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CALL FOR TRANSFER NETWORKS

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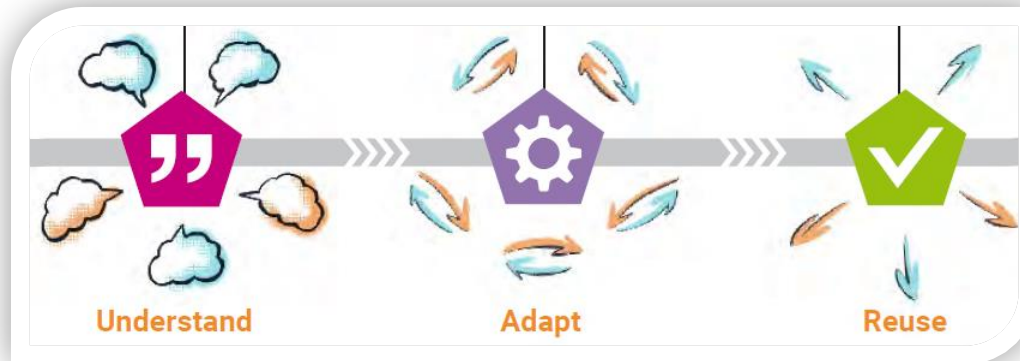


European Union
European Regional Development Fund



Why?

Good Practice - a successful experience
which has been tested and validated
**deserves to be shared so that a greater
number of cities can adopt it...**



Specific objective:
To improve the
implementation of
sustainable urban
strategies and action
plans in cities

You can learn more about the good practice transfer experience from URBACT articles about URBACT Transfer Pilots available via: urbact.eu

Transfer Network is for cities



1. Interested in transferring one of the 97 labelled URBACT Good Practices:

- ◆ To tackle a specific policy challenge with an integrated and sustainable solution
- ◆ To adapt and re-use a tested and effective practice in their own city context

as Transfer Cities

2. Awarded the URBACT Good Practice label:

- ◆ To lead and mentor the process of understanding, adapting and reusing their good practice.
- ◆ To refine and improve their own methodology through peer reviews and with the support of URBACT experts.

as Good Practice Cities

All of the 97 URBACT labelled Good Practices can be discovered on the following website: <http://urbactgoodpractices.eu/>

Working with the URBACT method



- ◆ Learning from peers across Europe & experimenting with tried and tested solutions
- ◆ Enhancing capacities for policy-making and delivery
 - Transfer Cities: adapt and re-use in their own city context
 - Good Practice Cities: refine and improve their own methodology
- ◆ Support from URBACT Programme
 - Validated URBACT experts, Programme Experts, URBACT Joint Secretariat, NUPs
- ◆ Accessing financial resources for exchange and learning

The 2-Phase Journey

Phase 1
Transfer
Network
Proposal
DEADLINE:
10/01/18

- Providing a clear description of the Good Practice
- Assessing the transfer potential in each Transfer City

Phase 2
Transfer
Network
Proposal
DEADLINE:
04/10/18

Ongoing exchange and learning activities between the Good Practice City and Transfer Cities



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2018

2019

2020

2021



6 Months
Start: 4 April
End: 4 Dec



24 Months
Start: 4 December 2018 **End:** 4 December 2020

Good Practice City
submits network proposal
with two Transfer Cities



PHASE 1

Development of the
good practice transfer
methodology with
expert support and
URBACT tools

- Consolidating the partnership
- Producing the Transferability Study
- Submitting project proposal for phase 2



PHASE 2

Realisation of the good practice transfer in each city

Starting with
Transfer Plans in
each city

Capturing
learnings in the
Transfer Diary

Sharing your good
practice transfer
experience

UNDERSTAND

> ADAPT

> REUSE

Main features of a Transfer Network:

- Good Practice City + min. of 4 and max. of 7 Transfer Cities
- Expert support
- Budget of up to 600.000€ (Phase 1 and 2)
- URBACT tools
- URBACT Capacity building activities

Who is eligible?



- ◆ Proposals for the Transfer Network can be submitted only by **97 URBACT Good Practice Cities** as future Lead Partners of Transfer Networks.
- ◆ Cities interested in transferring the Good Practice to their local context as **Transfer Cities** should first check if any of 97 Good Practices correspond to their needs and get in contact with them

Potential Transfer Cities shall be:

- ✓ From one of the member or partner EU states
- ✓ Cities, municipalities, towns
- ✓ Infra-municipal tiers of government
- ✓ Metropolitan Authorities and organized agglomerations
- ✓ **"Non-City": Local agencies defined as public or semi-public organisations set up by a city**



"Non-city" partners cannot be proposed for the initial partnership – Phase 1 application. But can join during Phase 1. More info available in the terms of reference of the call

Partnership



- ◆ **Partnership proposed for Phase 1** should comprise a Good Practice City and two Transfer Cities
- ◆ **Each Transfer Network in Phase 2** will comprise a Good Practice City and up to 7 Transfer Cities:
 - ✓ minimum 5 and maximum 8 partners including the Good Practice City as Lead Partner;
 - ✓ Include no more than 2 non-city partners (local agencies);
 - ✓ be composed of partners all coming from different Member/partner States;
 - ✓ Including:
 - a minimum of 2 partners from Less Developed regions where the total number of partner is 5;
 - a minimum of 3 partners from Less Developed regions where the total number of partner is 6 to 7 partners.
 - a minimum of 4 partners from Less Developed regions where the total number of partner is 8 partners.

