

IUC-NA Integrated Local Action Plan (iLAP) Summary

City:	Manchester	Montreal
Province, State, Department...:	Manchester is a city and metropolitan borough in Greater Manchester	Quebec
Country:	United Kingdom	Canada
Population:	530,000	1'942,044
Size (km²)	115.64 km ²	431.5 km ²
Period of cooperation	November 2017- November 2019	

Cooperation Themes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating inclusive and sustainable economies. • Housing • Inclusion of migrants and refugees.
Related <u>SDGs</u> and <u>Urban Agenda</u> topics:	<p>SDGs: 8-Decent work and Economic Growth 10-Reduced inequalities 11-Sustainable cities and communities</p> <p>EU Urban Agenda: -Housing -Urban Poverty</p>
Key <u>focus</u> of cooperation themes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy levers to reduce economic inequality, particularly for low paid economic sectors. - Citizen participation and inclusion - Creating aspiration and social mobility in cities. - Measuring poverty - Specific focus on learning best practices and sharing lessons learned about incorporating social value in the municipal procurement system.



<p>Key <u>challenges</u> of cooperation theme:</p>	<p><i>Learning from each other about how to create a more inclusive and sustainable economy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing ways for more excluded residents to benefit from economic opportunities - Understanding social value and the role of anchor institutions - How to promote businesses to be more responsible – what levers/policies/interventions have delivered results - How to measure inclusive growth and deprivation/low income and feed this intelligence into policy and practice - The role of innovation and smart cities in creating a more inclusive city – both in terms of economic and social benefits
<p>Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific focus on learning best practices and sharing lessons learned about incorporating social value in the municipal procurement system. - Exchange information on affordable housing strategies, policies, and by-laws. - Sharing expertise, strategies, and tools available to other development projects promoting social and solidarity economy organizations and mechanisms in Manchester.
<p>Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):</p>	<p>Montreal and Manchester participated in four key activities through the IUC program. Firstly, each city sent a delegation to their partner city for a 4-day Learning Exchange to learn more about each municipality and clarify opportunity for collaboration and continued knowledge sharing.</p> <p>From these Learning Exchanges, the city pair found specific interest in focusing on analyzing each city’s social economy and identify strategies for improvement. Secondly, Manchester’s procurement expert conducted a technical visit to provide Montreal with a better understanding of social value procurement and help the City explore how social value can be addressed in Montreal’s procurement system. Thirdly, both cities conducted a study on their existing social economies to identify tools, strategies, organizations, and available mechanisms for improving their social and solidarity economy and entrepreneurship. Finally, the city pair delivered joint webinars to share learnings and explore opportunities for continued collaboration.</p> <p>Montreal and Manchester currently have not implemented a pilot project as part of the collaboration. However, the conclusions of the current study in social economy should</p>



	<p>certainly allow for the establishment of interesting courses of action.</p> <p>The procurement departments of both cities are prepared to consider the knowledge and experience gained through this project in its next revision of policies. Montreal and Manchester also plan to sign an MOU for continued showcase of IUC learnings and building additional capacity.</p>
<p>Expected <u>results</u> and <u>benefits</u>:</p>	<p>As part of the IUC Cooperation, both Montreal and Manchester will have completed a final report on their respective social economies. As part of Manchester’s study, the city interviewed representatives of four select projects involving social economy approaches to produce case studies.</p> <p>Results of these studies, along with the additional research, will be summarized in a final summary paper.</p>

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