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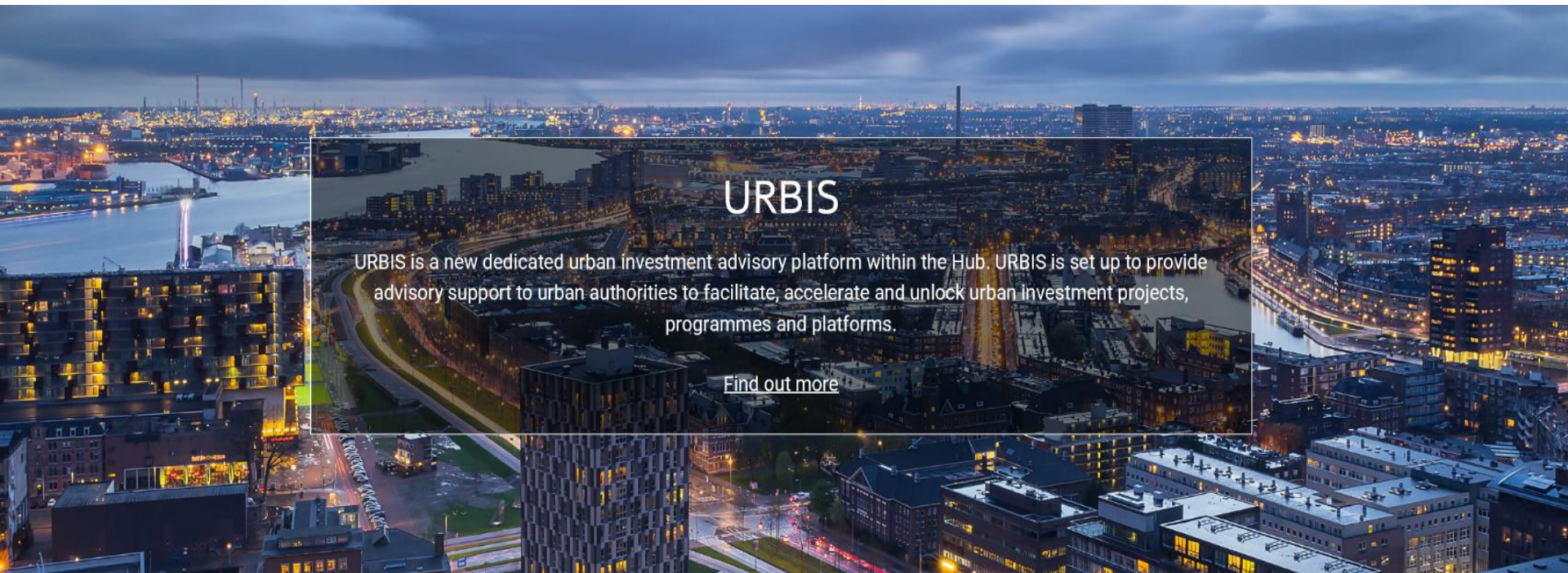
Urban Investment Support

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URBIS – Investment Support for Cities

- Launched in Rotterdam at the Cities Forum November 2017 in partnership with EU
- Provides advice to cities and their partners
- Focuses on investment support: project development, linking strategy to investment, and innovative financial instruments and approaches
- Available via the European Investment Advisory Hub



Benefits

- Provides place based support for investment projects, programme and/or platforms – from concept stage through to implementation
- Brings together technical and financial advisory to support high quality and bankable projects
- Provides direct access for cities/urban authorities to support – model could be further developed in relation to the provision of investment as well as advisory support
- Very much a pilot approach, but potential to influence post 2020 advisory programmes
- Potential role for NPIs in any subsequent up-scaling

How can it help?

- **URBIS advisory activity can include:**
 - Investment programme planning/design
 - Project preparation advice to improve the quality and bankability of projects
 - Economic and financial analysis
 - Investment platform feasibility and design
 - Exploration of off balance sheet funding solutions
 - Development of municipal financing options, including project implementation units/TA functions

Eligibility Criteria

- No additional resources currently being provided, hence support must be targeted -
- Investment related and for the benefit of urban authorities
- Activity must build on a planning led approach and reflect sustainable urban development
- Advice will be given for an integrated urban investment programme, with a short to medium term time-horizon, typically 3-5 years
- Investment projects should be typically over EUR 20m, but can include programmes of smaller projects
- Activity must demonstrate additionality

Examples of URBIS assignments

- Development and implementation of urban regeneration schemes in Poland
- Climate risk work to support framework loans in Bologna
- Bulgaria urban investment platform – combining EFSI and ESIF
- Slovakia smart cities investment platform
- Urban strategy development – Greece
- Regeneration strategy development to support ESIF grant deployment - Malta