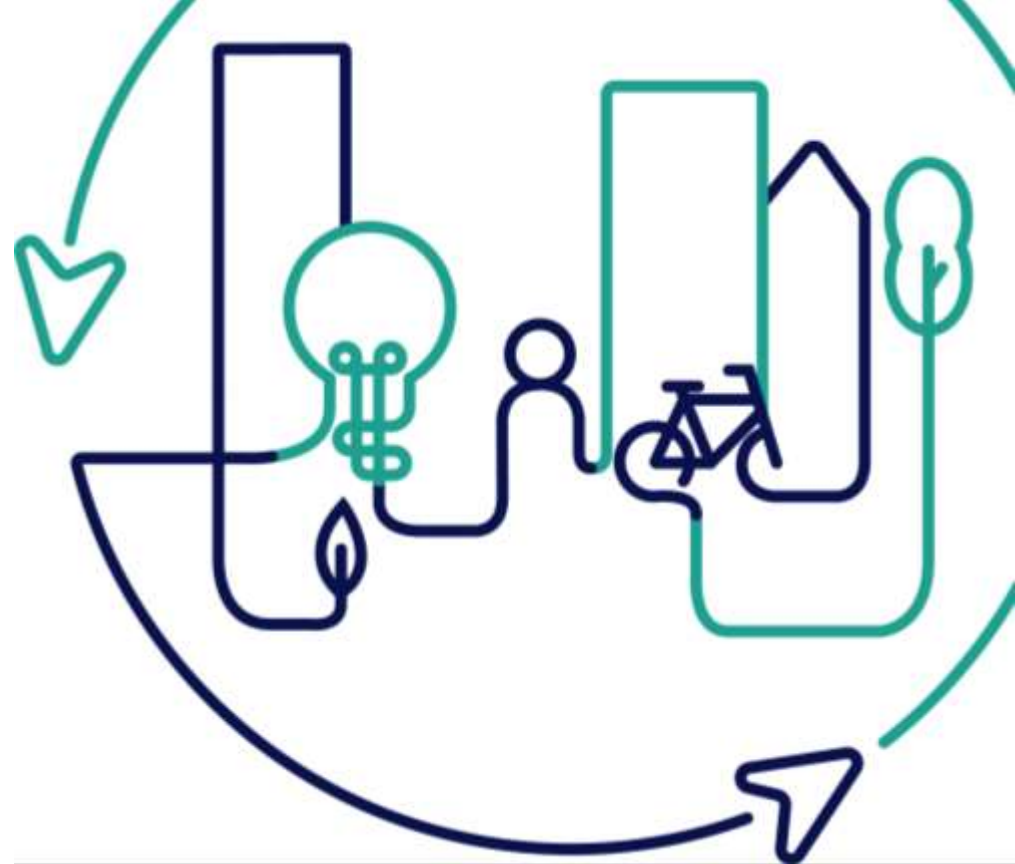


EUROPEAN URBAN INITIATIVE



Co-funded by
the European Union

Agnieszka Siłuszek
European Urban Initiative Permanent Secretariat



Co-funded by
the European Union



Summary

1

**Urban Innovative Actions
2014-2020**

2

**What is the European Urban
Initiative?**

3

Funding Opportunities

4

Second Call for Proposals

5

Capacity building

Urban Innovative Actions 2014-2020

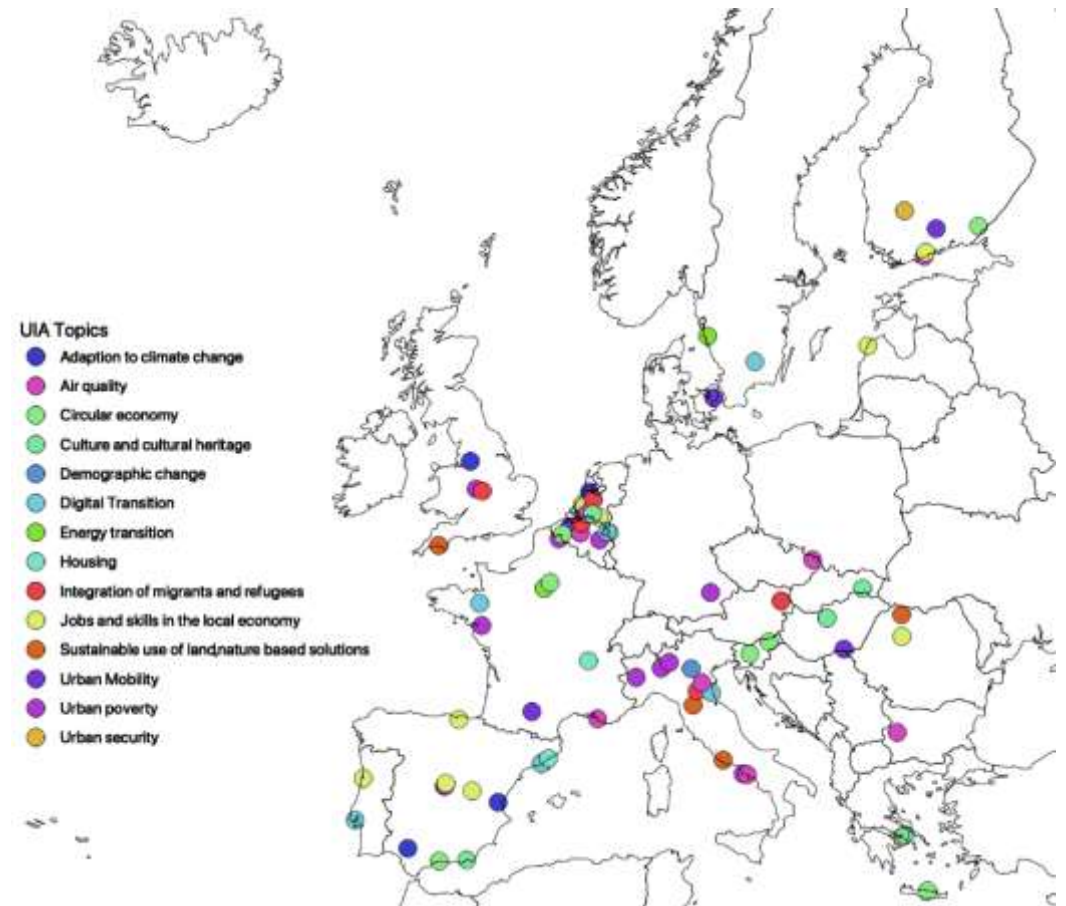


Co-funded by
the European Union

Urban Innovative Actions

The “Urban Lab of Europe”

- Art.8 ERDF: “...To identify and **test new** solutions which address issues related to **sustainable urban development** and are of relevance at **Union level.**”
- To provide urban authorities with resources to test how new and unproven solutions work in practice and how they respond to the complexity of real life.
- **86 approved projects** from 19 member states and the UK
- **EUR 372 Mio** committed
