

HOTĂRÂRE

privind aprobarea participării Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, în calitate de partener, în proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*” acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza, finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB) și a cheltuielilor legate de acesta

Consiliul local al municipiului Cluj-Napoca întrunit în ședință extraordinară,

Examinând proiectul de hotărâre privind aprobarea participării Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, în calitate de partener, în proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*” acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza, finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB) și a cheltuielilor legate de acesta - proiect din inițiativa consilierului local, viceprimar Dan Ștefan Tarcea;

Reținând Referatul de aprobare nr. 771889/2/22.10.2024 al domnului Dan Ștefan Tarcea, consilier local, viceprimar, în calitate de inițiator;

Analizând Raportul de specialitate nr. 771902/42/22.10.2024 al Direcției Generale Comunicare, dezvoltare locală și management proiecte, al Direcției Juridice și al Direcției Economice, prin care se propune aprobarea participării Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, în calitate de partener, în proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*” acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza, finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB) și a cheltuielilor legate de acesta;

Reținând prevederile Regulamentului (UE) 2021/1058 al Parlamentului European și al Consiliului din 24 iunie 2021 privind Fondul european de dezvoltare regională și Fondul de coeziune, precum și ale Regulamentului (UE) 2021/1060 al Parlamentului European și al Consiliului din 24 iunie 2021 de stabilire a dispozițiilor comune privind Fondul european de dezvoltare regională, Fondul social european Plus, Fondul de coeziune, Fondul pentru o tranziție justă și Fondul european pentru afaceri maritime, pescuit și acvacultură și de stabilire a normelor financiare aplicabile acestor fonduri, precum și Fondului pentru azil, migrație și integrare, Fondului pentru securitate internă și Instrumentului de sprijin financiar pentru managementul frontierelor și politica de vize;

Ținând cont de prevederile Ordonanței de Urgență a Guvernului nr. 133 din 17 decembrie 2021 privind gestionarea financiară a fondurilor europene pentru perioada de programare 2021-2027 alocate României din Fondul european de dezvoltare regională, Fondul de coeziune, Fondul social european Plus, Fondul pentru o tranziție justă, ale Planului de Dezvoltare Regională Nord-Vest 2021–2027, ale Hotărârii Guvernului nr. 829 din 27 iunie 2022 pentru aprobarea Normelor metodologice de aplicare a Ordonanței de Urgență a Guvernului nr. 133/2021 privind gestionarea financiară a fondurilor europene pentru perioada de programare 2021-2027, alocate României din Fondul european de dezvoltare regională, Fondul de coeziune, Fondul social european Plus, Fondul pentru o tranziție justă, ale Hotărârii Guvernului nr. 873 din 6 iulie 2022 pentru stabilirea cadrului legal privind eligibilitatea cheltuielilor efectuate de beneficiari în cadrul operațiunilor finanțate în perioada de programare 2021-2027 prin Fondul european de dezvoltare regională, Fondul social european Plus, Fondul de coeziune și Fondul pentru o tranziție justă, precum și ale Ordonanței de urgență a Guvernului nr. 23 din 12 aprilie 2023 privind instituirea unor măsuri de simplificare și digitalizare pentru gestionarea fondurilor europene aferente Politicii de coeziune 2021-2027, cu modificările și completările ulterioare;

În temeiul prevederilor art. 129 alin. (2) lit. e), coroborat cu alin. (9) lit. a) și ale alin. (4) lit. a) din Ordonanța de Urgență a Guvernului nr. 57/2019 privind Codul administrativ, cu modificările și completările ulterioare, precum și ale art. 53 alin. (2) din Legea nr. 273/2006 privind finanțele publice locale, cu modificările și completările ulterioare;

Văzând avizul comisiei de specialitate;
Potrivit dispozițiilor art. 129, 133 alin. (2), 139 și 196 din O.U.G. nr. 57/2019 privind
Codul administrativ, cu modificările și completările ulterioare,

H O T Ă R Ă Ș T E :

Art. 1. Se aprobă participarea Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, în calitate de partener, în proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*”, acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza, finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB).

Art. 2. Se aprobă valoarea totală a bugetului alocat Municipiului Cluj-Napoca pentru implementarea proiectului prevăzut la Art. 1, în cuantum de 9.886 euro, reprezentând cheltuieli eligibile prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB).

