

International Urban Cooperation Fostering Sustainable Urban Development on a global scale

International cooperation for innovation in urban development policy and practice:
results and perspectives

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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**



Across the world, the rate of urbanisation is increasing at a rapid pace. As the areas in which the majority of people live and work, cities are increasingly acknowledged as the arena in which solutions to major societal and environmental challenges must be implemented.

This rapid change has put many cities under significant strain. Local governments are struggling to meet the higher demand for services in fields such as energy, water, health, and transport prompted by the increase in population.

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**.

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)

THREE COMPONENTS



I. 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.



II. 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.



III. 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.

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.

12 PRIORITY THEMES

PARTNERSHIPS WHICH ALREADY STARTED



INTEGRATION OF
MIGRANTS & REFUGEES



AIR QUALITY



HOUSING



URBAN POVERTY



CIRCULAR
ECONOMY



CLIMATE
ADAPTATION



ENERGY TRANSITION



URBAN
MOBILITY



DIGITAL TRANSITION



PUBLIC
PROCUREMENT



JOBS & SKILLS
IN LOCAL ECONOMY



SUSTAINABLE USE
OF LAND AND
NATURE-BASED

IUC REGIONAL OFFICES



国际城镇合作项目
欧盟 - 亚洲



欧盟项目



PROGRAMA INTERNACIONAL DE COOPERACIÓN URBANA
Unión Europea-América Latina y el Caribe



Un programa de
la Unión Europea



EU - 日本 国際都市間協カプロジェクト



欧州連合



INTERNATIONAL URBAN COOPERATION
European Union-India



A European Union
Programme



INTERNATIONAL URBAN COOPERATION
European Union-North America



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Programme



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LOCAL ACTION IN SUPPORT OF PARIS AGREEMENT





CITY-TO-CITY COOPERATION



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By joining the IUC city-to-city cooperation, your city will:

LEARN: Get access to new ways of approaching challenges and benefit from a wider pool of good practices to draw upon


SHARE: Help others to solve issues by sharing your own experiences and relaying knowledge

EXCHANGE: Open your city to dialogue and partnership with new global peers and relevant stakeholders (public and private)

SHOWCASE: Profile your best practices and achievements internationally

IMPLEMENT: Work with new partners to make your vision of sustainable urban development a reality.

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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

CITY PAIRINGS

Rounds of selections so far:

European Union Member States

China

Japan

Canada

Mexico

United States

India

Argentina

Brazil

Chile

Colombia

Peru

FROM PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION

- Building further on the model and success of the World Cities project and drawing on the solid approach of the EU-funded URBACT network
- City pairs will be supported in their efforts to design and implement **Local Action Plans**. These will be developed through an inclusive multi-stakeholder process and include specific activities and economically viable pilot projects to be implemented in order to ensure results and open up market opportunities.
- These plans will help drive thematic clustering of knowledge, exchange and best practices among cities facing similar challenges.

THE IUC WEBSITE (WWW.IUC.EU)



国际城镇合作(IUC)是什么项目？

城市，作为现代社会大多数人生活与工作的场所，愈加被视为重大社会、环境挑战亟待解决的不二之地。

城市也是全球重要的经济和文化活动枢纽，这一地位也导致城镇化率迅速增长。这一人口变化使许多城市面临严峻压力，地方政府需应对能源、水、卫生健康、教育以及交通服务等方面的需求增长。

在这种情况下，为期三年的国际城镇合作(IUC)项目旨在将不同地区的城市联结起来，就共同面临的困难寻找解决方案。这是欧盟一项长期战略的其中一部分，与公共和私人组织、社区团体以及公民携手合作，以促进可持续发展的城镇发展。

城市通过参加IUC项目，可以同来自其他国家城市分享、交流知识的机会，共同构建一个更加绿色、繁荣的未来。

IUC项目为城市间互相学习提供了一个宝贵机会。通过该机会，城市可以设立目标，推进持久伙伴关系，检验新方法，进而提升他们的国际形象。

IUC项目的活动由欧盟资助，这些活动不仅帮助当地政策目标的实现，同时也促进关于城镇发展、气候变化重要国际协定的履行，包括《城市议程》、《可持续发展目标》与《巴黎协定》等。

IUC项目将与主要国际金融机构和合作伙伴保持联系，使决策者和潜在投资者之间建立联系，在可持续城镇发展和城市、区域发展之间的创新合作方面，欧盟的企业将会是一个重要的合作伙伴。主要目标国家有：中国、印度、日本、加拿大、墨西哥、美国、阿根廷、巴西、智利、哥伦比亚以及秘鲁。有关公共公司的倡议，项目主要目标国家有：韩国、越南、印度尼西亚、马来西亚、新加坡，以及拉丁美洲和加勒比海区域的所有国家。

有关IUC项目三个部分的更多意见见下：

一、可持续城镇发展城市间合作 二、全球市长公约倡议下的城市 三、地方和区域发展区域间的创新合作

基于欧盟城市项目所取得的成就，并鼓励欧洲可持续城市发展项目(URBACT)网络的创建，欧盟城市将与 欧洲城市以及基础设施支出增加3.5%的国家的建议一致 中地区城镇创新和公共服务的实践 欧盟城市将 给予最

- General information,
- News
- Access to resources
- Link to knowledge-sharing platform (coming soon)



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Knowledge-sharing platform: November 2017
- Next selection rounds: Early 2018
- Showcase action:
 - City-to-city event (10 November, Brussels)
 - GCoM Day @COP23 (13 November, Bonn)
 - IUC event at Cities and Regions Pavillion @COP23 (tbc)

QUESTIONS?

We look forward to exchanging with you!

THANK YOU!

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