



Applicant Seminar

Call for Partners



Compact Cities

3 September 2024
10:00 – 12:00 CEST



This meeting is recorded.

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Welcome

European Urban Initiative

Jonas Scholze – Head of Unit Intergovernmental Cooperation



Welcome

European Commission (DG REGIO) -

Anton SCHRAG - Policy Officer European Commission

European Urban Initiative

Tim Caulfield - Director



Agenda of the day

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- Understanding the **Urban Agenda for the EU** and the Call for Partners (30 min)
- Q&A (20 min)
- Presentation of the topic of **Compact Cities** and the selection criteria (15min)
- Q&A (10 min)
- Timeline of the **Call for Partners** and next steps

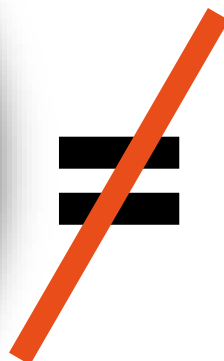


Urban Agenda for the EU

European Urban Initiative

Alexandru Matei - Senior Officer Urban Agenda and Partnerships





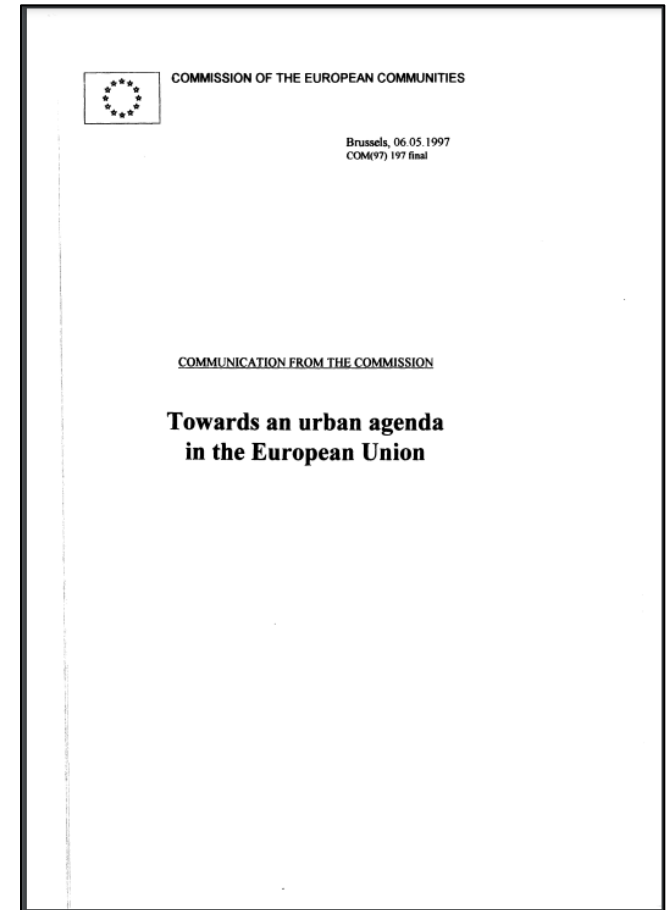
History

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Towards an urban agenda in the European Union

(Communication from the Commission - 1997)



History



2016 

+ Nov. 2020 - The New Leipzig Charta
+ Dec. 2020 - Territorial Agenda 2030



2021 

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2023 

What is it?

- an Informal *Intergovernmental* Cooperation
- unique working method - multi-stakeholders & multi-level cooperation
- cities "at the core", member states, the European Commission & other stakeholders



Objectives

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Realise the **full potential** of Urban Areas



Establish an **integrated approach** and contribute to territorial cohesion



Involve Urban Authorities in the **design of policies**



Pillars

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Better Regulation



Better Funding



Better Knowledge



Global Level

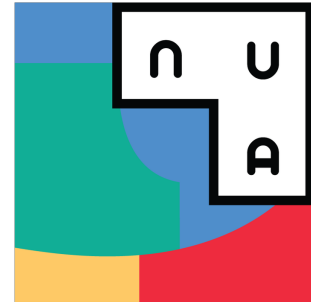


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FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE



SDG 11

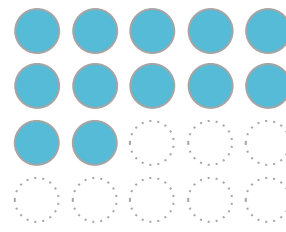
2015



IMPLEMENTING
THE NEW
URBAN AGENDA

2016

EU Level



2016

National Level (some)



2019

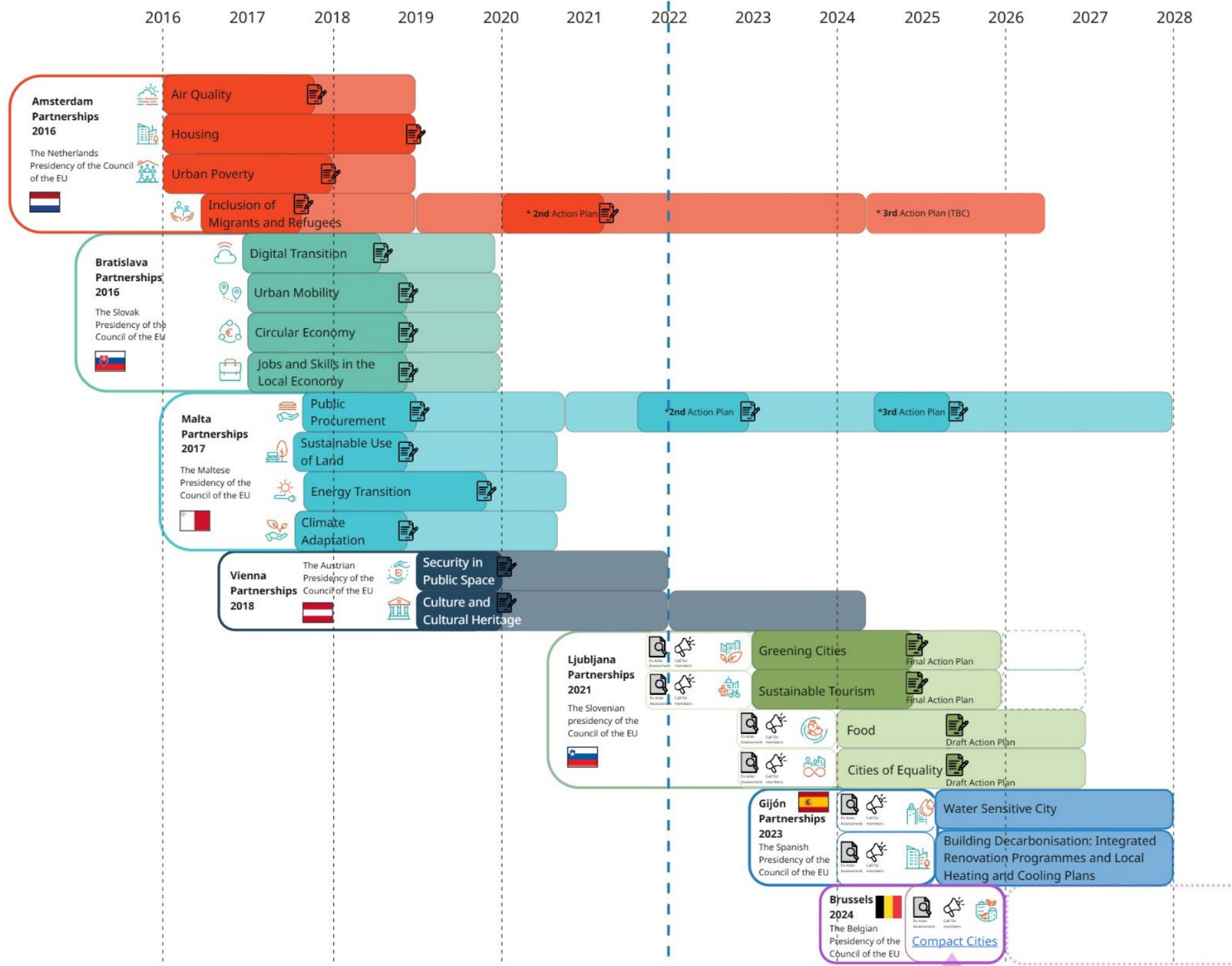
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UAEU Thematic Partnerships