Art. 3. Vor fi asigurate toate resursele financiare necesare implementării proiectului în condițiile rambursării/decontării ulterioare a cheltuielilor.

Art. 4. Cu îndeplinirea prevederilor hotărârii se încredințează Direcția Generală Comunicare, Dezvoltare locală și management proiecte și Direcția Economică.

Președinte de ședință,
Jr. Olah Emese

Contrasemnează:
Secretarul general al municipiului,
Jr. Aurora Roșca

MUNICIPIUL CLUJ-NAPOCA

VICEPRIMARUL

Nr. 771889/2/22.10.2024

REFERAT DE APROBARE

a proiectului de hotărâre privind aprobarea participării Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, în calitate de partener, în proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*” acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza, finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB) și a cheltuielilor legate de acesta

Proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*” acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza, a fost depus spre finanțare de către Municipalitatea Piacenza, prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB).

Municipiul Cluj-Napoca a fost selectat partener de către municipalitatea Piacenza datorită performanțelor sale remarcabile și reputației de lider în inovare urbană, fiind recunoscut unul dintre cele mai bune orașe la nivel național și internațional pentru schimbul de bune practici în diverse domenii, inclusiv dezvoltare durabilă, digitalizare și implicare comunitară. Această recunoaștere subliniază angajamentul continuu al municipiului de a adopta soluții inovative și de a colabora cu alte orașe pentru a crea un mediu urban modern și incluziv.

Prin urmare, reprezentanții orașului Piacenza au decis să coopteze municipiul nostru în cadrul proiectului, având ca scop realizarea unui schimb de experiență între cele două echipe la nivel local. Acest schimb de experiență se va materializa în diverse activități și inițiative.

Obiectivele proiectului, conform aplicației depusă de Municipiul Piacenza:

- Promovarea atragerii talentelor și a dezvoltării urbane sustenabile – Municipiul Piacenza își propune să dezvolte soluții inovatoare în domeniul urban, concentrându-se pe atragerea și susținerea tinerelor talente.
- Crearea unui ecosistem de inovare – Piacenza dorește să creeze un cluster de inovare care să conecteze universitățile locale cu startup-uri și companii inovative, cu scopul de a dezvolta noi competențe și de a stimula antreprenoriatul tehnologic.
- Dezvoltarea cooperării public-private – Proiectul urmărește implicarea activă a partenerilor locali, inclusiv universități și companii, în realizarea unor soluții inovatoare care să sprijine atragerea talentelor și dezvoltarea economică.

Rolul Municipiului Cluj-Napoca în cadrul proiectului:

- Furnizarea de bune practici și expertiză – Cluj-Napoca va împărtăși experiența sa în implementarea strategiilor pentru tranziția către neutralitatea climatică, prin inițiativele precum „Blueprint for Net-Zero Apartment-block Neighborhoods” și proiectul „Cluj Future of Work”.
- Inovație urbană și sustenabilitate – Cluj-Napoca va prezenta exemple de succes în atragerea talentelor prin colaborarea cu universități și centre de inovare, care pot fi replicate și adaptate în contextul local al orașului Piacenza.
- Sprijinirea co-creării unor soluții locale – Prin intermediul acestui schimb, Cluj-Napoca va colabora cu Piacenza pentru dezvoltarea unui plan de acțiune care să testeze fezabilitatea și impactul soluțiilor transferate.

Proiectul urmărește colaborarea dintre cele două orașe pentru a sprijini dezvoltarea unor politici urbane integrate, cu accent pe atragerea și retenția talentelor, dezvoltarea inovației și tranziția către sustenabilitate.

Cele două orașe implicate în schimbul de experiență din cadrul proiectului sunt:

1. Municipiul Piacenza
2. Municipiul Cluj-Napoca

Proiectul este finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB), instrument al Politicii de Coeziune al Uniunii Europene, prin intermediul Région Hauts-de-France, care acționează ca Entitatea Împuternicită a Inițiativei Urbane Europene (denumită în continuare "Entitatea Împuternicită").

Valoarea totală eligibilă a costurilor proiectului „**Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE**” - acronim **C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza** este de 17.774 EUR. Din valoarea proiectului, suma de **9.886 EURO** îi revine Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, pentru cheltuieli de personal, transport, cazare.