- 5 calls completed



Urban Innovative Actions Topics



Air quality



Circular economy



Climate adaptation



Culture and cultural heritage



Demographic change



Digital transition



Energy Transition



Housing



Integration of migrants and refugees



Jobs and skills in the local economy



Sustainable use of land and nature based solutions



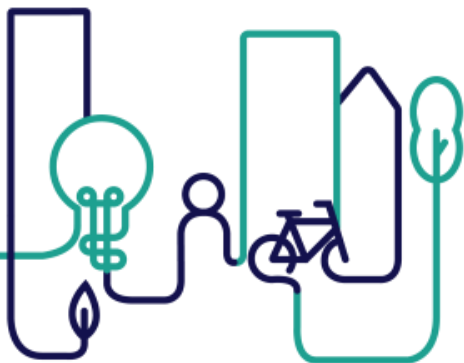
Urban mobility



Urban poverty



Urban security



WHAT IS THE EUI?

About the Initiative



Co-funded by
the European Union

The 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy legislative package includes the establishment of the EUI as an EU instrument, the successor to the Urban Innovative Actions implemented during the 2014-2020 programming period.

EUI is a European Union instrument and is managed by the European Commission's DG Regional and Urban Policy.

EUI has a total **ERDF budget of €450 million** for 2021-2027.