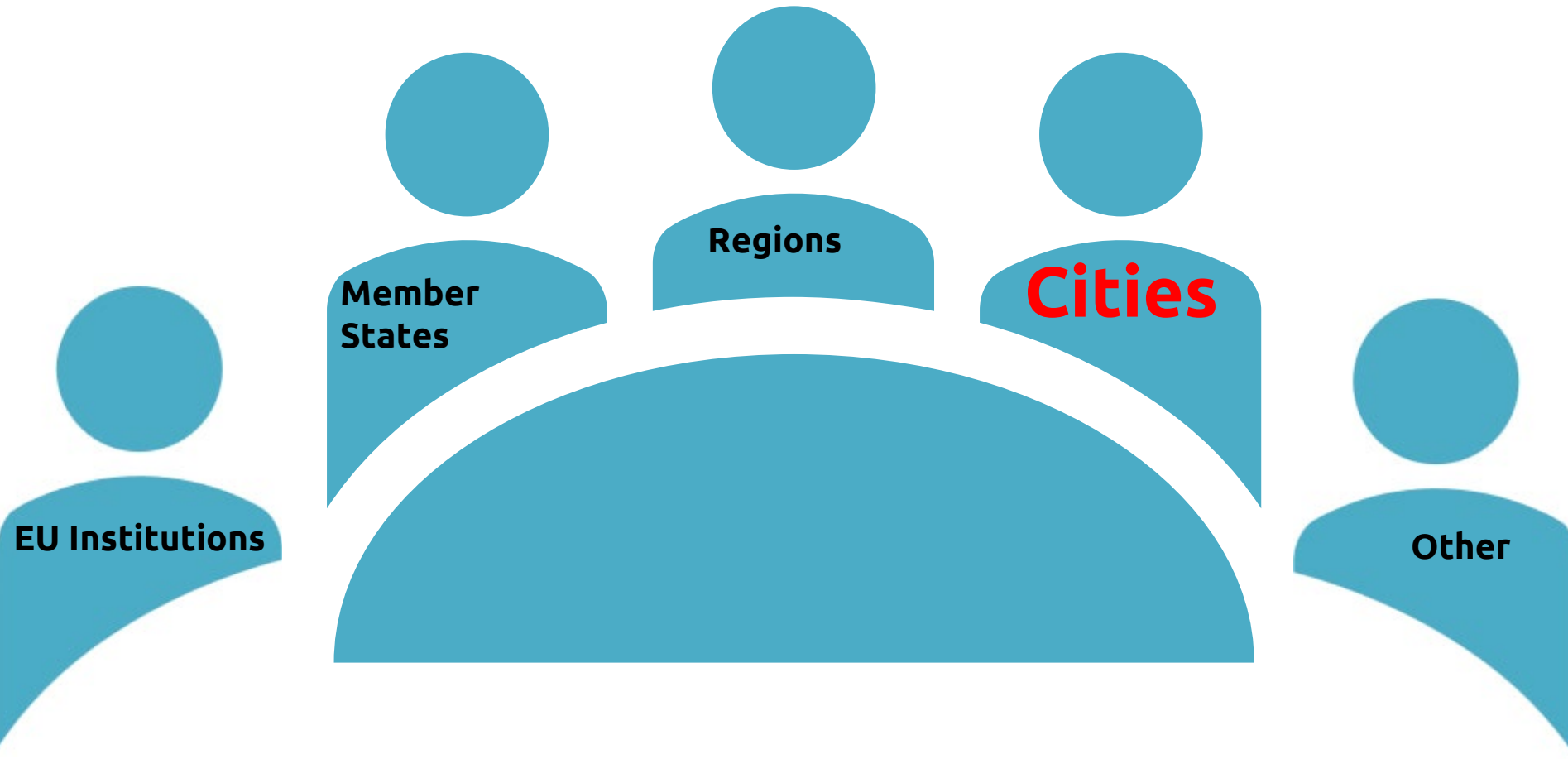


A large
community

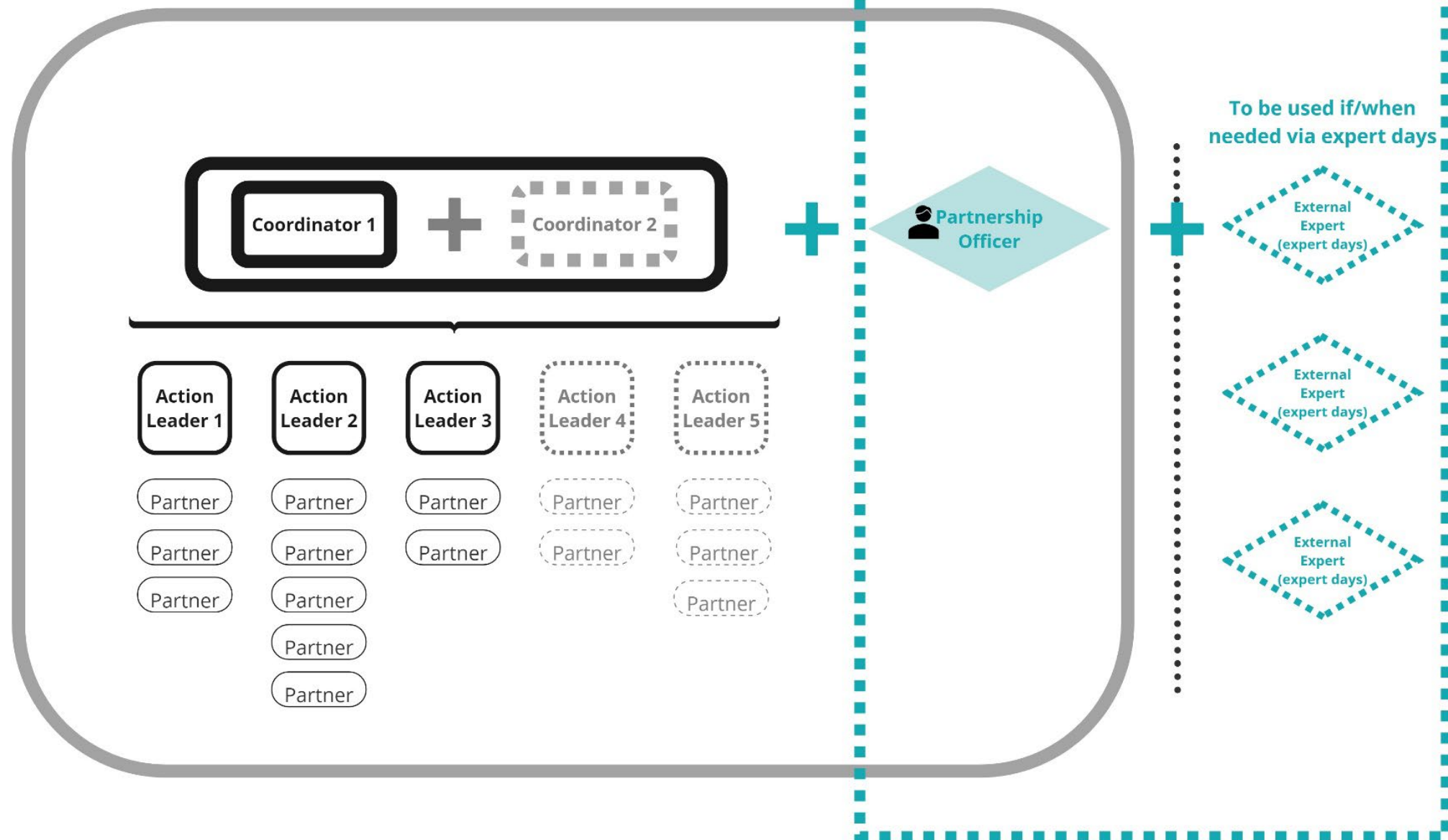


Thematic Partnerships

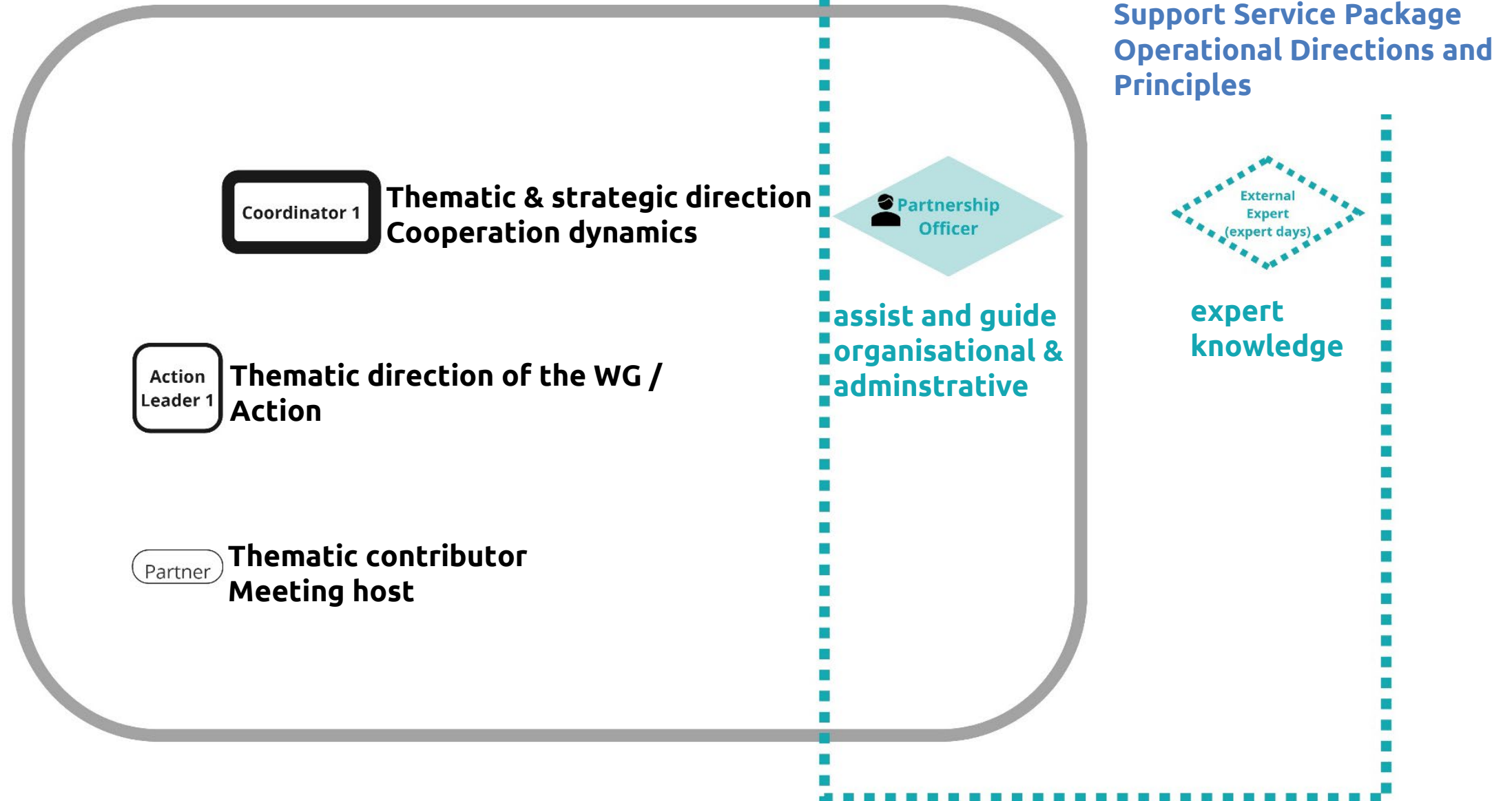
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Thematic Partnerships



