

- URBACT II -

Potential Bridges with Urban Research

- Urban-Net Conference -

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The URBACT programme (2002-2006)

Created to foster networking between Urban I & II cities with 4 main objectives:

- To develop **exchanges of experience** and good practices
- To **capitalise lessons learned** from the exchanges
- To **disseminate knowledge** to policy-makers & practitioners
- To develop **capacity building** of urban policy makers



The URBACT programme (2002-2006)

22 networks of cities exchanging around issues related to **the integrated approach of urban regeneration of deprived areas**, focusing on:

- Social inclusion
- Urban regeneration
- Local economic development
- Citizen participation
- Populations of foreign origins
- Young people
- Culture
- Public private partnerships
- Urban security
- Transport, etc.



URBACT II (2007-2013)

- **A new context**
Mainstreaming / the Lisbon-Gothenburg agenda / « Regions For Economic Change »
 - **A wider objective**
To improve the effectiveness of sustainable integrated urban development policies in Europe with a view to implementing the Lisbon-Gothenburg Strategy
 - **A wider field of intervention**
 - all EU cities eligible
 - themes related to the Lisbon-Gothenburg agenda :
 - Priority 1 - Cities, Engines of Growth and Jobs
 - Priority 2 - Attractive and Cohesive Cities
- **A major evolution for the URBACT programme**
- in terms of selection of projects
 - in terms of expected outputs
 - in terms of work programme & working methods



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Priority 1 - Cities, Engines of Growth and Jobs

- **Promoting Entrepreneurship**

(support to SMEs, PPPs, social economy, development of clusters building on opportunities such as culture, care, etc.)

- **Improving Innovation and Knowledge economy**

(ICT strategies at city level, fighting the digital divide and fostering the use of ICT among the « weakest », promotion of innovation through partnerships with universities, the private sector, etc.)

- **Employment and Human Capital**

(improving qualifications for innovation, adaptability of workers and enterprises, expanding and improving education and training systems, improving employability/ employment of target groups, etc.)



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Priority 2 - Attractive and Cohesive Cities

- **Integrated development of deprived areas and areas at risk**
(integrated policies/ tools/ partnerships for sustainable urban development)
- **Social integration**
(immigration, young people, health, security, culture, etc.)
- **Environmental issues**
(integrated transport policies, brownfields, waste management, monitoring of environment, improving air quality, water quality and supply, renewable energies, etc.)
- **Strategy and Governance**
(citizens participation, horizontal/ vertical territorial governance, urban planning, etc.)



Potential bridges with Urban research...

... at Project level

Networks of cities benefit from the support of experts as far as thematic content and methodology are concerned. They could benefit from Urban research programmes for the following:

- **Projects' preparatory phase:** Baseline study
- **Implementation of networks' activities:**
 - Exchange and learning phase
 - URBACT Local Support Group



Potential bridges with Urban research...

... at Programme level

- **Capitalisation and dissemination will be organised at programme level, around *Thematic Poles***
- **Each network will be affiliated to a *Thematic Pole***
- ***Thematic poles* will develop a range of products and outputs:**
 - Animation of Thematic Dossiers, production of Thematic Brochures
 - Organisation of Thematic Regional conferences
 - Commission of Studies, etc.
- **Cooperation agreements will be developed with non-URBACT partners such as other EU programmes, specialised networks, etc.**



- Thank you for your attention -

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