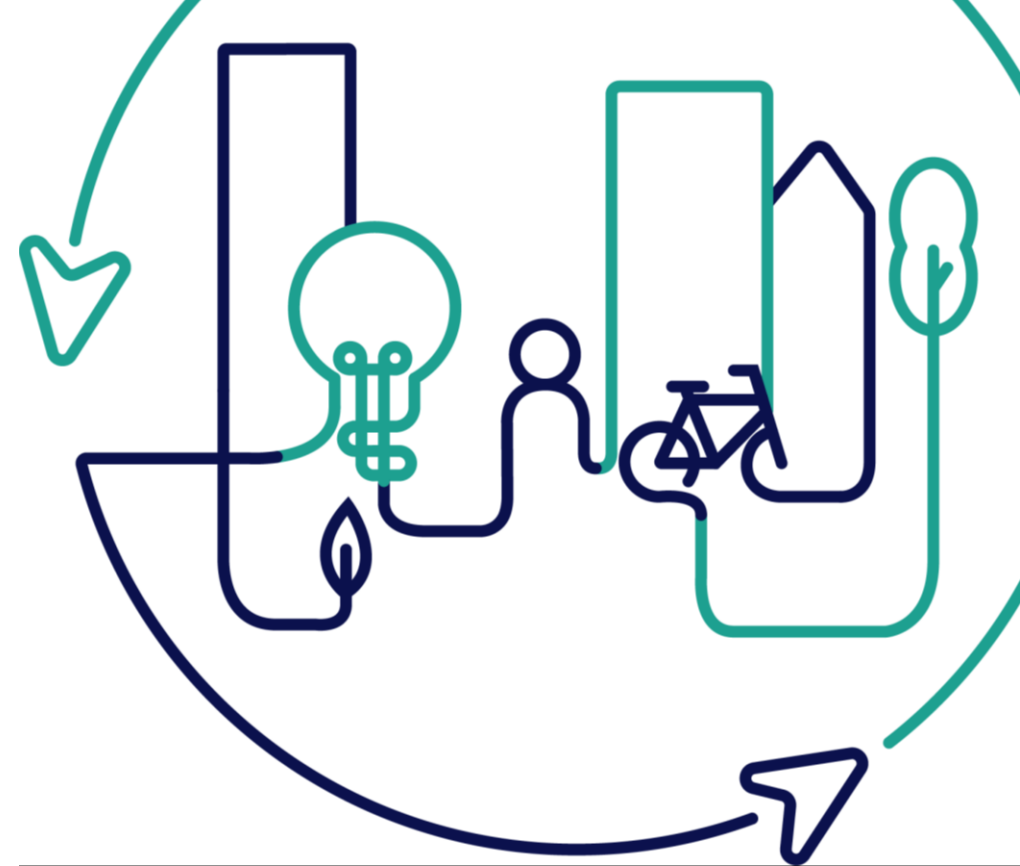


# EUROPEAN U R B A N INITIATIVE

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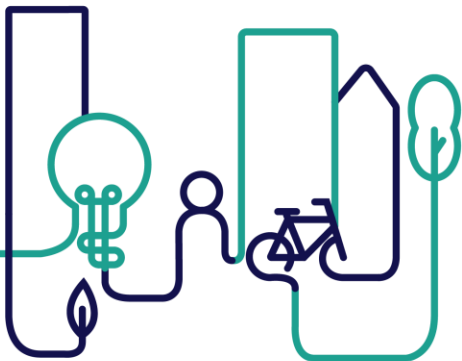


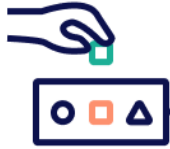
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# European Urban Initiative and its Role to Support SDG

*“The UN **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** of the 2030 Agenda, and in particular, the Goal 11 ‘Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable’. In line with the Article 12 of the ERDF/CF Regulation, special attention will be given to the challenges of **‘localising’ the SDGs on the ground** across EU cities and regions, in particular, regarding capacity building and strategic correlations between Cohesion policy, SDGs and the key principles laid out by the New Urban Agenda.”*

*“Supporting Member States in exchanging experiences related to their national urban policies and providing linkages with the broader European and global objectives, in particular the **Sustainable Development Goals**”*





## We bring capacity building

Strengthening capacities of cities in design of sustainable urban development strategies, policies and practices in an integrated and participative way



## We fund Innovative actions in cities

with 80% direct co-funding of up to €5M allowing the cities to experiment as testbeds for their innovative idea and to transfer it to other EU cities

## URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU



## We share knowledge and capitalise on experiences

Providing a knowledge environment for cities to ensure easier access to horizontal and thematic knowledge and share knowhow on sustainable urban development