THE INITIATIVE HAS BEEN CREATED

in order to

FUNDING FOR
INNOVATIVE PILOT
PROJECTS

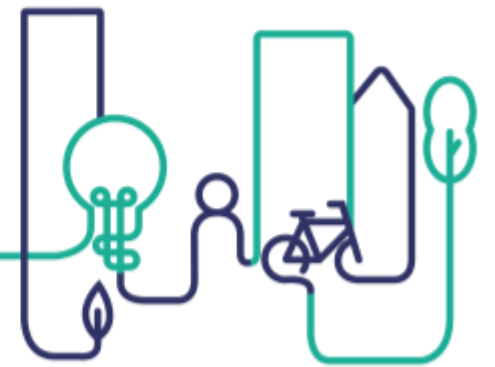
MEASURES TO SUPPORT
& STRENGTHEN CITIES'
CAPACITIES

ACTIVITIES AIMED AT
DISSEMINATING AND
EXCHANGING
KNOWLEDGE

- identify and test innovative, transferable and scalable solutions to sustainable urban development problems of particular relevance at EU level
- building cities' capacity for sustainable urban development
- communicating, disseminating knowledge from implemented projects and further building on the lessons learnt and their experience

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Key information on EUI grants



Co-funded by
the European Union



1

Innovative projects (new, untested solutions in Europe) with the potential to be replicated in other European cities

2

Support of up to **EUR 5 million ERDF**
(maximum co-financing rate of 80%)

3

Beneficiaries: urban authorities (associations or groupings of urban authorities) with a total population of more than **50 000 inhabitants**

4

Implementation period: **3.5 years**
(+ 6 months of Project Initiation Phase and 3 months for administrative closure of activities)

5

Thematic scope of support: each time defined by the European Commission and based on themes identified in the **Urban Agenda for the EU**;
First call for proposals: **New European Bauhaus**
Second call for proposals: **Greening cities, Sustainable tourism, Harnessing talent in shrinking cities**

EUI SUPPORTS PROJECTS, which are:

- INNOVATIVE
- HIGH QUALITY
- PARTICIPATORY
- MEASURABLE
- SUSTAINABLE AND SCALABLE
- TRANSFERABLE

Implemented in **partnership**. Prepared with a leading role for the **city as a strategic partnership leader**. Planned to **achieve the goals of local strategies and policies**. In line with the spirit of the principles of good urban governance according to the **New Leipzig Charter**.





New component of EUI projects:
TRANSFER

international partnership -
3 partner "transfer cities"

FOR LEADER CITIES: AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD INNOVATION FOR PARTNER CITIES: A CHANCE TO BENEFIT FROM THE EUI OFFER

The aim is:

- Observing (i) the implementation process of an urban innovation, (ii) the testing of a pilot solution
- Exchange of knowledge and experience
- Preparation for possible adaptation (and subsequent implementation) of the pilot solution to local conditions

Budget: 120 000 ERDF per city (+ own contribution required)

Funded: study visits, workshops, meetings, expertise, analyses, mini pilot actions

Expected outputs: self-evaluation at the beginning and at the end of the cooperation; feasibility analysis of the pilot solution

SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

end of May 2023 - beginning of October 2023



Co-funded by
the European Union



GREENING CITIES

Developing and enhancing urban green spaces
Constructing green mobility corridors
Preventing droughts and flooding
Designing and renovating buildings and their surrounding areas, particularly in socially deprived quarters with nature-based solutions

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Diversifying the tourism product

Driving the green and digital transformation of the tourism sector

Fostering social inclusion and innovation through tourism

Innovative destination management models

Strengthening the role of cities as gates into the wider tourism regional setting

New tourism governance models



HARNESSING TALENT IN SHRINKING CITIES

Encouraging the economic diversification of targeted urban areas

Reinforcing local entrepreneurship of young people

Fostering new alliances

Developing services favouring labour force participation and the quality of life of inhabitants

Enhancing the access to affordable housing and/or facilitating the settlement and/or resettlement of young workers

Renewing and/or rightsizing the built environment and urban space as well as public infrastructure and associated services



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Total budget: **ERDF 120 million**
- **4 seminars:** Brussels, Warsaw, Ljubljana
 - **3 thematic on-line sessions**
 - individual consultations
 - **Q&A on EUI website**



www.uia-initiative.eu

2 more calls in 2024 and 2025

Topics successively announced by the European Commission and communicated on the EUI website



**Thank you for
your attention!**