

IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

City:	Ibague (& Piedras)	Graz
Province, State, Department...:	Tolima	Estiria
Country:	Colombia	Austria
Population:	Ibagué: 541 101 (in 2020) (Piedras: 5 427 – in 2015)	289 440 (in 2018)
Size (km²)	Ibagué: 1.439 <u>km²</u> (Piedras: 355.15 <u>km²</u>)	127.58 <u>km²</u>
Period of cooperation	2018-2019	

Cooperation Themes:	Urban – rural integration
Related <u>SDGs</u> and <u>Urban Agenda</u> topics:	SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth SDG 11: Urban Development EU Urban Agenda: Jobs and Skills in the Local Economy; Nature-Based Solutions
Key <u>focus</u> of cooperation themes:	Water supply; support to economic start-ups for youth
Key <u>challenges</u> of cooperation theme:	The main challenge of the collaborative work was on finding water supply alternatives in Ibague (and Piedras), on means how to update the cadastres Ibague and Piedras, and the creation of co-working centres and entrepreneurial dynamics.
Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:	Assess feasibility of new modalities for the water sector, and for local economic promotion: 1. Implementing new water supply alternatives in Ibague (and Piedras); 2. Establish a technical exchange in the creation of co-working centres and entrepreneurial dynamics; 3. Develop the cadastral update of Ibague (and Piedras).
Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):	Water supply and river management: What the projects wants to achieve is to improve the water quality standards and the fresh water supply.



	<p>Cadastral update: One overarching goal is to gain knowledge about different cadastral systems to up-date the cadastral Ibage's database</p> <p>Co-Working centres and entrepreneurial dynamic: The goal is to articulate different stakeholders in a project where institutions supporting start-up acceleration and entrepreneurship, could integrate their different strategies and resources in one place (management and infrastructure). At the same time, it will provide sharing spaces for local entrepreneurs, and a location for networking, training and conference attendance opened to public.</p>
<p>Expected results and benefits:</p>	<p>Ibage has identified for future internship work the topic of Co-Working centres and entrepreneurial start-ups: These Centres shall support start-ups and new entrepreneurs. The centres shall offer networking, training and conference facilities. Co-working centres are expected to help build a culture of community involvement through education and social engagement and foment business plans for financial sustainability. It is expected that Ibage could transfer experiences from Graz.</p>

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