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WG Development 2 - Post-pandemic changes in to...

Action 1_Diversification of tourism offer in s...

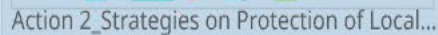


Action 2_Destination accessible for all



WG Unbalanced Growth

Action 1_Policy recommendations on Sho...



Action 1_Climate action communication s...

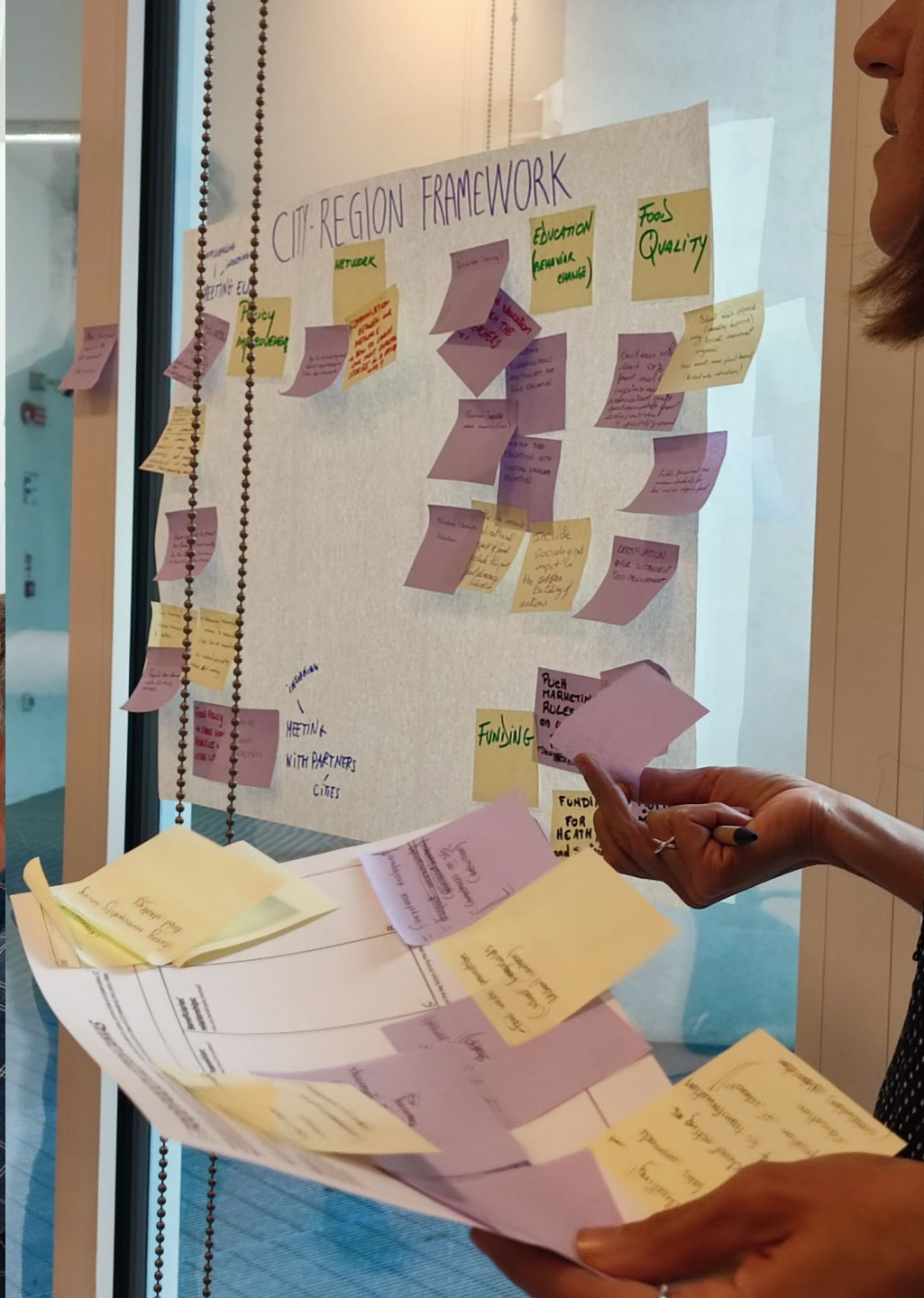


Action 2_Good practices and case studies...





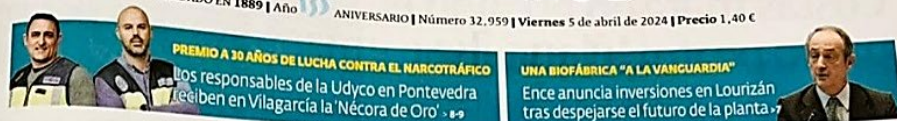






Diario de Pontevedra

FUNDADO EN 1889 | Año 135 ANIVERSARIO | Número 32.959 | Viernes 5 de abril de 2024 | Precio 1,40 €



Pontevedra anuncia una ofensiva política tras la negativa de Costas a continuar el paseo a Marín

► Mosquera señala que la infraestructura estaba contemplada en el pacto de investidura que firmaron BNG y PSOE

► El proyecto del nuevo vial de Malvar será reformulado y se aparca el futuro Parque da Dignidade en Os Praceres >>>

Alertan del aumento de hurtos por el abrazo amoroso en la capital

► La Policía investiga cuatro denuncias por el robo de relojes y joyas >>>

La Boa Vila, ejemplo verde



► Visita de una delegación del Partnership Greening Cities >>>

El crítico de arte Ramón Rozas acompañó a los delegados en su visita a la Illa das Esculturas. RAFA FARINA

SEMANA DE FILOSOFÍA

A DEBATE LA FIGURA DE MARÍA ZAMBRANO

Las profesoras María Leyra (izquierda) e Isabel Balza coinciden al señalar que «su pensamiento tiene profundidad y mucho interés» >>>



María Leyra e Isabel Balza. JCM

Gabriel Villaverde

Centro exclusivo de periodoncia e implantes
La experiencia del equipo del Dr. Villaverde al cuidado de la sonrisa de sus hijos

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ODONTOPEDIATRÍA

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- Aparatos correctores
- Aplicación de fluor
- Selladores
- Caries y salud bucal
- Y mucho más

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Galicia
Los bebés recibirán una dosis más completa frente al neumococo >>>

Deportes
Archivan la denuncia contra el director técnico de triatlón del CGTD >>>

El precio del m2 en Sanxenxo se dispara hasta los 3.000 euros >>>

Y ADEMÁS 05.04.24

CIUDAD El Museo de Pontevedra pone en valor el legado de Antonio Palacios >>>

GALICIA El Plan Antitabaco no vetará fumar en espacios privados como los coches >>>