Grantul acordat acoperă 100% din cheltuieli eligibile.

Implementarea proiectului va aduce beneficii tangibile pentru municipiul Cluj-Napoca și locuitorii săi, contribuind la atingerea obiectivelor de tranziție verde stabilite în Planul de Acțiune Climatică Cluj-Napoca 2030. Acest plan a fost validat de Comisia Europeană prin acordarea „EU Mission Label – Climate – neutral & smart cities” și face parte din inițiativa „100 de orașe inteligente și neutre din punct de vedere climatic până în 2030”. Prin aceste demersuri, Municipiul Cluj-Napoca își asumă un angajament ferm de accelerare a neutralității climatice, abordând provocările actuale ale societății într-un mod eficient și sustenabil.

În vederea respectării calendarului de implementare al proiectului și ținând cont de faptul că pentru contractarea proiectului și semnarea contractului de finanțare, este necesară

Hotărârea de aprobare a proiectului și a cheltuielilor aferente, considerăm justificată supunerea spre dezbatere și aprobare a proiectului de hotărâre în ședința extraordinară a Consiliului Local.

În temeiul prevederilor art. 136 din O.U.G. nr. 57/2019 privind Codul administrativ, îmi exprim inițiativa de promovare a proiectului de hotărâre privind aprobarea participării Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, în calitate de partener, în proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*” acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza, finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB) și a cheltuielilor legate de acesta.

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DIRECȚIA JURIDICĂ
Nr. 771902/42/22.10.2024**

RAPORT DE SPECIALITATE

privind aprobarea participării Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, în calitate de partener, în proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*” acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza, finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB) și a cheltuielilor legate de acesta

Având în vedere:

Referatul de aprobare înregistrat sub numărul 771889/2/22.10.2024 al consilierului local și viceprimar, Dan Ștefan TARCEA;

Proiectul de hotărâre privind aprobarea participării Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, în calitate de partener, în proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*” acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza, finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB) și a cheltuielilor legate de acesta.

Direcția Generală Comunicare, dezvoltare locală și management proiecte, Direcția Juridică și Direcția Economică precizează următoarele:

Proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*” acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza a fost depus spre finanțare de către Municipality Piacenza, prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB).

Municipiul Cluj-Napoca a fost selectat ca partener de către municipalitatea Piacenza datorită performanțelor sale remarcabile și reputației de lider în inovare urbană, fiind recunoscut ca unul dintre cele mai bune orașe la nivel național și internațional pentru schimbul de bune practici în diverse domenii, inclusiv dezvoltare durabilă, digitalizare și implicare comunitară. Această recunoaștere subliniază angajamentul continuu al municipiului de a adopta soluții inovative și de a colabora cu alte orașe pentru a crea un mediu urban modern și incluziv.

Prin urmare, reprezentanții Piacenza au decis să coopteze orașul nostru în cadrul proiectului, pentru a realiza un schimb de experiență între cele două echipe la nivel local. Acest schimb de experiență se va materializa în diverse activități și inițiative.

Obiectivele proiectului:

- Promovarea atragerii talentelor și a dezvoltării urbane sustenabile – Municipiul Piacenza își propune să dezvolte soluții inovatoare în domeniul urban, concentrându-se pe atragerea și susținerea tinerelor talente.

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1. Furnizarea de bune practici și expertiză – Cluj-Napoca va împărtăși experiența sa în implementarea strategiilor pentru tranziția către neutralitatea climatică, prin inițiativele precum „Blueprint for Net-Zero Apartment-block Neighborhoods” și proiectul „Cluj Future of Work”.
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3. Sprijinirea co-creării unor soluții locale – Prin intermediul acestui schimb, Cluj-Napoca va colabora cu Piacenza pentru dezvoltarea unui plan de acțiune care să testeze fezabilitatea și impactul soluțiilor transferate.

