closed on the 15 April attracted 25 bids totalling €6M for some €3M available. 17 of these are for full research projects and 8 for pre-research work. The evaluation process is underway via a joint evaluation committee of the 8 partner countries funding the call. The decision on which projects will be funded will be announced in October 2008. More information is available via

the Formas website at
http://www.formas.se/formas_templates/Page_3790.aspx.
Formas is The Swedish Research Council for Environment,
Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning, and is the
secretariat for this call.

URBAN RESEARCH PROGRAMMES IN EUROPE

The project is finalising a compilation of a study of urban research programmes in Europe. This work is being led by the Nicis Institute of the Netherlands and is further to the initial review of European research programmes already carried out by them which is available at; <http://www.urban-net.org/binaries/urban-net/bulk/text/deliverable-2-3-initial-review-and-comparison-of-national-urban-research-programmes.pdf>.

Further to this, the project website will soon include an online database of recently completed and current European national urban research programmes. If you have involvement in or knowledge of programmes you would like to be included in this database, please contact sanne.mohr@nicis.nl.

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Thank you.

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