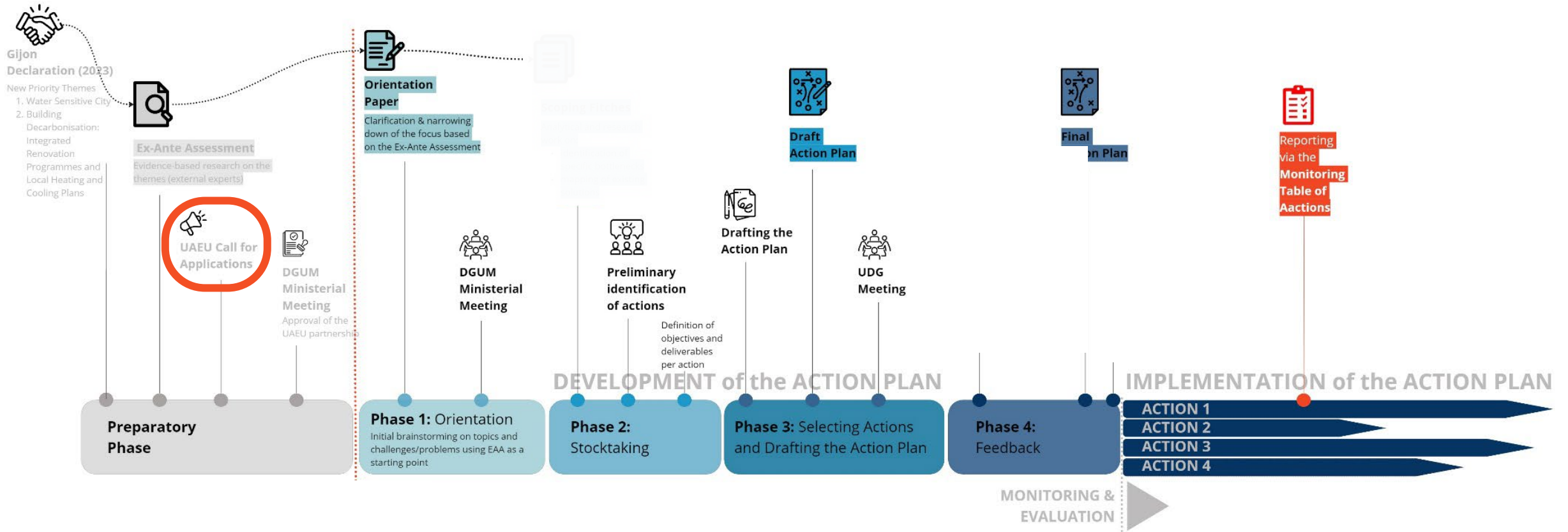
ECONOMÍA La industria, el sector más afectado por el absentismo laboral en Galicia >>>



UAEU Process



Process



Urban Agenda for the EU

Greening Cities Partnership

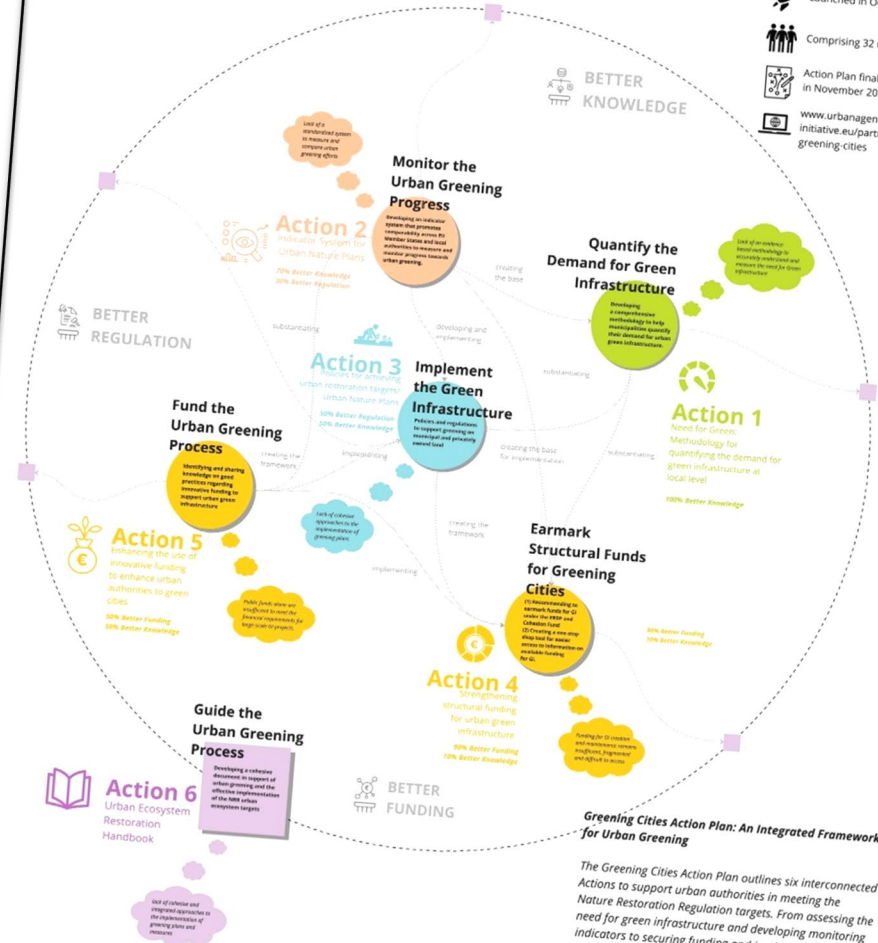
Action Plan
October 2024



Constellation of Actions of the Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership Greening Cities



Launched in October 2022
Comprising 32 members
Action Plan finalised in November 2024
www.urbanagenda.eu/partnerships/greening-cities



Greening Cities Action Plan: An Integrated Framework for Urban Greening

The Greening Cities Action Plan outlines six interconnected Actions to support urban authorities in meeting the Nature Restoration Regulation targets. From assessing the need for green infrastructure and developing monitoring indicators to securing funding and implementing urban restoration policies, these Actions form a cohesive framework. Together, they enable cities to plan, implement, and sustain green infrastructure projects, fostering resilience and long-term sustainability.

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#GreeningCities
#Greening #Cities

Download and read the
Action Plan on our website!

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Urban Agenda for the EU

Sustainable Tourism Partnership

Action Plan

October 2024



Constellation of Actions of the Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership Sustainable Tourism



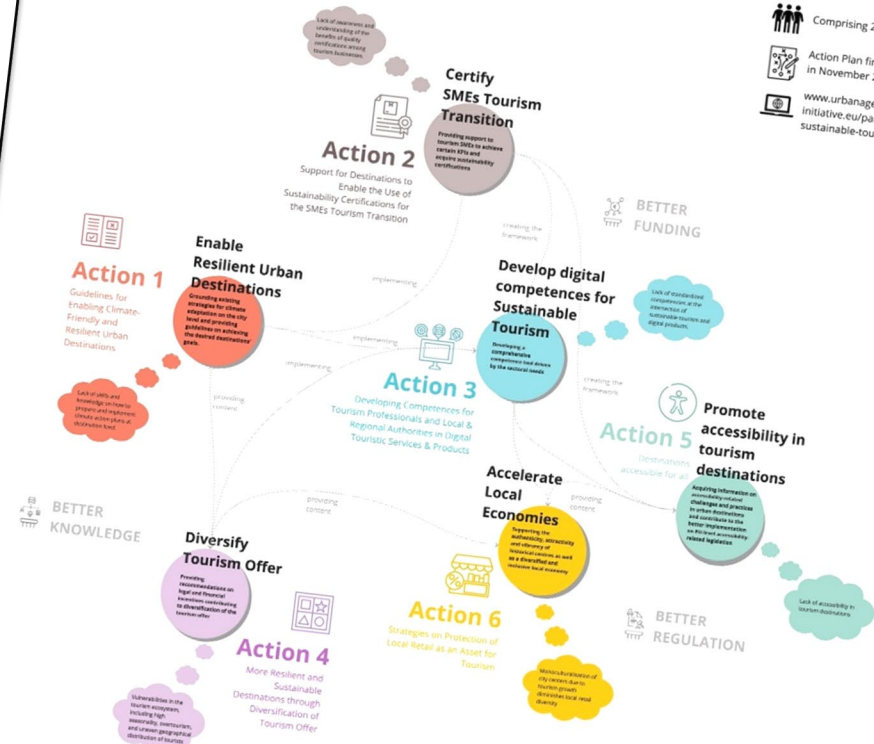
Sustainable Tourism Partnership

Launched in October 2022

Comprising 29 members

Action Plan finalised in November 2024

www.urbanagenda.eu/partnerships/sustainable-tourism



Sustainable Tourism Action Plan: A strategic approach to balancing growth and sustainability

The Sustainable Tourism Action Plan is composed of six complementary Actions designed to guide urban authorities and stakeholders in enabling tourism that is both sustainable and inclusive. From enabling resilience and accessibility, enhancing digital competencies, to addressing unbalanced growth, these Actions create a robust framework. Together, they empower cities to manage tourism growth strategically, promote economic resilience, and safeguard cultural and environmental heritage, ensuring long-term benefits for both residents and visitors.

