

Driving change for better cities

URBACT and SDGs

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URBACT « art of networking » at three levels

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Local level

Network level



From 2014 to 2021,
83 networks involved 678
partners across the EU



Programme level





Example 1: Global Goals for Cities



2021-2022

Lead Partner - Tallinn, Estonia

Glasgow, United Kingdom

Schiedam, Netherlands

Veszprém, Hungary

Solingen, Germany

Mouscron, Belgium

Ozalj, Croatia

Jihlava, Czech Republic

Dzierżoniów, Poland

Veliki Preslav, Bulgaria

Klaipėda, Lithuania

Braga, Portugal

Bratislava, Slovakia

Gävle, Sweden

Trim, Ireland

Heraklion, Greece

La Rochelle, France

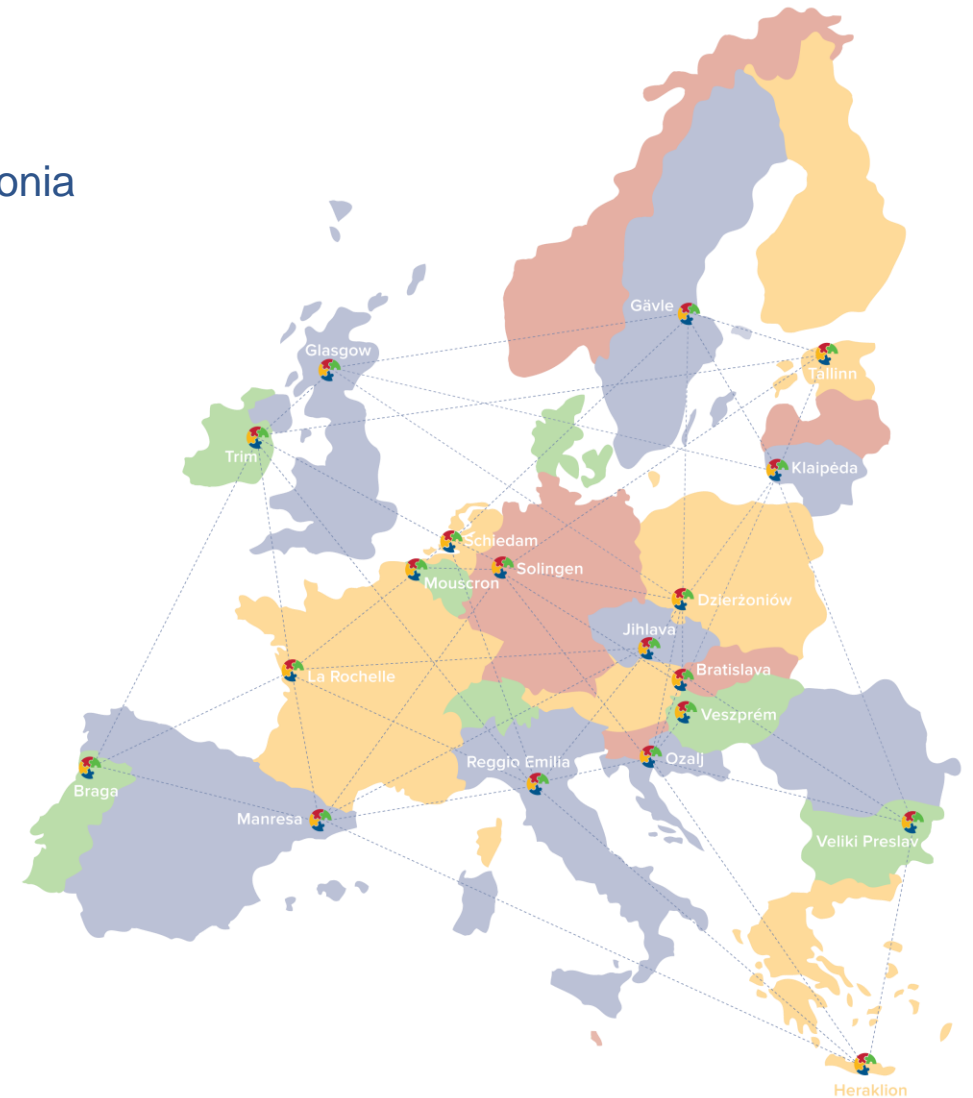
Manresa, Spain

Reggio Emilia, Italy



6 000+ - 600 000+
inhabitants

19 cities in 19 EU countries



8 out of 19 cities were new
to the SDGs

19 action plans created

Tallinn (EE): sustainable development guide and governance model

Tallinn Sustainable Development Guide

Guidelines for the implementation and monitoring of the
UN Sustainable Development Goals in Tallinn



