



Urban Agenda for the EU

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Context 1/2

70% *EU citizens live in **cities***

70% *EU legislation implemented in **cities***

55% *EU funds spent in **cities***

85% *EU GDP generated in **cities***

80% *energy consumed in **cities***





In cities, opportunities and challenges meet





Context 2/2

Intergovernmental Documents:

Lille Action Programme (2000) – Toledo Declaration (2010)

European Commission:

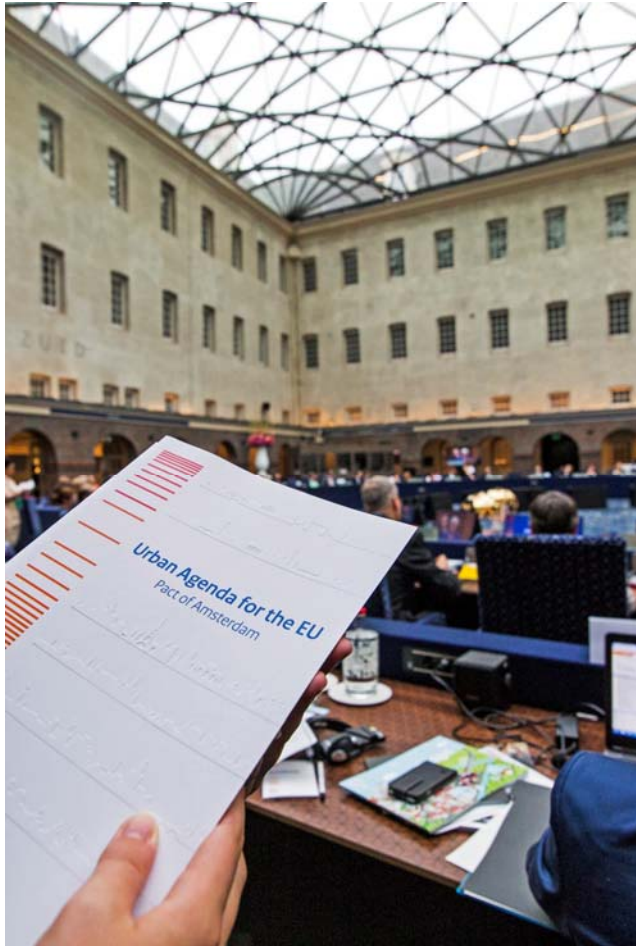
Communication "Towards an Urban Agenda in the European Union" (1997)

Reports on Urban Dimension (2008, 2009, 2012)

European Parliament

Resolution on the European Urban Agenda and its Future in the Cohesion Policy (2011)





Pact of Amsterdam (2016)

*Umbrella document of
the Urban Agenda for the EU*

*Defines informal multilevel
governance (cities, regions, member
states, cities' and expert organizations EU
institutions)*

*Describes the purpose – **Action Plan**
(actions for better regulation, better funding
and better knowledge)*

*Describes the working method of the
partnership (All Partners led by
Coordinator, Urban Development Group, DG
meeting on Urban matters)*

Defines the 12 priority themes



Partnerships – 1st group

*Housing**

*Air Quality**

Urban Poverty

Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees





Partnerships – 2nd group

Urban Mobility

Circular Economy*

Digital Transition

Jobs and skills in the local economy





Partnerships - 3rd group

Energy Transition

*Climate Change**

Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement

*Sustainable Use of Land and Nature-based solutions**





State of Play / Timing

Partnerships - 1st group

Started with work between Dec 2015 and March 2016

*Draft **Action Plan** due in **June 2017***

*Action Plan to be fully finalised **by end of 2017** /Report to the **Council***

Partnerships – 2nd group

Started with work in February 2017

Prepared the Orientation Paper in March 2017

*Draft Action Plan due in **January 2018***

Partnerships - 3rd group

Will start with work in Summer 2017

*Draft Action Plan due in **Summer 2018***

<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/urban-agenda>





Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

Funding Possibilities

Operational Programmes:

- *By now (mid-term) some **5000 projects (10 billion worth)** selected to support low carbon economy including the **energy efficiency of buildings and SMEs***
- *Territorial /Urban dimension - **Sustainable Urban Development** where some **10 billion** from the ERDF have been earmarked to the implementation of integrated strategies (around 750 cities) - 75% will be invested in **energy efficiency**, urban mobility, urban environment and social inclusion.*
- *Financial Instruments off-the-shelf for energy efficiency and urban regeneration (some **20 billion** of ERDF & CF is planned to be delivered via FI)*

Other:

- ***Urban Innovative Actions** finances highly innovative projects on priority themes of the Urban Agenda for the EU*





Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

Learning & Networking

Urban Development Network (UDN) - *country specific or thematic workshops, peer to peer review of SUD strategies*

URBACT – *Cash, Green Labs, Re-Block, etc.*

ESPON – *research studies and targeted analysis also on energy efficiency/urban regeneration*

https://ec.europa.eu/info/eu-regional-and-urban-development/cities_en







Thank you

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