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#SustainableTourism
#SustainableTourism

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Workload

- 3 years (+/-)
- 0,25 to 0,75 day/ week (partners)
- 0,5 to 1,5 day/ week (coordinators)
- On average 8 online meetings /year
- On average 2 in-person meetings /year
- One in-person Synergy Meeting (CALM)



Examples of Actions and Results



November
2024

Monitoring Table Of Actions

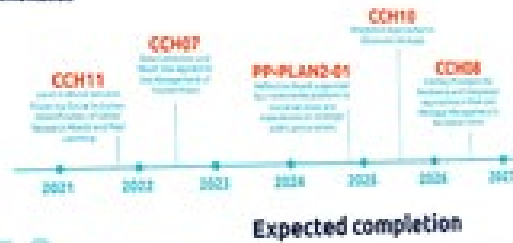
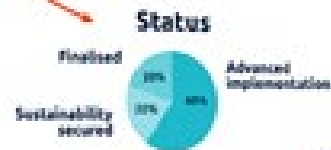


5 Actions reported



Outputs produced

- booklet
- workshops
- e-learning
- policy paper
- toolkit
- platform
- presentations
- webinar
- articles
- orientation paper
- websites
- app
- guidance paper
- Recommendations module



The image shows a computer monitor displaying a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "Monitoring Table Of Actions". The spreadsheet is organized into columns for Action Code, UAEU Partnership, Action Plan, Action, Short summary, Better Regulation, Better Funding, Better Knowledge, and Action category. It lists several actions related to cultural heritage and tourism, such as "Culture and Cultural Heritage" and "Tourist Flows". The Excel interface includes the ribbon with tabs like File, Home, Insert, Draw, Page Layout, Formulas, Data, Review, View, Automate, and Help. The status bar at the bottom shows "Monitor - PUBLIC" and "Ready Calculate".

Action Code	UAEU Partnership	Action Plan	Action	Short summary	Better Regulation (in order of priority)	Better Funding (in order of priority)	Better Knowledge (in order of priority)	Action category
CC038	Culture and Cultural Heritage	Action Plan 1 (elaborated in 2020)	Risk and Heritage Management in European Cities	This Action focuses on how to strengthen the "Disposer" for controversial cultural heritage by integrating it in urban and regional planning as well as tourism concepts as a fundamental mean to educate, transmit history and nurture democracy building in Europe while - at the same time - enabling those stigmatised neglected areas to use their local economic and touristic potential. The Action focuses particularly on the Dissonant Heritage of the 20th century in smaller towns and peripheral regions. Data collection and analysis are key factors for implementing monitoring systems of tourist flows in order to balance overcrowded destinations and less visited sites. This Action proposes an IT tool that has been delivered and tested.	2	3	1	Guidance Environmental topics
CC039	Culture and Cultural Heritage	Action Plan 1 (elaborated in 2021)	Integrated Approaches to Dissonant Heritage	"Heri-Renewal" a new app suggesting essential itineraries in the city, in the neighborhoods and in the metropolitan area, to bring people closer to local experiences and to get to better know the city and its typical features. ICT tools for promoting the Smart Destinations to visit offer can increase the ability of	3	2	1	Toolbox
CC037	Culture and Cultural Heritage	Action Plan 1 (elaborated in 2020)	Data Collection and Smart Use Applied to the Management of Tourist Flows	The Action is aimed at identifying cities' specific research needs through cultural leaders from city administration to better plan future calls for proposals on research, to guarantee that the results of these research projects are used at the local level to improve cultural policies, to contribute to the overall reinforcement of cultural offers in European cities.	1	3	1	Policy recommendations
CC011	Culture and Cultural Heritage	Action Plan 1 (elaborated in 2021)	Local Cultural Services Fostering Social Inclusion: Identification of Cities' Research Needs and Peer Learning	This Action will develop the network, increase its membership and develop its role and influence. It will develop a reflection board supported by an available (online) platform, where cities, regions, member states and the European	2	3	1	Other (please specify)

Policy Recommendations

A concise set of actionable proposals aimed at influencing legislation, policy frameworks, or institutional practices at various governance levels.

Priority legislation or policy framework, or institutional practices at various governance levels.

Policy Recommendations for a Circular Economy Partnership

Policy Recommendations for a Circular Economy Partnership

Position Paper

A structured document outlining a thematic partnership's stance on a specific topic, and providing policy recommendations.

Position paper in the European Commission

Position paper in the European Commission

Political Declaration/Pact/Charter

A formal, non-binding agreement that expresses shared political commitment among urban stakeholders to pursue common goals or principles.

Political Declaration/Pact/Charter

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Strategy

A short, forward-looking plan that outlines a city's or organization's priorities, objectives, and actions to achieve specific urban policy goals.

Strategy

Strategy

Policy Brief

A structured document that synthesizes key insights, evidence, and institutional arrangements across different countries or governance levels.

Policy Brief

Policy Brief

Policy Mapping

A detailed overview and comparison of existing policies, legal frameworks, and institutional arrangements across different countries or governance levels.

Policy Mapping

Policy Mapping

Report

A detailed analytical document that presents findings, evidence, and research insights on a specific urban policy issue or theme.

Report

Report

Roadmap

A structured plan that outlines sequential steps, milestones, and responsibilities for achieving a specific urban policy objective over time.

Roadmap

Roadmap

Feasibility Study

An analytical document assessing the viability, risks, benefits, and implementation requirements of a proposed urban policy action, programme, or intervention.

Feasibility Study for a Circular Economy Partnership

Feasibility Study for a Circular Economy Partnership

Code of Good Practices

A curated set of agreed principles, methods, and examples that reflect effective and ethical practices in a specific area of urban policy or implementation.

Code of Good Practices for a Circular Economy Partnership

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Guidance Document

A practical, task-oriented document offering step-by-step advice or procedures to help policymakers and practitioners apply specific tasks, methods, or regulations in urban contexts.

Guidance Document

Guidance Document

Handbook

A comprehensive reference document designed to support strategic planning by compiling policy concepts, governance models, and real-world applications on a specific urban topic.

Handbook

Handbook

Manual

A practical guide that explains how to apply a specific tool, method, or policy instrument through step-by-step instructions, definitions, and use cases.

Manual

Manual

Guidebook

A structured resource that explains policy concepts, procedures, and tools, offering direction for their application in planning, assessment, or regulatory contexts.

Guidebook

Guidebook

Toolkit

A practical collection of methods, concepts, procedures, and tools, offering support implementation of urban policies.

Toolkit

Toolkit

Training Program/ Curriculum

A structured educational programme designed to build knowledge and skills among urban stakeholders on specific policy areas, tools, or practices.

Training Program/ Curriculum

Training Program/ Curriculum

Governance Model

A proposed structure or framework that defines how multiple actors coordinate, collaborate, and share responsibilities to implement urban policies or deliver services.

Governance Model

Governance Model

Set of Common Indicators

A harmonized set of metrics designed to provide a shared reference framework for measuring and comparing key aspects of urban development across different contexts.

Set of Common Indicators

Set of Common Indicators

Measurement & Evaluation Tool

A structured framework or tool designed to assess, track, and evaluate progress, impact, or performance of urban policies, interventions, or conditions over time.

Measurement & Evaluation Tool

Measurement & Evaluation Tool

Online Repository

An online tool or interface that collects, organizes, and shares knowledge, data, good practices, or resources to support urban policy and practice.

Online Repository

Online Repository

Database of Practices

A curated collection of examples, case studies, or models that illustrate how cities implement specific urban policies or practices.

Database of Practices

Database of Practices

Funding Guide

A resource that maps available funding instruments and financial mechanisms to support cities in implementing specific urban policies or projects.

Funding Guide

Funding Guide

Advisory Board

A structured group of independent or community-based experts that provides strategic guidance, feedback, and advisory support in policy-making, programme design, and implementation.

Advisory Board

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Pilot Project

A small-scale, real-life implementation of a policy idea, method, or service to test its feasibility, refine its approach, and assess its impact before broader rollout.

Pilot Project

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Policy Lab

A structured, time-bound knowledge-sharing event—online or in person—that presents urban policy insights, case studies, or project outcomes and facilitates dialogue among stakeholders.

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Seminar/Webinar

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Awareness Raising Campaign

A coordinated communication effort aimed at increasing public or stakeholder understanding, interest, or support for specific urban issues, policies, or solutions.

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E-learning Platform

An online educational environment designed to deliver structured learning content on specific urban policy topics to diverse audiences.

E-learning Platform

E-learning Platform

Video Animation

A short, visually engaging animated video that communicates the goals, processes, and results of a policy, action, or project in an accessible format.

Video Animation

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Podcast

A short audio series or episode featuring interviews, expert insights, and discussions on specific urban topics, policies, or project experiences.

Podcast

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Brochure

A concise, visually engaging publication designed to communicate key messages, findings, or proposals to a broad audience, often in a user-friendly format.

Brochure

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[Join, Boost, Sustain – Declaration on Digital Transformation in Cities](#) Digital Transition Partnership

This political declaration promotes a 'European way' of digital transformation in cities. It aims to define a financial, technical, ethical and legal framework for digitalisation in Europe, while seeking to ensure technological leadership in the EU and respect European values and diversity.