# Our final goal : sustainable urban development in Europe !



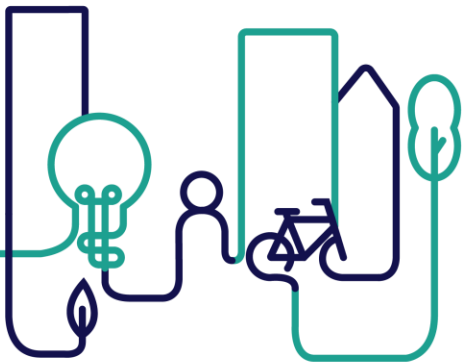
## **Innovative Actions**

**budget: EUR 315 million**

# Innovative Actions specific objectives

To identify and support the **testing of** transferable and scalable **innovative solutions** to address issues relating to sustainable urban development at Union level

To collect and **share results from experimentations** and **support transfer activities**, in view of fostering innovation capacities and knowledge building for all EU urban areas and mainstreaming innovative solutions in sustainable urban development





## EUI SUPPORTS PROJECTS, which are:

➤ INNOVATIVE

**not implemented previously in EU**

➤ 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**. Fostering local **innovation ecosystem**.





1

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

2

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

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

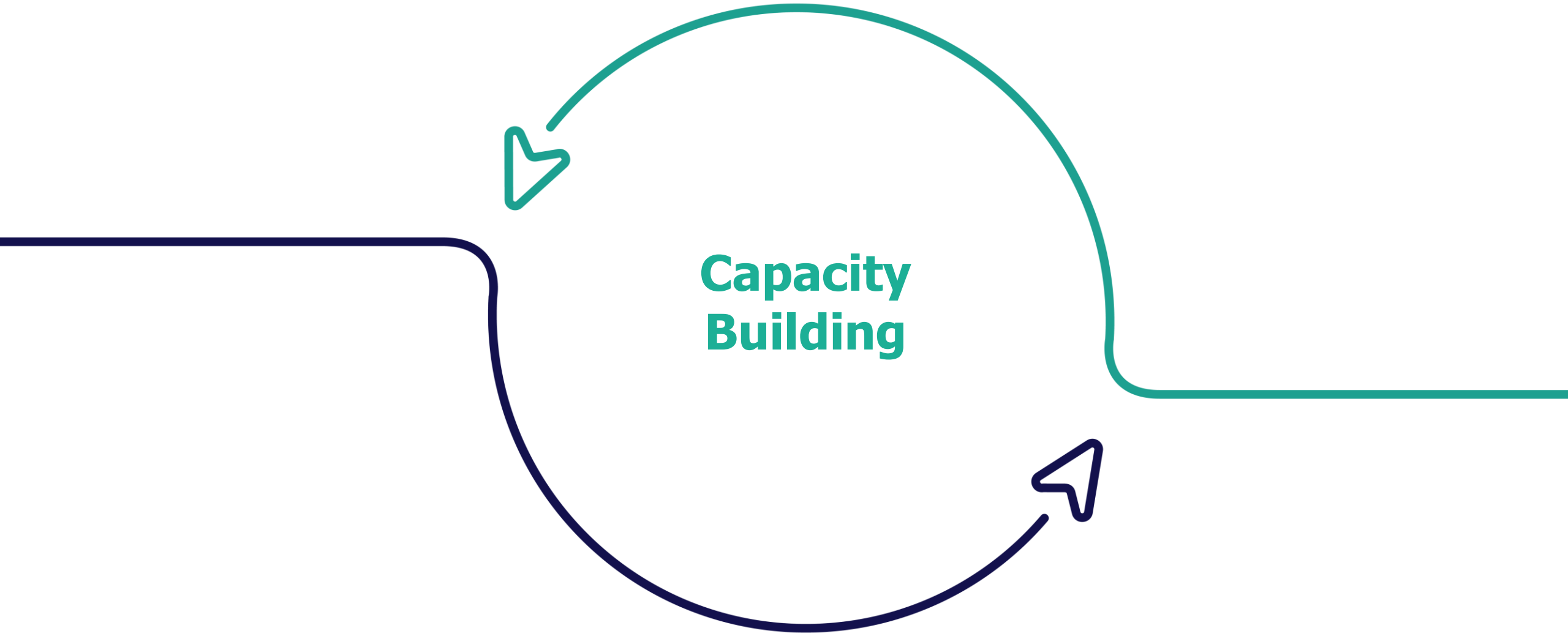
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**Thematics** : each time defined by the European Commission and based on themes identified in the Urban Agenda for the EU;  
Call 1 : New European Bauhaus  
Call 2 : Greening cities, Sustainable tourism, Harnessing talent in shrinking cities

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**Planned Next Calls** :  
Call 3 : Spring 2024  
Call 4 : Spring 2025