Good Practice City can take part in another Transfer Network as Transfer City

Good Practice Cities

choosing right Transfer Cities



- ◆ Does the good practice address an issue faced by the potential Transfer City?
- ◆ Does the Transfer City have an evident commitment to tackling the challenge?
- ◆ Does the Transfer City have a commitment to the adaptation and transfer of the Good Practice?
- ◆ **Does each partner have a commitment to resourcing their network activities as required, as well as the transfer costs?**
- ◆ Is the proposed partnership eligible in the framework of the present Call for Proposals?

Financial resources



- ◆ The maximum budget of a Transfer Network will be up to EUR 600 000 (Phases 1 and 2)
- ◆ The total eligible cost for the Phase 1 of a Transfer Network is set at a maximum of EUR 80000.
- ◆ The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) co-finances network costs, with the following co-financing rates:
 - ✓ 70% for cities located in more developed regions
 - ✓ 85% for cities located in less developed and transition regions
 - ✓ Partners from Switzerland will be co-financed at up to 50% by Swiss national funds
 - ✓ Partners from Norway may participate in Transfer Networks at their own cost for this call

The map of regions for co-financing rates of Structural funds is available via:
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/graph/poster2014/eu28.pdf

Expertise envelope



- ◆ Each approved Transfer Network will have an **additional allocation of EUR 109500 (146 days)** to cover the costs of expertise over the lifetime of the network (Phase 1 and Phase 2).
- ◆ For Phase 1, the expertise allocation available for each Network will be limited to EUR 19500 (26 days of expertise)

All experts must be chosen from the URBACT III pool of validated experts: <http://urbact.eu/experts-list>

All partners have the possibility of using additional expertise support through the Network Budget (Budget line - external expertise). Not necessarily validated URBACT experts.



◆ Phase 1 – Network Experts:

- ✓ Lead Partners must propose 3 Experts
- ✓ Both Lead and Ad hoc validated URBACT experts can be proposed as Experts in phase 1*
- ✓ All Lead Experts and Ad hoc Experts currently appointed in ongoing URBACT networks can be proposed for expertise services in Phase 1 of Transfer Networks
- ✓ Assessment panel will make recommendations for contracting the “right” expert for phase 1

**Check the Guide for tips on choosing the right expert profile*

◆ Phase 2 – Network Lead Experts and Ad hoc Experts:

- ✓ Network Expert in phase 1 can be proposed as Lead Expert in phase 2 if the performance was positive
- ✓ All networks in Phase 2 can have Ad hoc Experts in addition to the Lead Expert

Submission procedure



- ◆ Candidates interested in transferring the Good Practice as a **Transfer City**, should contact the URBACT Good Practice City to express their interest in transferring the practice to their local context*. All contacts are available on the [URBACT Good Practices website](#).
- ◆ **Good Practice Cities** ready to submit the proposal for Transfer Network should send the request via email: TN@urbact.eu. The URBACT Joint Secretariat will take care of opening the online application form in SYNERGIE-CTE for them.

The deadline for the online submission of the Phase 1 Applications is 10 January 2018, 15.00 CET.

**Previous experience shows that the creation of partnerships takes place in the very beginning of the calls therefore candidate cities should get in contact with Good Practice Cities as soon as possible.*

URBACT Secretariat will indicate (on the online Good Practice Profiles) when the Good Practice City will stop accepting interests from Transfer City candidates.

Assessment process



- ◆ Assessments of Transfer Network proposals will be carried out by the External Assessment panel
- ◆ Approval by the Monitoring Committee 4 April 2018
Formal starting date of Phase 1



◆ Reference documents:

- ✓ **The Terms of References**
- ✓ **The Guide to Transfer Networks – Phase 1**
- ✓ The Programme Manual Factesheet 2C – Transfer Networks

All links available on the dedicated webpage: <http://urbact.eu/open-calls-networks>

◆ URBACT Secretariat

For all questions concerning the Good Practice Call, applicants are invited to contact the URBACT Secretariat on the following email address - **TN@urbact.eu**

◆ URBACT articles on our website & blog

If you want to learn more about good practice transfer experiences, please visit our website and blog which offers a great variety of articles organised by topics:

- <http://urbact.eu/>
- <http://www.blog.urbact.eu/>

Articles:

- <http://urbact.eu/good-practice-call-difference>
- <http://urbact.eu/it-time-cities-share-their-good-practices-now-more-ever>
- <http://urbact.eu/cities-and-good-practice-lessons-urbact-transfer-pilots>
- <http://urbact.eu/two-cities-united-love-good-food>



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driving change for better cities with you!