[Transition to Circular Economy – Strategy of the City of Maribor](#) Circular Economy Partnership

This local strategy offers a replicable model for cities transitioning to circular systems. It maps out priority areas, stakeholder roles, and policy instruments needed to implement circular practices in urban governance.



[ESPON Policy Brief – Re-use of Spaces and Buildings](#) Culture and Cultural Heritage Partnership

This brief explores the reuse of underutilised buildings as a circular economy strategy, offering recommendations for EU, national, and local governments based on findings from ESPON research.



[Mapping of Current Heritage Re-use Policies and Regulations in Europe](#) Culture and Cultural Heritage Partnership

This policy mapping identifies and analyses heritage re-use policies, regulations, and practices across Europe. It provides an essential reference for policymakers and practitioners working to improve heritage-related urban regeneration and adaptive reuse.



Guidance Document

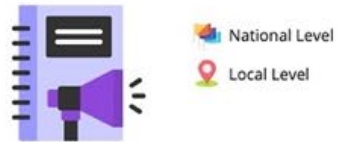
A practical, task-oriented document offering step-by-step advice or procedures to help policymakers and practitioners apply specific tools, methods, or regulations in urban contexts.

Supports local and regional authorities in implementing targeted solutions by translating complex concepts or policies into concrete actions.



[Deployment Desks for Building Retrofitting](#) Energy Transition Partnership

This guidance document details how to create and operate local or regional deployment desks that act as one-stop offices for energy retrofitting. These desks serve municipalities and property owners with technical support, financial advice, and project coordination.



Handbook

A comprehensive reference document designed to support strategic planning by compiling policy concepts, governance models, and real-world applications on a specific urban topic.

Guides local and regional authorities in shaping urban policies by offering conceptual frameworks, implementation tools, and curated examples adapted to different governance contexts.



[Sustainable and Circular Re-Use of Spaces and Buildings Handbook](#) Circular Economy Partnership

This handbook provides guidance for cities and regions on how to identify and transform underused or abandoned buildings through circular and sustainable strategies. It promotes models like Urban Re-use Agencies and highlights best practices from cities like Oslo and Porto.



Manual

A practical guide that explains how to apply a specific tool, method, or policy instrument through step-by-step instructions, definitions, and use cases.

Supports end users—especially local authorities and practitioners—in effectively deploying technical instruments or procedures by offering operational clarity and structured guidance.



[User Manual for the Self-Assessment Tool on Urban Security](#) Security in Public Spaces Partnership

This handbook provides guidance for cities and regions on how to identify and transform underused or abandoned buildings through circular and sustainable strategies. It promotes models like Urban Re-use Agencies and highlights best practices from cities like Oslo and Porto.



Guidebook

A structured resource that explains policy concepts, procedures, and tools, offering direction for their application in planning, assessment, or regulatory contexts.

Helps urban stakeholders navigate complex frameworks by clarifying legal provisions, outlining methodologies, and presenting options for informed policy and planning decisions.



[Guidebook on Including Land Take and Soil Properties in Impact Assessment Procedures](#) Sustainable Land Use & NBS Partnership

This guidebook provides methodologies, definitions, and legal references for incorporating land take and soil criteria in Strategic and Environmental Impact Assessments. It gathers best practices across EU countries and includes recommendations for embedding these approaches into national procedures.



Benefits for partners

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1. Contribute to shaping EU policy
2. Launchpad for funding opportunities
3. Great visibility and recognition
4. Improved governance (multi-level & multi-stakeholders)
5. Networking and collaboration
6. European-wide reflections to local solutions
7. Knowledge exchange



Benefits for partners

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Inclusion of Migrants
and Refugees

**9 years &
3 Action Plans**



Public
Procurement

**8 years &
3 Action Plans**



Sustainable
Tourism

prolongation



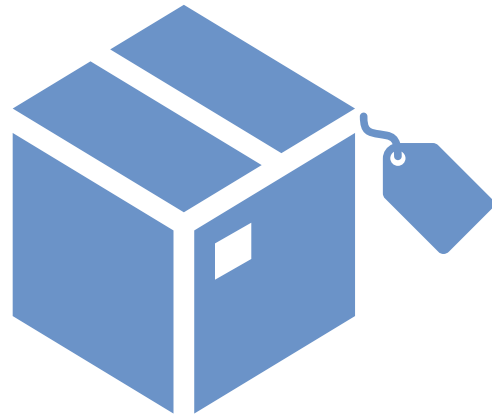
Greening
Cities

prolongation





Support Service Package



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Support Service Package

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1. Administrative support - Thematic Partnership Officer
2. Travel and accommodation support for urban authorities
3. Provision of expertise
4. Initiation Phase
5. Communication & dissemination
6. Creation of Synergy



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The Support Services Package for the Urban Agenda for the EU

FACTSHEET

Version September 2023



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<https://www.urbanagenda.urban-initiative.eu/sites/default/files/2023-10/FACTSHEET%20Support%20Services%20for%20the%20UAEU%20CLEAN%20v8.pdf>





Administrative Support - **Thematic Partnership Officer**



Administrative Support – Thematic Partnership Officer

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- Is tasked to **assist and guide** the Thematic Partnership coordinators on the key **organisational and administrative** activities/tasks
- Focus on the **day-to-day work** and the **operational functioning**
- Predominantly **administrative** and **technical support**





Travel & Accommodation Support



Travel & Accommodation Support

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Financial support for:

- **ACTIVITY 1:** to actively participate in their **UAEU Thematic Partnership in-person meetings** to compensate for their limited resources
- **ACTIVITY 2:** to actively participate in the **Coordinators and Action leaders' in-person Meetings (CALM)**, UAEU governing bodies meetings, EUI and European Commission events (when required).



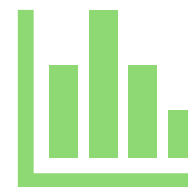
Travel & Accommodation Support

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Eligibility criteria:

- **Must be:**
 - a) Urban Authority
 - b) Associations or groupings of urban authorities with a legal status of organised agglomeration composed by Local Administrative Units (LAU)
- **Maximum population** of 500.000 inhabitants





Provision of Expertise



Provision of Expertise

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- up to **70 senior expert days** per year depending on needs (for 3 years)
- provide specific knowledge, know-how and expertise or to produce specific outputs
- when knowledge, know-how and expertise are **not already available** inside the Thematic Partnership





Initiation phase



Communication and
Dissemination Support



Creation of synergy

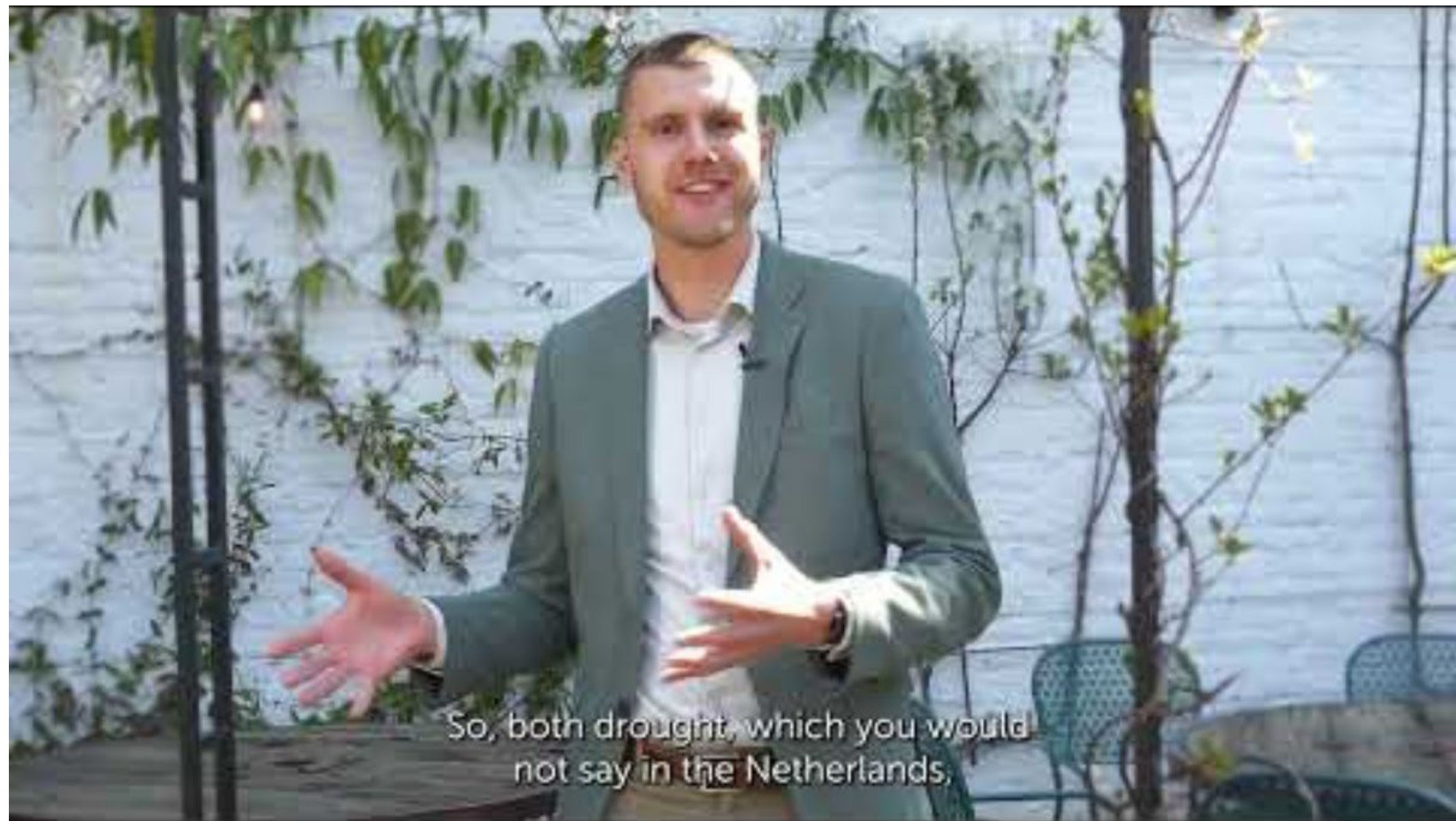


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Let's hear it from the partnerships...