Pe scurt, proiectul urmărește colaborarea dintre cele două orașe pentru a sprijini dezvoltarea unor politici urbane integrate, cu accent pe atragerea și retenția talentelor, dezvoltarea inovației și tranziția către sustenabilitate

Cele două orașe implicate în schimbul de experiență din cadrul proiectului sunt:

1. Municipiul Piacenza
2. Municipiul Cluj-Napoca

Finanțare:

Proiectul este finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB), instrument al Politicii de Coeziune a Uniunii Europene, prin intermediul Région Hauts-de-France, care acționează ca Entitatea Împuternicită a Inițiativei Urbane Europene (denumită în continuare "Entitatea Împuternicită").

Valoarea totală eligibilă a costurilor proiectului „**Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE**” acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza este de 17.774 EUR. Din valoarea proiectului, suma de **9.886 EURO** îi revine Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, pentru cheltuieli de personal, transport, cazare.

Grantul acordat acoperă 100% din cheltuieli eligibile.

Finanțarea va fi transferată municipiului Cluj-Napoca într-o singură tranșă, după ce municipiul va raporta finalizarea proiectului către autoritatea finanțatoare.

Perioada de desfășurare a vizitei la Cluj-Napoca este 18-21 noiembrie 2024. Perioada de desfășurare a vizitei din Piacenza este 17-19 decembrie 2024. Documentele justificative pentru acordarea grantului de către Inițiativa Urbană Europeană trebuie să fie transmise până cel târziu la data de 6 februarie 2025.

Implementarea proiectului va aduce beneficii tangibile pentru municipiul Cluj-Napoca și locuitorii săi, contribuind la atingerea obiectivelor de tranziție verde stabilite în Planul de Acțiune Climatică Cluj-Napoca 2030. Acest plan a fost validat de Comisia Europeană prin acordarea „EU Mission Label – Climate – neutral & smart cities” și face parte din inițiativa „100 de orașe inteligente și neutre din punct de vedere climatic până în 2030”. Prin aceste demersuri, Municipiul Cluj-Napoca își asumă un angajament ferm de accelerare a neutralității climatice, abordând provocările actuale ale societății într-un mod eficient și sustenabil.

În vederea respectării calendarului de implementare al proiectului și ținând cont de faptul că pentru contractarea proiectului și semnarea contractului de finanțare, este necesară Hotărârea de aprobare a proiectului și a cheltuielilor aferente, considerăm justificată supunerea spre dezbatere și aprobare a proiectului de hotărâre în ședința extraordinară a Consiliului Local.

În consecință, propunem spre aprobare următoarele:

Art. 1. Se aprobă participarea Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, în calitate de partener, în proiectul „Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE”, acronim C2C-2023_16_IT_Piacenza, finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB).

Art. 2. Se aprobă valoarea totală a bugetului alocat Municipiului Cluj-Napoca pentru implementarea proiectului prevăzut la Art. 1, în cuantum de 9.886 euro, reprezentând cheltuieli eligibile prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB).

Art. 3. Vor fi asigurate toate resursele financiare necesare implementării proiectului în condițiile rambursării/decontării ulterioare a cheltuielilor.

Art. 4. Cu îndeplinirea prevederilor hotărârii se încredințează Direcția Generală Comunicare, Dezvoltare locală și management proiecte și Direcția Economică.

Având în vedere cele expuse mai sus, proiectul de hotărâre îndeplinește condițiile de natură tehnică pentru a fi supus dezbaterii și aprobării plenului Consiliului Local.

Temeiul de drept:

- Regulamentul (UE) 2021/1060 al Parlamentului European și al Consiliului din 24 iunie 2021 de stabilire a dispozițiilor comune privind Fondul european de dezvoltare regională, Fondul social european Plus, Fondul de coeziune, Fondul pentru o tranziție justă și Fondul european pentru afaceri maritime, pescuit și acvacultură și de stabilire a normelor financiare aplicabile acestor fonduri, precum și Fondului pentru azil, migrație și integrare, Fondului pentru securitate internă și Instrumentului de sprijin financiar pentru managementul frontierelor și politica de vize;

- Regulamentul (UE) 2021/1058 al Parlamentului European și al Consiliului din 24 iunie 2021 privind Fondul european de dezvoltare regională și Fondul de coeziune; ;

- Ordonanța de urgență a Guvernului nr. 133 din 17 decembrie 2021 privind gestionarea financiară a fondurilor europene pentru perioada de programare 2021-2027 alocate României din Fondul european de dezvoltare regională, Fondul de coeziune, Fondul social european Plus, Fondul pentru o tranziție justă, cu modificările și completările ulterioare;