Definition of SDGs for Tallinn,
incl. priority SDGs

Description of links btw.
Tallinn 2035 goals, actions
and SDGs

City SDGs targets and indicators
22+52 strategic KPIs
219 operational

VLR in the internal reporting
system

SDG awareness &
stakeholders engagement
principles



Gävle (SE): improved cross-programme collaboration using SDGs

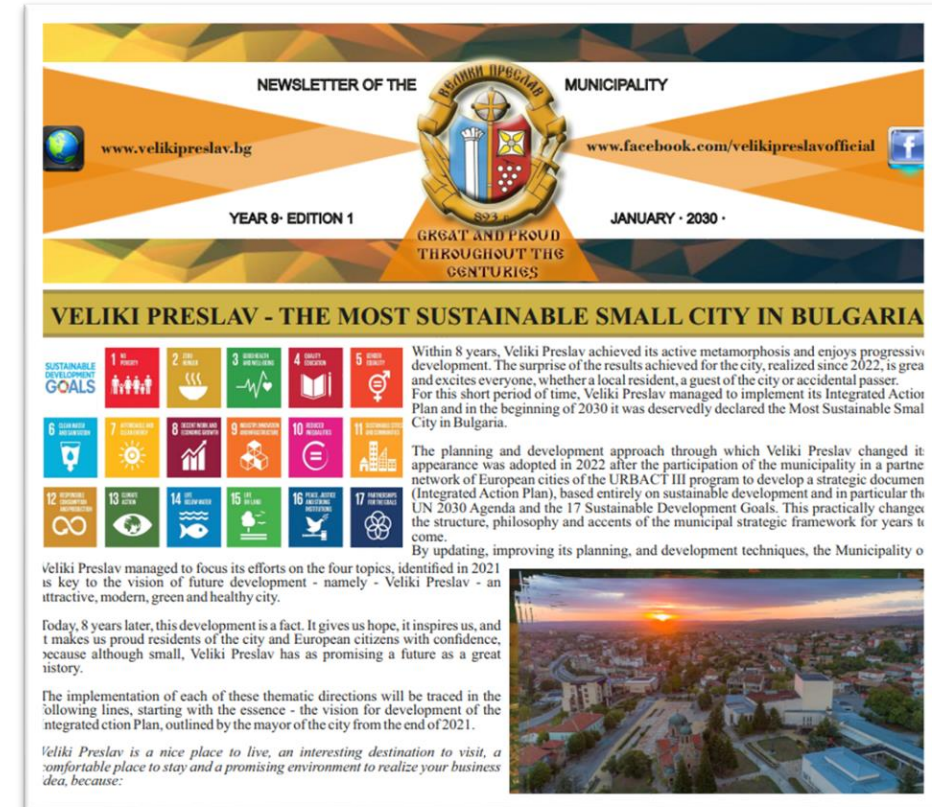
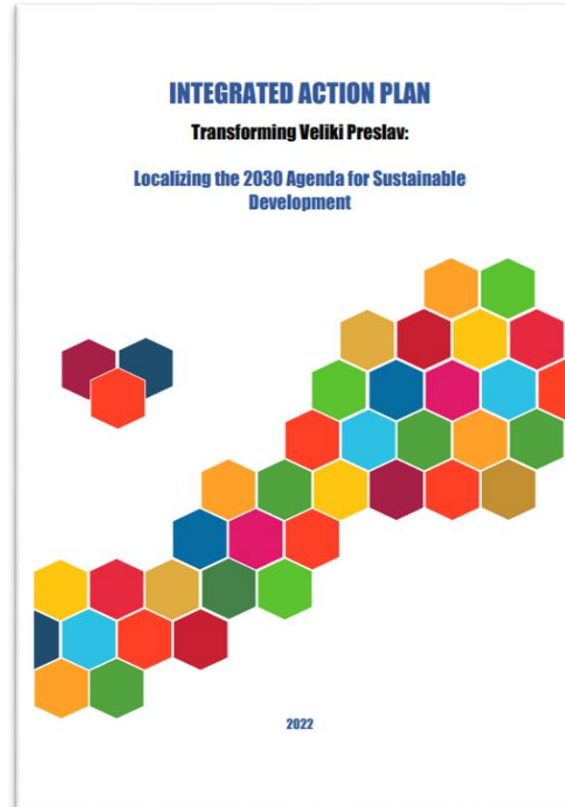
- **Goal 1: Governance** - A governance model that enables a comprehensive overview, coordination and collaboration of sustainability work at multiple levels by 2025.
- **Goal 2: Programmatic Collaboration** - Gävle's strategic programmes have increased collaboration in the areas of procurement and communication by 2023.
- **Goal 3: Engagement** - Those who live and work in Gävle have increased capacity to take action to influence Gävle's sustainability work by 2025.



Veliki Preslav (BG): First-ever holistic sustainable development strategy



- Used the URBACT action planning process to frame their holistic strategy based on SDGs
- The vision: to become the most sustainable small city in Bulgaria (ca 15 000 inhabitants)
- 41 actions covering all SDGs
- Results indicators linked to SDGs identified
- A basis for developing investment and project proposals



More information



The Global Goals for Cities Learning Kit



Joint political statement



The URBAC Localising the 2030 Agenda Knowledge Hub



Making the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) a reality in EU cities

The URBACT Knowledge Hub brings together the latest urban trends, so good practices are within everyone's reach. Back in 2015, the urban perspective was officially placed at the heart of the global 2030 Agenda, a major change in comparison to the original UN Millennium Development Goals (2000 - 2015). Throughout the last years, also known as the "decade of change", the importance of cities was acknowledged beyond the spectrum of a single goal and they have an important role to play in all objectives. URBACT supports cities by providing concrete tools and methodologies for localising the global goals within an integrated action-planning process.