So, both drought, which you would
not say in the Netherlands,





Questions & Answers



Application Process



What is the new topic?

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Compact Cities – Sustainable Urban Planning and Sprawl Mitigation

[Link to the Thematic Partnership webpage](#)





Compact Cities – Sustainable Urban Planning and Sprawl Mitigation

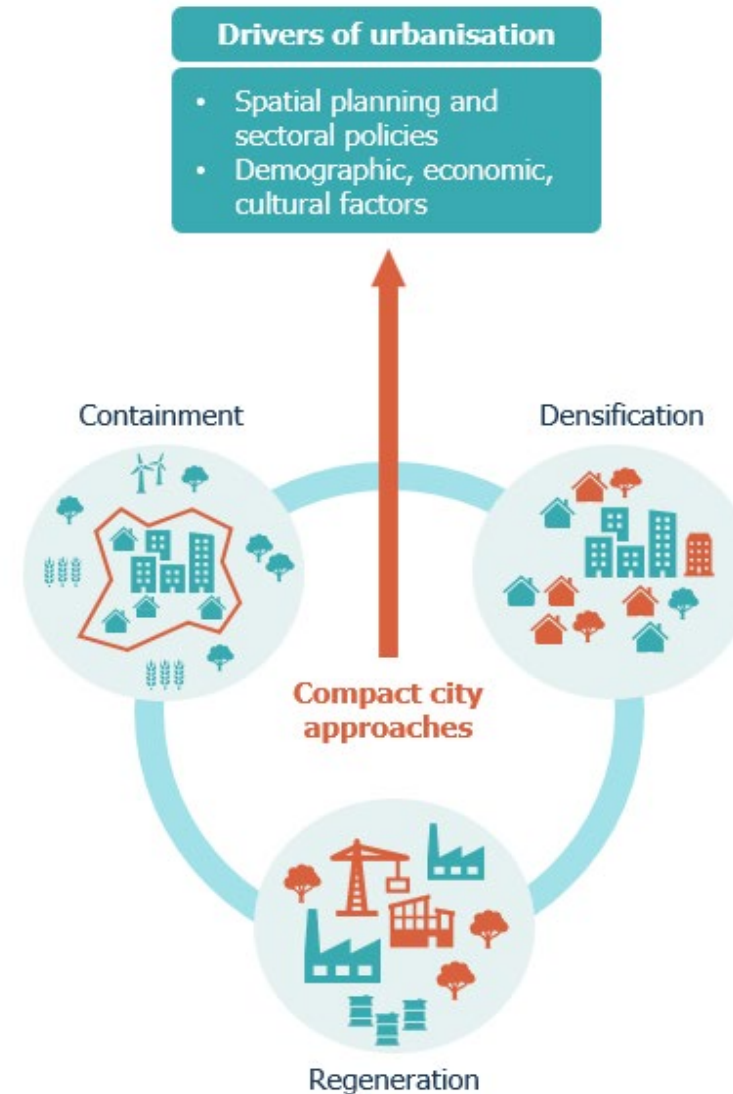
Ivana KaturiĆ - EAA Expert

Thematic scope

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- Understanding what **drivers** influence the supply of - and demand for - developable land in urban regions
- Enhancing the **operationalisation** of sustainable urbanisation concepts
- Focusing on containing urban sprawl through **densification, regeneration and containment**
- Addressing **trade-offs** between dimensions of sustainability and systemic barriers to compact urban development
- Improving the understanding and implementation of **transectoral policies, regulation and funding** that impact the form of urban development - from transport policies, land regulation and affordable housing to infrastructure retrofitting and FUA coordination



Sub-topics Compact Cities

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Better Regulation

- Anticipating impacts **of the national implementation of Soil Monitoring Law and Nature Restoration Law** on land use planning and CCs policies
- Improving the **enforcement of urban planning regulations**
- Mainstreaming **urban regeneration and densification concerns in EU regulation** on state aid, public procurement and services
- Horizontal **coordination of sectoral policies impacting land use**, including transport
- Mainstreaming **CCs principles in the NEB and fostering social innovation**
- Alignment of **land policies, property rights and public value capture instruments** with CCs principles



Better Funding

- Aligning **EU funding mechanisms** with CCs objectives
- Exploring **innovative instruments** for **land value capture**
- Aligning future **EU-level funding** for **affordable housing** with CCs principles
- Financing **urban regeneration and retrofitting** in CCs
- Gathering **best practices** on **innovative financing** for CCs
- Exploring opportunities for **FUA funding**



Better Knowledge

- Enhancing **the capacities of urban administrations** to implement **EU sustainable spatial planning policies** and guidelines
- Improving **data and monitoring tools** for **urban planning**
- Raising awareness on **importance of FUA coordination** on **land-use policies**
- **Mainstreaming transformative urban models**
- Addressing **conceptual inconsistencies** in **spatial planning**
- Increasing **awareness of trade-offs** in urban containment and densification approaches

Categories of partners



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- **Cities of all sizes** (including city regions, Functional Urban Areas and agglomerations)
 - small (less than 50.000 inhabitants)
 - medium (between 50.000 and 250.000 inhabitants)
 - large (more than 250.000 inhabitants)
- **Regions** and regional development agencies
- **Member States** (through relevant national level ministries and agencies)
- **Partner States** (Norway and Switzerland)
- **European** and national city umbrella organisations



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Other stakeholders such as:

- **Universities and Research Institutions**
- **Sector-specific associations, NGOs** as well as **local and regional entities in fields such as urban planning**, spatial development, sustainable transport, and land-use management, which contribute to knowledge exchange and capacity building for more compact, resilient cities;
- **National level associations** representing the interests of small and medium-sized municipalities;
- **International organisations** active in sustainable urbanisation, such as UN-Habitat, OECD, etc.

