

# International Urban Cooperation

## Fostering Sustainable Urban Development on a global scale

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# OVERVIEW

- **About the International Urban Cooperation (IUC)**
  - **Its three components**
  - **Focus on sustainable urban development**
  - **City-to-city cooperation**
- **Upcoming opportunities**



## WHAT IS THE IUC?

The three-year **International Urban Cooperation (IUC)** programme aims to enable cities to link up and share solutions to common problems. It is part of a long-term strategy by the **European Union** to foster sustainable urban development in cooperation with both the public and private sectors.

The IUC programme activities will support the achievement of bilateral policy objectives as well as major international agreements on urban development and climate change, such as the **Urban Agenda**, the **Sustainable Development Goals**, and the **Paris Agreement**.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The SDGs aim to provide an **international framework** to enable countries to better target and monitor progress across all **three dimensions** of sustainable urban development (**social, environmental** and **economic**) in a coordinated and holistic way.

The goals will be applicable to **all countries**, regardless of their level of development.



## SDGs for All



# URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

The **EU's vision** of the future global "New Urban Agenda" is based on the understanding that an **integrated and place-based approach** to urban development, together with a **long-term vision**, is necessary in order to promote well-managed, socially inclusive and safe, resilient, resource-efficient and environmentally sustainable as well as economically prosperous cities.





# LOCAL ACTION IN SUPPORT OF PARIS AGREEMENT

**7,494 CITIES COMMITTED**

CITIES COULD COLLECTIVELY

**REDUCE 1.3 BILLION TONS OF  
CO<sub>2</sub>e PER YEAR IN 2030**

CITIES COULD REDUCE

**MORE THAN 46 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e BY 2050,**  
REACHING A GLOBAL AVERAGE  
OF 2.19 TONS PER CAPITA





## **1 City-to-city cooperation on sustainable urban development**

By pairing up EU with non-EU partner cities, the IUC boosts access to expertise in urban development policy, helping cities promote smart, green and inclusive growth. Working with like-minded partners, it fosters better ways to plan, finance, develop, govern and manage cities, and supports the New Urban Agenda decided in Quito.

## **2 Sub-national action under the Global Covenant of Mayors initiative**

Cities consume two-thirds of the world's energy. The Covenant of Mayors initiative promotes local actions and facilitates city-to-city cooperation to reduce CO2 emissions, adapt to climate change and ensure access to clean and affordable energy.



## **3 Inter-regional cooperation on innovation for local and regional development**

Cities and regions can generate growth by innovating and sharing expertise on clustering, global value chains and Smart Specialisation Strategies. This is important in Latin America where governments are trying to diversify their commodity-driven economies.



# THREE COMPONENTS

# OBJECTIVES

FOSTER SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH  
CAPACITY BUILDING

LONG-TERM STRATEGY BY THE  
EUROPEAN UNION TO FOSTER  
SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
IN COOPERATION WITH BOTH THE  
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS

OPEN UP COOPERATION & MARKET  
OPPORTUNITIES

URBAN AGENDA, THE  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS, AND THE PARIS  
AGREEMENT

CHINA, INDIA, JAPAN,  
CANADA, MEXICO, USA,  
ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE,  
COLOMBIA AND PERU (SOUTH  
KOREA, VIETNAM,  
INDONESIA, MALAYSIA,  
SINGAPORE FOR  
COMPONENT 2)






# CITY-TO-CITY COOPERATION

# CITY PAIRINGS



- **66 EU cities** form 21 countries
- **10 Chinese cities**, +5 planned for 2019
- **8 Japanese cities**
- **12 Indian cities**
- **4 Argentinean cities**
- **6 Brazilian cities**
- **5 Colombian cities** in 4 pairings
- **3 Chilean** and **3 Peruvian cities** (2 to be launched)
- **6 Canadian cities**
- **4 Mexican cities**
- **6 US cities**



Cities participating commit to cooperate for at least 18 months with your international peers, allocate resources and time to develop a successful cooperation which will last beyond the lifetime of this programme



# IUC - INCLUSIVE & DIVERSE COOPERATION

 **MANNHEIM**



Population  
305,780  
Area  
145 km<sup>2</sup>  
Mayor  
Peter Kurz

 **ROTTERDAM**



Population  
635 389  
Area  
325.8 km<sup>2</sup>  
Mayor  
Ahmed Aboutaleb

## TOPICS

Climate adaptation Water waste management

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



 **BELFRAST**





Population  
340 200  
Area  
132.5 km<sup>2</sup>  
Mayor  
Deirdre Hargrave


## TOPICS

Inclusive and sustainable economic growth



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT




 **ALBA IULIA** 



Population  
63 536  
Area  
103.6 km<sup>2</sup>  
Mayor  
Mircea Hava

 **BENEDITO NOVO** 



Population  
11 037  
Area  
385.4 km<sup>2</sup>  
Mayor  
Jean Michel Grundmann

## TOPICS

Inclusive and sustainable economic growth Nature and cultural heritage conservation Safe  
inclusive urban development

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

# NEW IUC WEBSITE (WWW.IUC.EU)



- General information
- News
- Access to resources
- City profiles
- Link to knowledge-sharing platform





## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Knowledge-sharing platform
- Next selection rounds: October 2018
- Showcase action:
  - City-to-city event (10 October, Brussels)
  - Webinar on waste and water management (November 2018)
  - Webinar on financing sustainable urban development and climate action (November 2018)
  - GCoM Day @COP24 (10 December, Katowice, Poland)

QUESTIONS?

We look forward to exchanging with you!

**THANK YOU!**

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