



Overview of city selection and pairing process for the Canada-EU city to city cooperation programme

The <u>International Urban Cooperation</u> North America region (IUC NA) launched the open call for Canadian cities on **Friday 1**st **September 2017.**

The online application is available on the <u>IUC NA</u> regional page of the global IUC website.

The announcement will be disseminated and promoted through EU Delegation in the Canada as well as relevant stakeholders and partners in Canada.

The deadline for applications is Monday, 9th October, 2017.

The selection process will start immediately after the call has closed.

- Applications will be evaluated according to eligibility requirements in Part A and corresponding to the responses offered to the questions in Parts B,C,D,E.
- If needed, additional information may be solicited from candidate cities for the final selection process.
- After the call has closed, up to six Canadian cities will be selected for participation in the city to city cooperation program by the IUC.
- In a staggered process, the selected Canadian cities will be paired with EU cities that have applied to the programme through a separate open call.

More information is available on the <u>IUC global website</u>, and the <u>application for EU</u> <u>cities is available here</u>. The deadline for EU cities to apply through this separate process is **21st September.** If applicable, Canadian cities are encouraged to inform their partner cities in the EU to apply through the appropriate channels.

The city-to-city cooperation component of the IUC programme aims to establish successful city pairings in order to deliver tangible benefits and transferable urban development solutions for the cities engaging in this peer-to-peer process.

The main objective is to establish a partnership lasting for at least 18 months focusing on sustainable urban development and implementation of Local Action Plans developed by the participating cities in collaboration with their partner cities.