**Capacity  
Building**



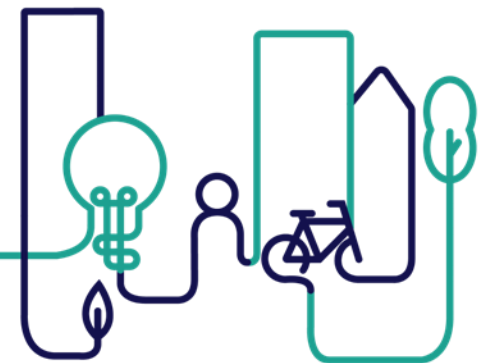


# Capacity Building

## Target: EU cities of all sizes

Objective: **improve the capacities of cities** to design and implement sustainable urban development (SUD) strategies, policies and practices in an integrated and participative way.

[www.urban-initiative.eu/capacity-building](http://www.urban-initiative.eu/capacity-building)



# Our services

## Capacity building Events

Country-specific events:

- Delivering high-quality ITIs - Zadar (HR), 24-25 Oct.
- Functional Urban Areas - Budapest (HU), 21 Nov.

EU-wide event:

- Green transition - Lille (FR), 8-9 Nov.

**More to come in 2024 thanks to your help!**

## City-to-city exchanges

Bring together an urban authority facing an implementation challenge, and another one or two, who can help tackling this challenge with their expertise and experience.

- First Exchange Lille/Turin – Nov. 2023

**Call open.  
Deadline: 17  
November!**

## Peer reviews

Art. 11 and Art. 7 Cities review their SUD strategies and get recommendations from peers during a 2-day event. Experts guide cities during the whole process.

