



Overview of city selection process for US-EU city to city cooperation program

The EU's <u>International Urban Cooperation</u> initiative for North America (IUC-NA) launched an open call for city-to-city pairings between cities in the US and EU on **Friday 24 August, 2017.**

The city-to-city cooperation component of the IUC program aims to establish successful city pairings supporting sustainable urban development that will 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 a theme within sustainable urban development Representatives from each city will take part in study tours, staff exchange, trainings and seminars, and will design a local action plan to drive sustainable urban development. Participating cities will develop Local Action Plans and pilot projects in collaboration with their partner cities.

NB: The allocated budget supporting these city-to-city pairings does not include funding for the implementation (i.e. construction) of pilot projects.

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

The deadline for applications is Friday 22 September, 2017.

- The evaluation of applications will start immediately after the call has closed.
- Applications will be evaluated according to eligibility requirements in Part A and criteria that correspond directly to the questions in Parts B,C,D,E.
- If needed, additional clarifying information may be solicited from candidate cities for the final selection process.
- Once the two US cities have been selected, they will then be paired with EU cities that have applied to the program through a separate open call.

More information is available on the <u>IUC global website</u>, and the <u>application for EU cities is available here</u>. The deadline for EU cities to apply through this separate process is Monday 11 September. If applicable, US cities are encouraged to inform those cities in the EU with which they might want to cooperate to apply through the appropriate EU channels.

Questions should be directed to info@iuc-na.eu. Good luck!

