

THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM

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Commission Proposal	Relevant Article
Common Provisions Regulation [COM(2011) 615]	Article 14, 51
ERDF Regulation [COM(2011) 614]	Article 8
ETC Regulation [COM(2011) 611]	Article 2

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INTRODUCTION

The aim of the fiche is to clarify the objectives and tasks of the urban development platform (UDP) in comparison with the future URBACT programme.

RATIONALE AND LEGAL BASIS OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM (UDP)

Article 8 of ERDF Regulation lays down provisions on the establishment of an urban development platform by the Commission. The urban development platform shall be supported by the CSF Funds through technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

URBACT is a programme under the European Territorial Cooperation goal. Article 2(3)(b) of the ETC regulation sets out that it is part of the interregional cooperation component aimed at promoting exchange of experience concerning the identification, transfer and dissemination of good practice on sustainable urban and rural development.

	Urban development platform	URBACT
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To establish a direct dialogue with and between cities involved in the new actions (ITI delegated to cities and Urban Innovative Actions) supported by ERDF for sustainable urban development• Create operational links between cities, in particular to exchange good practice and maximise the use of experiences of UIA pilot projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To support capacity building of urban authorities on sustainable urban development through peer learning in thematic networks• To promote the participatory and integrated approach through exchange of experiences and networking
Thematic scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The implementation of sustainable urban development under Articles 7 and 9 of ERDF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The programme should cover all EU 2020 thematic priorities through integrated and participatory approach as a cross-cutting issue.
Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities and urban areas implementing sustainable urban development delegated to cities under Article 7 ERDF• Cities and urban areas carrying out Urban Innovative Actions at the initiative of the Commission under Article 9 ERDF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any cities, authorities of metropolitan or functional urban areas, municipalities in functional urban areas from the Member and Partner States

Selection procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic involvement of cities mentioned above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive calls for proposals
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide platform for dialogue through workshops and annual conferences • Exchanges of experiences of participating cities • Disseminate information and results of Article 7 and Article 9 actions and promote interchanges of experience • Raise awareness of the Commission on emerging issues requiring policy actions or responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange and learning through thematic networks • Support for cities through one-field expertise • Capitalisation and dissemination through national urban network and on programme level • Communication of the results
Financial assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% to cover the cost of actions and participation in activities financed from the Commission's Technical Assistance budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50-85% co-financing for cities and national authorities to implement projects financed from the interregional cooperation strand of ETC
Management of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly by the Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under shared management principle, by a designated managing authority