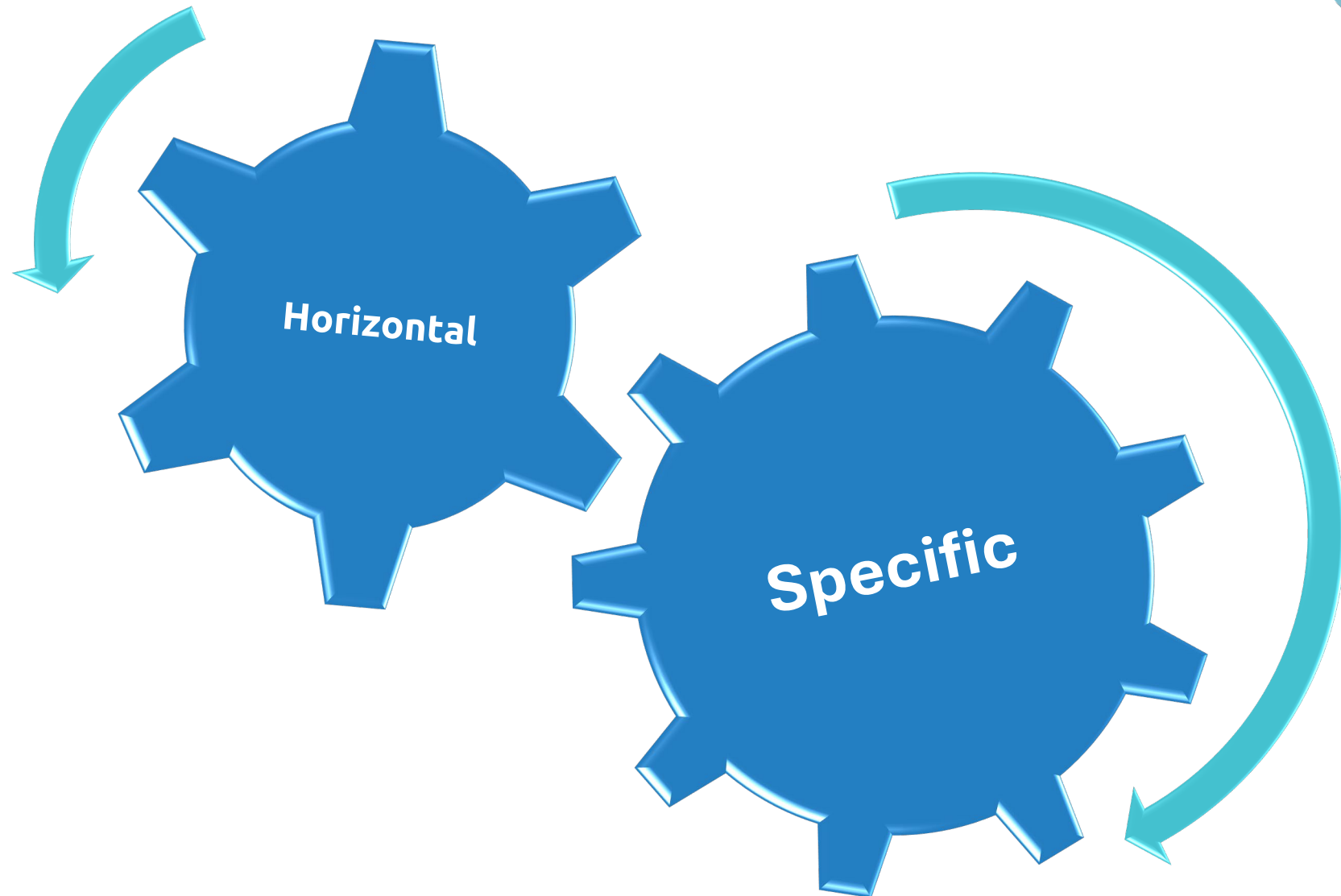


Selection criteria for the Call



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Horizontal criteria

- i.) Multi-level and multi-stakeholder approach
- ii.) Size of cities
- iii.) Geographical balance
- iv.) Prior involvement in the UAEU
- v.) Coordinators

At least:

- one 'small-sized city' (below 50,000 inhabitants)
- one 'medium-sized city' (between 50,000 and 250,000 inhabitants)



Specific Selection Criteria

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Partners

- **Motivation**
- **Expertise**
- **Outreach**
- **Resources**



Coordinators

- **Project management expertise**
- **Commitment**
- **Plan for kick-start**



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Specific criteria

- a) Motivation to become a member
- b) Expertise
- c) Outreach
- d) Readiness to bring human and financial resources

Spatial planning and spatial governance, as well as sector-specific policy areas that significantly influence CCs development (e.g. sustainable mobility, green urbanism, housing policy and inclusive urban regeneration)



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Additional specific criteria for coordinators

e) Project management

f) Commitment

g) Proposal of a plan for the kick-start



Questions & Answers



Timeline and next steps

European Urban Initiative

Louise Hunskaar Abrahamsen





Indicative Call / Assessment Timeline

27 August
Call Opens

Open Call on “Compact Cities”

03 September
Applicant Seminar

01 October

Call Closes 14:00 CEST

Assessment

05 November
DGUM

Beginning December
Final TP composition

December 2025 (tbc)
**1st meeting
with
Thematic Partnership
Coordinators**

January 2026 (tbc)
**kick-off meeting
with all
Thematic Partnership
members**



How to apply?

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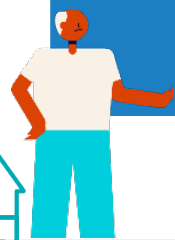


1

Familiarise yourself with the
Call documents
(Background Document / Ex-Ante Assessment)

2

Access and fill out the
Application Form



Call documents

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Background document

- Call context and selection process
- Thematic focus
- Categories of partners
- Selection criteria

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**Compact Cities –
Sustainable Urban
Planning and
Sprawl Mitigation**

**Background Document for
applicants**

27 August 2025

Final Version



Call documents

Ex-Ante Assessment report

- Full analysis of the theme
- Trends and evidence
- Regulatory environment
- Recommendations for the Thematic Partnership

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FAQ

- Answers to the frequent-asked questions

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Frequently asked questions

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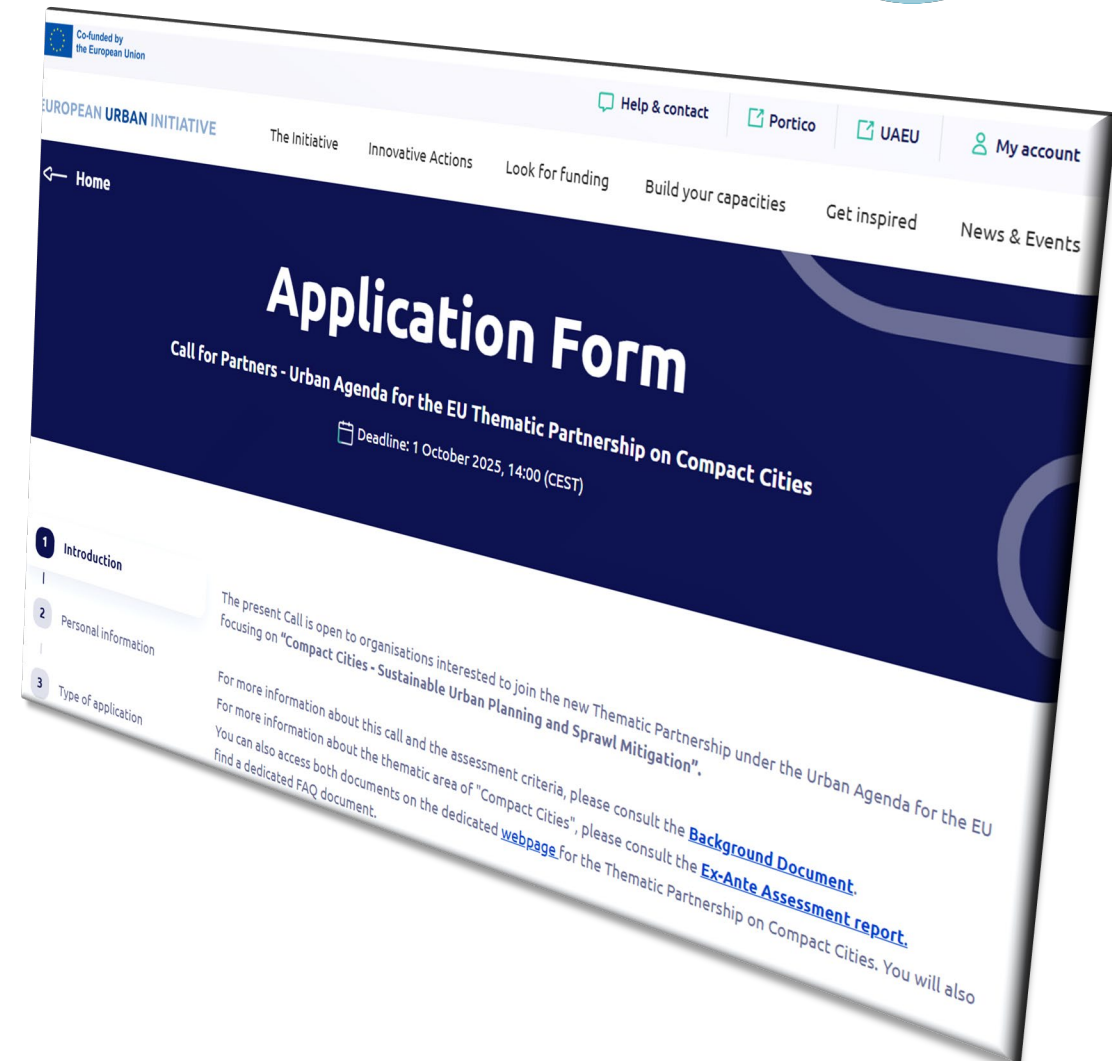
Application form

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Content

1. Preliminary Information
2. Type of application
3. Applicant details
4. Specific selection criteria for all applicants
5. Specific selection criteria for applicants as Coordinators



Overview materials

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- **Background document**
- **Ex-Ante Assessments**
- **Application form**
- **FAQ document**
- **EUI Support Service Package Factsheet**
- **Compact Cities Partnership webpage**
- **UAEU YouTube**



Q&A document

- Who can apply?
- What type of support is offered?
- Questions related to the application form
- Questions related to the UAEU Partnership
- ...



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Online info session: Peer Reviews and City-to-City Exchanges

25 September, 13:30-15:30

EUI will host a webinar to present the two types of opportunities we offer to cities to learn and cooperate with each other.

[Register here](#)



EUI event on "access to funding"

29 September - 3 October

EUI is organising its second Focused Policy Lab on the topic of access to funding in the city Rotterdam, The Netherlands

[Register here](#)



EU City Lab on active mobility

28–29 October

Join the EU City Lab on active mobility in Hamburg, Germany, co-organised by EUI and URBACT. Exchange ideas, and reimagine mobility in your city!

[Register here](#)

Closure

Hauts-de-France Region, Entrusted Entity

Anne Wetzel - Direction Europe - Responsable of the EUI



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Thank you!

Good luck with your applications!

