

National Contact Point

- **European Urban Initiative – EUI**
- **URBACT**

What are we doing?

- Inform municipalities about possibilities and calls
- Search for suitable partners on specific request
- Disseminate knowledge and results from the projects and partnerships



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Possibilities for 2026 and further

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- Peer review – Calls: now and spring 2026
- City to City Exchange – ongoing call
- Call for Innovative Action – early 2026

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- Call for Action Planning Networks – early 2026

DUT – Driving Urban Transitions

- Call for Research project – Calls: now and yearly up to 2027

What is a EUI Peer Review?



- WHAT: An activity aimed at helping cities to design/improve their **Sustainable Urban Development strategies**
- HOW (method): throughout exchange and joint work with peers around Europe
- WHO, 2 possible roles: **City under Review** or **Peer Reviewer**
- Main milestone: 2-day event that brings together 3 Cities under Review, each with their group of 6 Peer Reviewers
- It's a process, goes beyond the actual event

More details: [About EUI Peer Reviews](#) | [EUI \(urban-initiative.eu\)](#)



PEER REVIEW

Get advice
from peer cities
all over Europe!

- De call for Peer Reviews is open from **7 October** to **18 November**
- Frisian municipalities can join as **Peer Reviewer only**.
- More info:
<https://www.urban-initiative.eu/capacity-building/peer-reviews/call-autumn2025>



What is a EUI City-to-city exchange?

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- Brings a **city** with a specific problem related to sustainable urban development (**“the applicant”**)
- Together with **1 or 2 other cities** from another EU member state with expertise to tackle this challenge (**“the peer”**)
- **Simple application form**, easy to carry out, visit (between 2 and 5 dagen)
- **Totally depending on the demand of the city** and the challenge it brings up!
- **Ongoing Call – cities can apply when they want**



What are the challenges?

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City-to-City Exchanges are “**bottom-up**” **exchange activities**. Cities can submit any challenge they want, as long as it is related to Sustainable Urban Development. These can be:

Thematic: Green infrastructure, housing, waste management, integration of minorities, sustainable tourism, job creation, etc.

Operational: Implementation of sustainable urban development strategies, evaluation and monitoring, data management, stakeholder engagement, cross-sectoral cooperation, and multilevel governance, etc.



Check thematic and operational urban themes on **PORTICO** for more examples and get inspired

Thematic areas

Productive, smart and connected

Research and Innovation,
Digital transition, Local
production, Mobility...



Green

Sustainable soil and land use,
Food systems, Climate
adaptation, Energy transition...



Just and inclusive

Housing, Education and
employment, Health and well-
being...



Operational topics

Strategy >

Governance >

Participation and communication >

Resource and funding >

Data management and evaluation >

Scaling up and transfer >

Territorial focus >

Van C2C Exchange naar Innovation Transfer Network

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 **Den Helder**
Netherlands

 **Ravenna**
Italy

 **Svendborg**
Denmark

Urban regeneration

Completed

**Building blocks for the area-oriented approach to
quality of life and safety in vulnerable areas**

EUI Innovative Actions

We provide opportunities for cities, as enablers of innovation, to take the risk and turn ambitious and creative ideas into pilot projects that can be tested in real urban settings.

Last Call:
Early 2026



Innovative Actions

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1

Financial support : up to EUR \pm 2,5 million ERDF (under discussion) - maximum co-financing rate of 80%

2

Beneficiaries : urban authorities (associations or groupings of urban authorities) with a total population of more than 50 000 inhabitants

3

Implementation period : 3.5 years (under discussion)
(+ 6 months of Initiation Phase and 3 months for administrative closure of activities)

4

Thematics : each time defined by the European Commission and based on themes identified in the Urban Agenda for the EU; to be decided

5

Partners : Local network in which the innovation will be developed.
Transfer cities in other EU member states to which the innovation can be transferred.

Last Call:
Early 2026

Action Planning Network

Last Call:
Early 2026



✓ **OPEN TO ALL THEMES/ POLICY CHALLENGES** in line with EU Cohesion policy objectives

+ Cross – cutting aspects to be tackled during the journey: Digital transformation, Gender, Green transition

What to expect?

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Exchange & learning
activities amongst cities



Testing actions



An URBACT
Local Group

Communication
and visibility



Up to
EUR 850 000
per network



An Integrated
Action Plan

Support by

URBACT
Experts

URBACT
Secretariat

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Key expected result

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Integrated Action Plan (IAP)

An IAP offers cities a **concrete response** to their policy challenge. The IAP follows an **intervention logic** which aims to **design** and implement **actions based on testing**. The IAP will link the cities actions to the broader **Cohesion Policy funds** to support **long term implementation** and lasting change.

Driving Urban Transitions research call 2025

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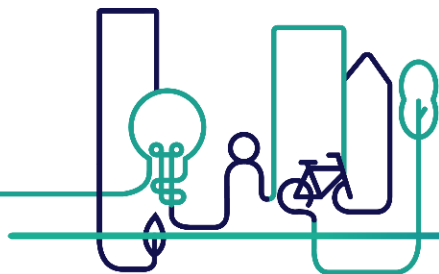
Transnational research and/or innovation projects that help cities tackle urban challenges and transition towards a climate neutral and resilient future for all.

Three thematic areas, the Transition Pathways:

- 15-minute City
- Circular Urban Economies
- Positive Energy Districts.



<https://dutpartnership.eu/>



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Open to 17 Nov.

Next calls in:
2026
2027



Who can apply?

Research organisations, companies and commercial organisations, urban government authorities, consumers and civil society representatives and actors from the culture and creative sectors.

A project must have at least three partners from three different countries participating in the call and include a municipality or local authority.



What can you apply for?

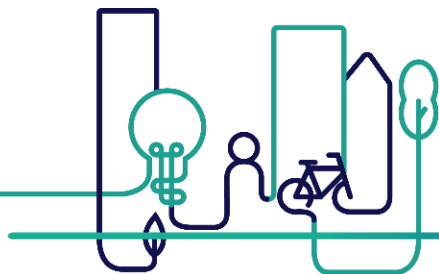
3-year research and innovation projects that focus on urban areas, in the context of achieving climate neutral and resilient cities. The call welcomes a wide range of scientific disciplines such as strategic urban research, applied urban research and urban innovation.




How much can you apply for?

There are no fixed minimum or maximum limits for a project size. Most projects are expected to have a total budget request of around €1-2 million.

Total available budget:
Approximately €44 million





Thank you
for your
attention