

# 5th Exchange Meeting of the EU & Japanese Cities

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**Urban Cooperation  
Action Plans -UCAP**




**General observation on the plans submitted by Japan pairings from the viewpoint of U-CAP objectives and methodologies**

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# UCAP

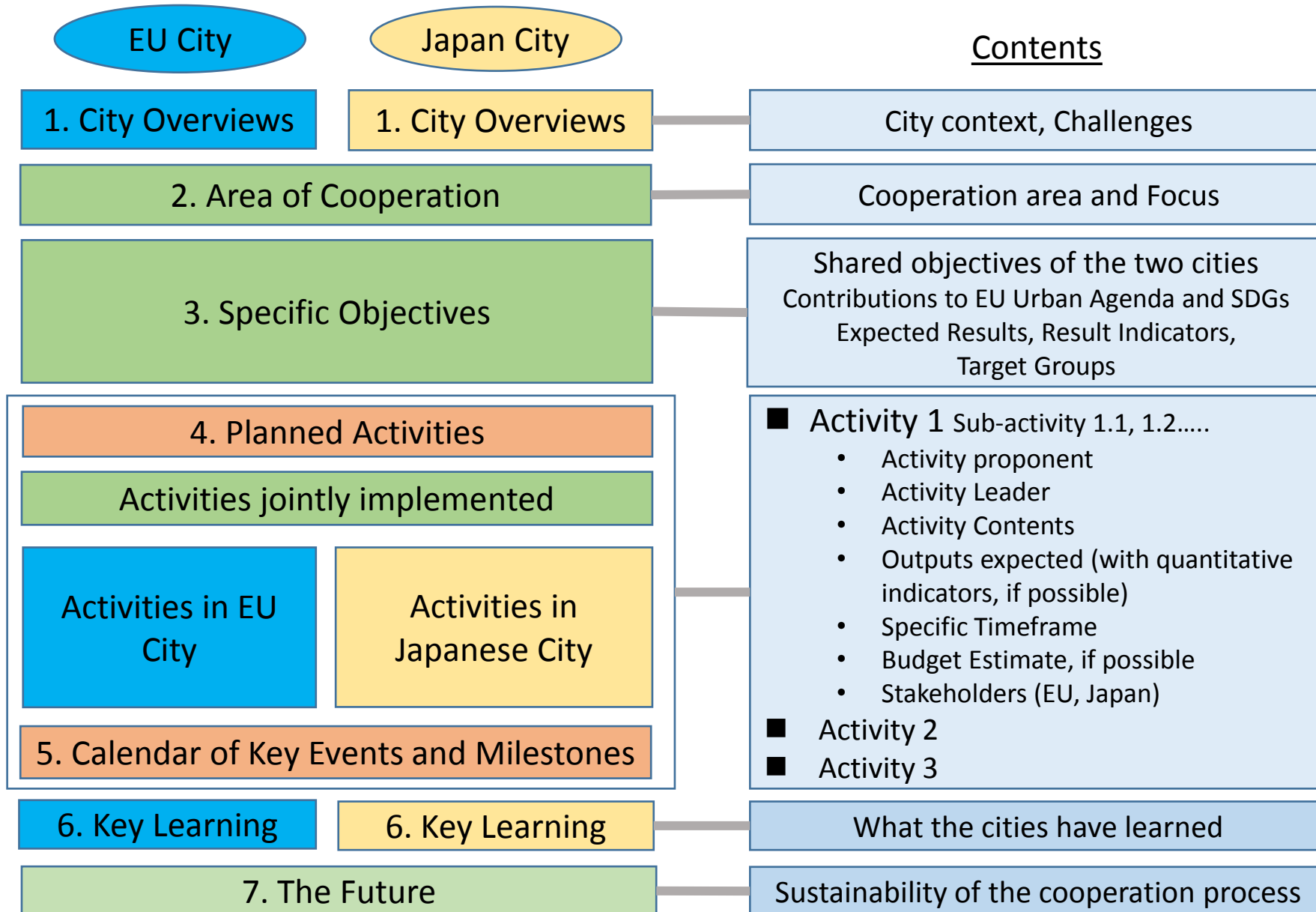
## METHODOLOGY PACK

- ✓ U-CAP Template
- ✓ Supporting guideline to fill it in
- ✓ Financial form to schedule activities and assign and estimate Budget
- ✓ Timing proposal to develop the U-CAP during the cooperation period

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- A dynamic Road Map for the IUC C2C Cooperation process
  - One common U-CAP methodology at programme level
  - Designed to be adapted for a 2 cities pairing or for a cluster
  - Considering cities as main actors incorporating their stakeholders