- Coimbra (PT) – 28-29 Nov.
- Kalisz (PL) – Jan/Feb 2024

**New call to be planned for 2024**



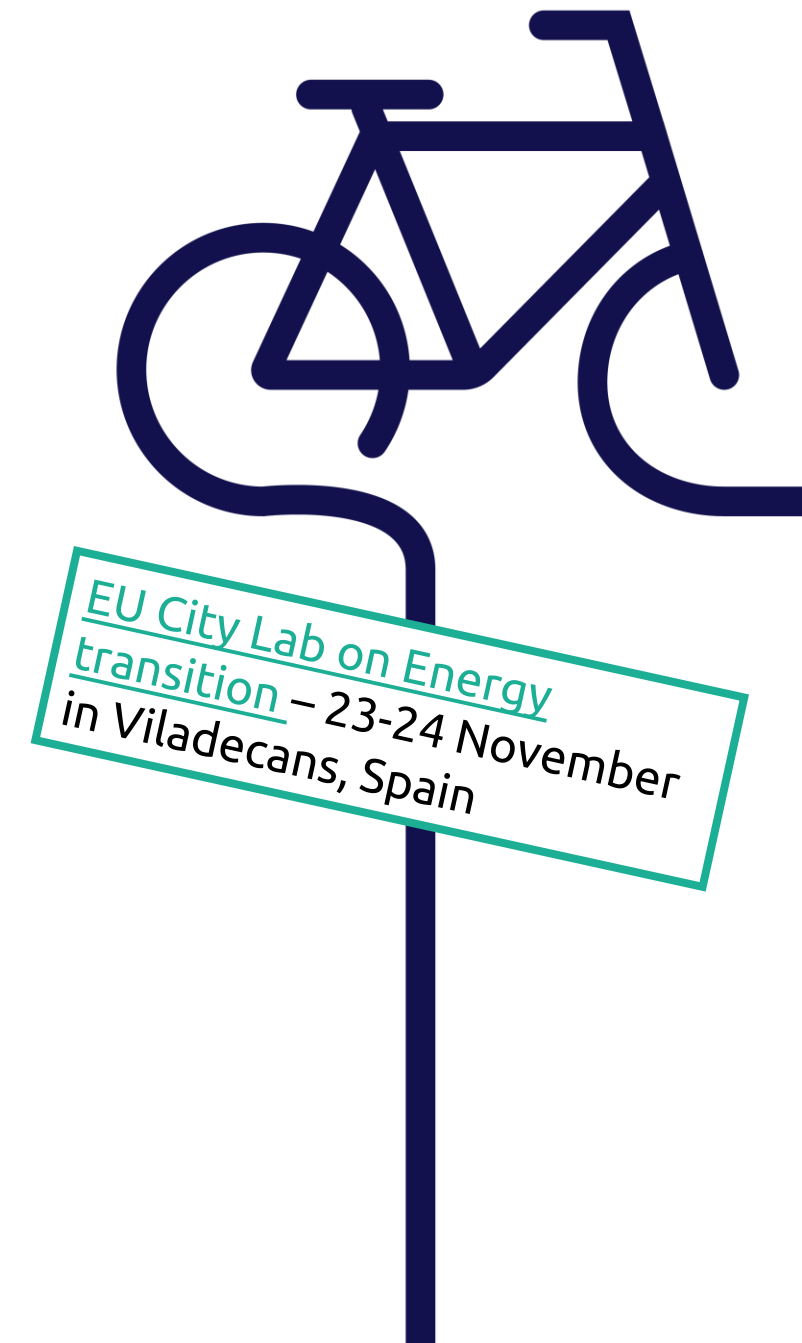
**Knowledge &  
Communication**

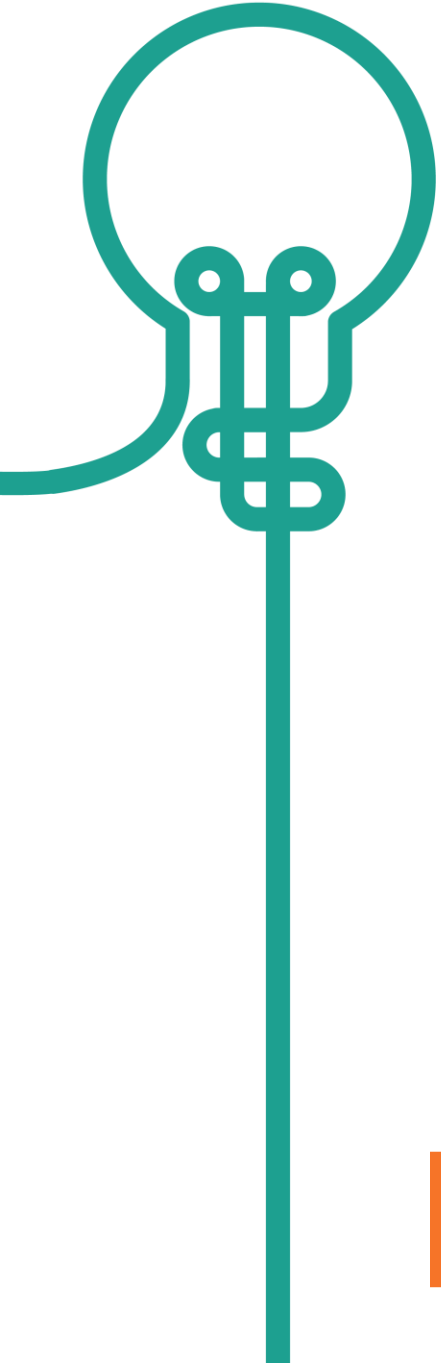
# Knowledge capitalisation objectives

- Develop the **knowledge base (Portico)**
- Capture, analyse, disseminate and optimise **access to operational and thematic knowledge** generated within the EUI
- Provide urban policy makers and practitioners with **consolidated knowledge**

# Communication objectives

- Raise AWARENESS
- Trigger INTEREST
- Encourage PARTICIPATION





## Portico, The gateway to urban learning

Your one-stop-shop for all things urban in EU

The European knowledge platform developed by EUI in partnership with main SUD stakeholders in EU

Portico is an aggregator of knowledge, skills, urban actors and initiatives that are available and active in the field of SUD in EU

- **Knowledge hub:** A repository of knowledge (articles, urban case studies, tools, guidelines)
- **Urban Panorama:** The directory of all EU initiatives/programmes and their platforms and calls
- **Portico Community:** Dynamic virtual square of all urban actors active in EU (receive tailored content, find your peers, discuss about the hot topics)
- Latest **new and events** of all partners

Portico is gradually built. Be sure to sign in to be informed about the latest and upcoming features!

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**URBAN**  
**AGENDA**  
FOR THE EU



## What it is?

- The Urban Agenda for the EU represents a **multi-level** working method, for **urban policy and practice**, promoting cooperation between Member States, cities, the European Commission, and other stakeholders.
- **an Informal Intergovernmental Cooperation**
- **working method - multi-stakeholders & multi-level cooperation**
- **cities "at the core"**

# UAEU Thematic Partnerships

Launched  
before 2022



**Culture and  
Cultural Heritage**



**Inclusion of Migrants  
and Refugees**



**Public  
Procurement**

Launched in 2022



**Sustainable  
Tourism**



**Greening  
Cities**

Expected in 2023



**Cities of  
Equality**



**Food**

# **SUPPORT SERVICES BY EUI FOR UAEU**

**I. Thematic Partnership Officer**

**II. Guidance and advice regarding planning, managing and monitoring**

**III. Communication & dissemination**

**IV. Provision of expertise**

**V. Travel and accommodation support for urban authorities**

# Establishing a Network for National Urban Contact Points

- One Urban Contact Point for each country  
*(fully operational by end of 2023)*
- Information on all EUI activities in national languages
- Interlocutor between EUI activities among EU-, national- regional- and local stakeholders



**Thank you and please visit us at:**

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