Participatory governance Social cohesion
Local economy Climate action





Example 2: Cities for Sustainability Governance

Addressing the 'Action Gap'

...No European city has yet achieved the SDGs
although they are a great fit for cities to develop their
action and governance..

...The urgency of action is understood on theoretical
level, but it does not translate into the everyday work
of cities..

...SDGs are not enough linked with financing tools..

Cities for Sustainability Governance, 2023-2025

- Lead Partner: **Espoo**, Finland

City population 305 200

- Partners:

- **Tallin**, Estonia

City population 438 341

- **Jablonec**, Czech Republic

City population 44 365

- **Kosice**, Slovakia

City population 228 070

- **Mannheim**, Germany

City population 309 370

- **Gabrovo**, Bulgaria

City population 62 763

- **Agios Dimitrios**,
Greece

City population 71 747

- **Valencia**, Spain

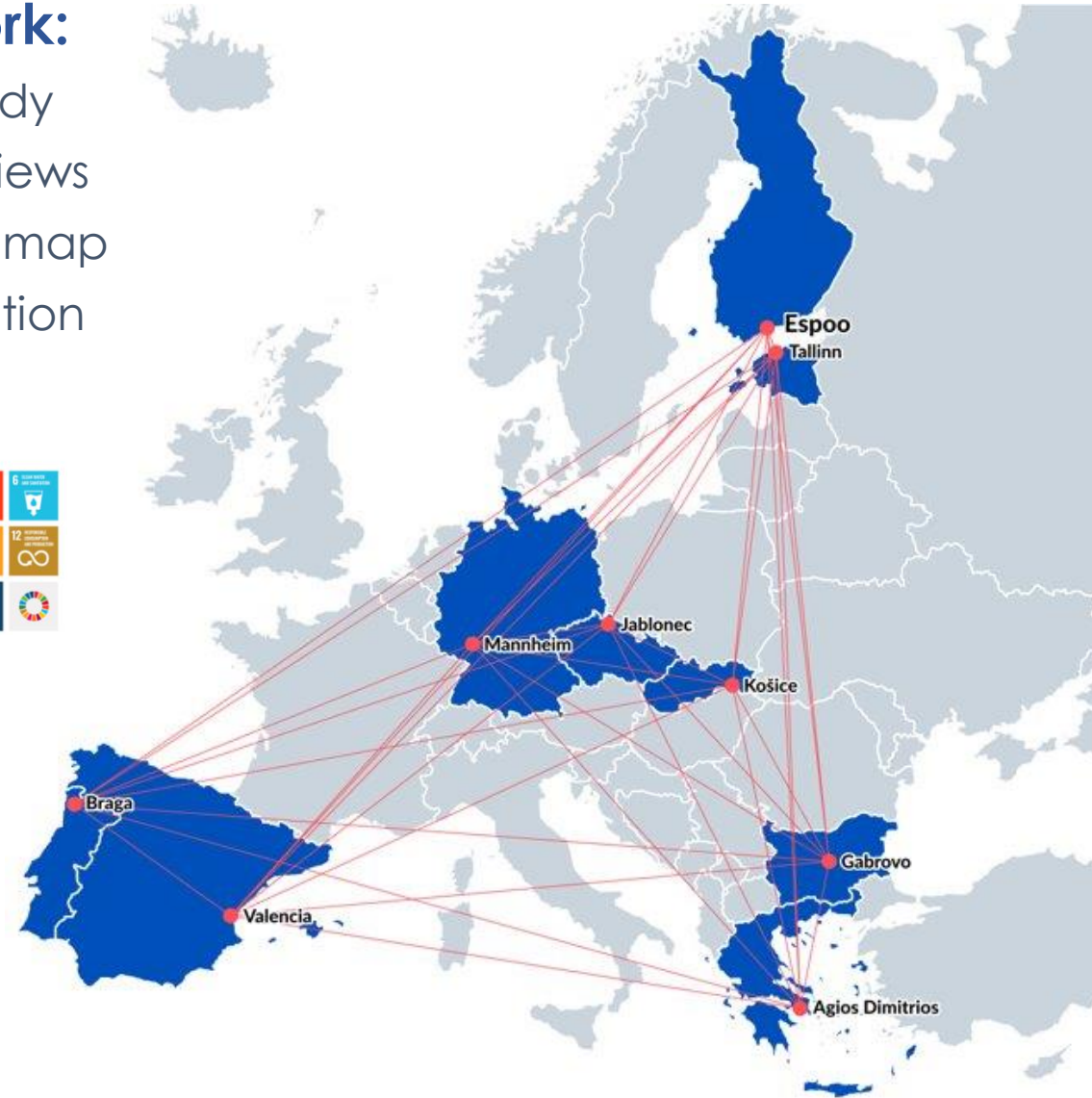
City population 801 545

- **Braga**, Portugal

City population 182 679

Ongoing work:

- Baseline study
- Mayor interviews
- Network roadmap
- Communication plan



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