

## Application form for US cities

### Apply to join the International Urban Cooperation (IUC) Program!

#### How can US cities be involved and apply?

Cities in the US who wish to be paired with a city in the European Union facing similar challenges on their path to achieving sustainable urban development are encouraged to apply for the International Urban Cooperation (IUC) city-to-city cooperation program.

*US cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants are eligible to apply.*

The program aims to foster links between cities in the United States and the European Union. Through the program, cities will be able to connect and gain new perspectives on pressing issues in sustainable urban development.

To find out more about sustainable urban development policies and programs in the EU see the EU [Urban Agenda](#) and [URBACT](#) program which fosters sustainable integrated urban development in cities across Europe.

In our second open call, we are aiming to identify five US-EU city pairings. The five successful US cities will be paired with an EU city tackling related challenges in sustainable urban development, allowing the pairs to build cooperation and share knowledge. Representatives from each city will take part in study tours, staff exchanges, trainings, and seminars. The two cities will together develop Action Plans that are informed by their cooperation and collaboration.

By joining the IUC city-to-city cooperation program, your city will:

- **COMMIT** – Cooperate for a minimum of 18 months with your European peers and allocate sufficient resources and time to develop successful cooperation which will last beyond the lifetime of this program. There is no maximum length for the city-to-city pairing, but participating cities will only receive support for up to 18 months.
- **LEARN** – Exchange views on new ways of approaching challenges and benefit from a wider pool of good practices to draw upon; receive support in identifying innovative business models for financing local action.
- **SHARE** – Help others to solve issues by sharing your own experiences and knowledge.
- **EXCHANGE** – Open your city to dialogue and partnership with new peers in the EU, and relevant stakeholders
- **SHOWCASE** – Increase the profile of your city's or region's best practices and achievements internationally.
- **IMPLEMENT** – Work with new partners to make your vision of sustainable urban development a reality through developing a Joint Local Action Plan for sustainable urban development in a sector of your choice.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR U.S. CITIES IS FRIDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

For more information check the [IUC FAQs](#) or contact [info@iuc-na.eu](mailto:info@iuc-na.eu)

*[Please note: The deadline for questions is 26<sup>th</sup> March and the FAQs will be updated periodically and posted to the website. The final FAQ document to be posted by no later than Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March]*



**Date Submitted:****Part A – City Profile***Info on the applicant city*

1. City Name

2. State

3. Population (approx.)

4. Total city area

5. Local government website (URL)

6. Please briefly describe your city (general socio-economic description and main urban policy challenges)  
*max 2000 characters*

7. Municipal budget (USD)

8. Number of municipal employees

9. Mayor's name

10. Start date of the current Mayoral term

11. End date of the current Mayoral term



12. Are you applying as part of a metropolitan area?      Yes      No

### Part B – Contact details

#### Contact for application

13. Last name(s), First name(s)

14. Function/Job title

15. Name of local government

17. Name of division/department where you work

18. Your department’s responsibilities in relation to urban development *max 1000 characters.*

19. E-mail address

20. Telephone number

21. I confirm that I am officially authorized by the [Deputy] Mayor to submit this application.

Yes

No



### Part C – Motivation, commitment & capacity

*Capacity (e.g. resources, time, knowledge, skills...)*

22. Please explain the capacity that your city can commit to the IUC city-to-city cooperation (e.g. financial resources, staff time, expertise, knowledge, skills, etc.)

23. Who would be your likely team leader and what is their level of responsibility in the municipality?  
*Please describe briefly.*

24. Why are you interested in joining the IUC city-to-city cooperation? *max 1000 characters.*

25. What experience and expertise related to sustainable urban development does your city wish to share with an EU city? *max 1000 characters.*



26. What does your city wish to learn from an EU city related to sustainable sustainable urban development? *max 1000 characters.*

## Part D – Sector of cooperation and proposed actions for sustainable urban development

### *Sector of cooperation*

27. Please mark (up to three) topics/sectors for which your your city has a mandate/responsibility that you wish to address through this cooperation program?

*Examples of thematic fields (the list is non-exhaustive) include:*

Sustainable production/consumption, particularly waste management

Smart cities, innovation, and technology integration

Sustainable buildings

Sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions

Low carbon urban mobility and transport

Inclusive, innovative, and sustainable economic growth (this can include social inclusion, gender, education, etc.)

Integrated urban-rural development

Efficient water management and sanitation

Climate change mitigation/adaptation

Energy efficiency/savings

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_





28. Please explain why you have selected these fields *max 2000 characters*.

### Proposed Action/Measures/Ideas for a Pilot Project

29. Which proposed actions/measures/ideas have you considered for a pilot project in sustainable urban development, if any? *(the pilot projects will be outlined in your Local Action Plan) Please describe briefly. max 2000 characters.*

30. How do you plan to engage the public sector (at different levels), academic community, private sector, civil society organizations and citizens to carry out these actions? Please describe briefly. *max 2000 characters.*





## Part E – Previous experiences

### *International & European cooperation and initiatives*

31. Does your city have experience with international exchanges or cooperation programs? If so, please briefly outline your activities, the partners involved and specify if connected to EU programs. *max 2000 characters.*

32. Does your city have any existing ties with EU cities or programs in the field of urban development and innovation?

Yes

No

33. If yes, please explain briefly. *max 2000 characters.*



### Sustainable Urban Development/Stakeholder engagement

34. Has your city developed a medium or long-term integrated urban development strategy for the whole city?

Yes                      No

35. If yes, please explain briefly (scope, sectors addressed, methodology and how the actions proposed will link to the strategy, etc.) *max 2000 characters.*

## Part F – Other

### Preferences

36. Is there a particular EU Member State you would prefer to work with? If you are aware of any specific countries within the EU with relevant cities/experiences in your areas of thematic interest, you can mark them as countries you would like to work with. Please mark them (max. 2 preferences) as well as explain in the box below why you would like to work with them and which is your first and second preference. *max 2000 characters.*

Austria	Italy
Belgium	Latvia
Bulgaria	Lithuania
Croatia	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Malta
Czech Republic	The Netherlands
Denmark	Poland
Estonia	Portugal
Finland	Romania
France	Slovak Republic







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Germany

Slovenia

Greece

Spain

Hungary

Sweden

Ireland

United Kingdom

37. In the countries mentioned above, are there any specific cities you would prefer to work with? Please name them and explain whether/how your city has had any previous relations with them. *max 2000 characters.*

**Other**

38. Please include any other relevant information or comments that you consider useful for the application. *max 2000 characters.*