# Urban Cooperation Action Plan (UCAP) structure





## ➤ One Joint UCAP better than one per city

- ✓ Added value expected from the cooperation
- ✓ Activities can be implemented only in one city but with some kind of participation or “influence” from the counterpart



## ➤ Thematic concentration

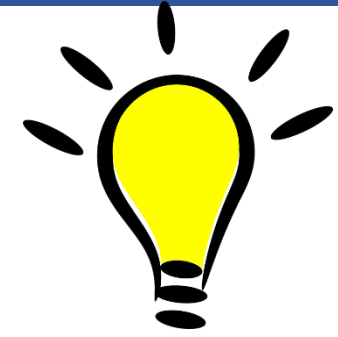
- ✓ Less cooperation themes helps to concentrate in key objectives.
- ✓ It helps to focus thematic networking
- ✓ More realistic with the time and resources for the cooperation
- ✓ Exception: when the cooperation is part of previous collaboration or long term strategies

## ➤ Concrete and measurable outputs

- ✓ Tools, methods & solutions
- ✓ Studies, researches, projects, publications, strategic plans...
- ✓ Technical meetings (physical or virtual-webinars), Congress, Forums, Networking events, etc.
- ✓ Agreements, MoU, ...
- ✓ Improved Urban projects, infrastructures, etc. (for the case of investment projects that will be implemented anyway in the city but there is an added value through IUC, as well as specific pilots to be developed jointly)



# SOME RECOMENDAITONS FOR AN “ATTRACTIVE” UCAP



- **Introduce simple actions in the cooperation period: internship, webinars, participate in thematic events, etc. that serve to justify a major action or a medium-long term pilot that needs financing**
- **Demonstrate and "sell" that IUC has turned that initial idea into an innovative, replicable and high-impact project**
- **Show that the key actors of the city/region related to the action of interest have been incorporated**
- **Demonstrate that the action is part of a sustainable and integrated urban development strategy of the city, in line with the A2030, the NUA & Urban Agenda for the EU**

30 cities already  
cooperating in Japan



*City to city*

OVER 100 !!!

*CLUSTER*

**LATIN AMERICA & CAREBEAN**  
ARGENTINA, BRASIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA Y  
PERU

**NORTH AMERICA**  
UNITED STATES, CANADA & MEXICO

**INDIA**

**JAPAN**

**CHINA**



TOPIC 1

EU1 + JAPAN 1

## LAC

- TOPIC 1 EU-Argentina
- TOPIC 1 EU-Brasil
- TOPIC 1 EU- Colombia
- TOPIC 1 EU-Chile
- TOPIC 1 EU- Peru

## ASIA

- TOPIC 1 EU-China
- TOPIC 1 EU-India
- TOPIC 1 EU- Japan

## NA

- TOPIC 1 EU-Canada
- TOPIC 1 EU-US
- TOPIC 1 EU- Mexico

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- **Thematic networks to work on common projects**
- **Possibilities to participate in co-financing projects. Eg. H2020**
- **More attractive projects for financial institutions due to their replicability and international impact**



**Cities & stakeholders**



From

CITY TO CITY

to

THEMATIC NETWORKING

THEMATIC NETWORKS PROPOSAL		REFERENCE FRAMEWORK	
		EU AGENDA	SDG
1	Urban Mobility, Connectivity & Transport	Urban Mobility	11 Sustainable Cities & Communities
2	Smart Cities & Digital Transition	Digital Transition	9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
3	Urban Regeneration-Urban Renewal: Poverty reduction, Housing, Social Inclusion-Cohesion, Equity	Urban Poverty	1 No Poverty
		Housing	2 Zero Hunger
		Integration of Migrants & Refugees	5 Gender Equality
		Security in Public Spaces	10 Reduced Inequalities
			16 Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions
4	Circular Economy, Waste & Sustainable Production/Consumption	Circular Economy	12 Responsible Consumption & Production
5	Urban Planning for Sustainable & Healthy Cities- Sustainable Land Use-NBS	Sustainable use of Land & Nature-Based-Sol.	3 Good Health & well being
			11 Sustainable Cities & Communities
			15 Life on Land
6	Climate Action, Energy ,Water & Air Quality	Climate Adaptation	6 Clean & water sanitation
		Air Quality	7 Affordable & clean Energy
		Energy Transition	13 Climate Action
			14 Life below Water
7	Innovation & Economic Growth-Strategic Sectors-Jobs & Skills	Jobs & Skills in the local Economy	4 Quality Education
		Culture-Cultural Heritage	8 Decent Work & Economic Growth
		Public Procurement	9 Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure



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