- Hotărârea Guvernului nr. 829/2022 pentru aprobarea Normelor metodologice de aplicare a Ordonanței de urgență a Guvernului nr. 133/2021 privind gestionarea financiară a fondurilor europene pentru perioada de programare 2021-2027 alocate României din Fondul european de dezvoltare regională, Fondul de coeziune, Fondul social european Plus, Fondul pentru o tranziție justă cu modificările și completările ulterioare;

- Hotărârea Guvernului nr. 873/ 2022 pentru stabilirea cadrului legal privind eligibilitatea cheltuielilor efectuate de beneficiari în cadrul operațiunilor finanțate în perioada de programare 2021-2027 prin Fondul european de dezvoltare regională, Fondul social european Plus, Fondul de coeziune și Fondul pentru o tranziție justă;

- Ordonanța de urgență a Guvernului nr. 23 din 12 aprilie 2023 privind instituirea unor măsuri de simplificare și digitalizare pentru gestionarea fondurilor europene aferente Politicii de coeziune 2021-2027, cu modificările și completările ulterioare;

- Art. 129 alin. 2 lit. e) din Ordonanța de Urgență nr. 57/2019 privind Codul administrativ, cu modificările și completările ulterioare, potrivit căruia: (2) Consiliul local exercită următoarele categorii de atribuții: e) atribuții privind cooperarea interinstituțională pe plan intern și extern; coroborat cu alin. 9 lit. a), potrivit căruia, în exercitarea atribuțiilor prevăzute la alin. 2 lit. e), consiliul local: : a) hotărăște, în condițiile legii, cooperarea sau asocierea cu persoane juridice române sau străine, în vederea finanțării și realizării în comun a unor acțiuni, lucrări, servicii sau proiecte de interes public local;

- Art. 129 alin. 4 lit. a) din Ordonanța de Urgență nr. 57/2019 privind Codul administrativ, potrivit căruia în exercitarea atribuțiilor privind dezvoltarea economico-socială și de mediu a municipiului, consiliul local: a) aprobă, la propunerea primarului, bugetul unității administrativ-teritoriale, virările de credite, modul de utilizare a rezervei bugetare și contul de încheiere a exercițiului bugetar;

- Art. 53 alin. 2 din Legea nr. 273/2006 privind finanțele publice locale, cu modificările și completările ulterioare, potrivit căruia: (2) Fondurile externe nerambursabile vor fi încasate într-un cont distinct în afara bugetului local și vor fi cheltuite numai în limita disponibilităților existente în acest cont și în scopul în care au fost acordate.

Din punct de vedere juridic, raportat la dispozițiile/actele menționate anterior, proiectul de hotărâre îndeplinește condițiile legale pentru a fi supus dezbaterii și aprobării plenului Consiliului Local.

Din punct de vedere economic, raportat la prevederile art. 53 alin. (2) din Legea nr. 273/2006 privind finanțele publice locale, cu modificările și completările ulterioare, proiectul de hotărâre îndeplinește condițiile de natură economică pentru a fi supus dezbaterii și aprobării plenului Consiliului local.

Având în vedere prevederile legale expuse în prezentul raport, apreciem că proiectul de hotărâre privind aprobarea participării Municipiului Cluj-Napoca, în calitate de partener, în proiectul „*Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE*” acronim C2C-

2023_16_IT_Piacenza, finanțat prin programul European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Capacity Building (EUI-CB) și a cheltuielilor legate de acesta, poate fi supus dezbaterii și aprobării plenului Consiliului Local.

Direcția Economică
Director executiv,
Olimpia Moigrădan

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Director executiv,
Alina Rus

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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 CONTEXT AND RATIONALE FOR THE SUPPORT TO CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER THE EUROPEAN URBAN INITIATIVE

The Cohesion policy legislative package for 2021-2027 provides for the establishment of a European Urban Initiative (EUI). This initiative is conceived as an essential tool to support cities of all sizes, to build capacity and knowledge, to support innovation and develop transferable and scalable innovative solutions to urban challenges of EU relevance.

The legal basis of the EUI is included in the European Regional Development Fund/Cohesion Fund Regulation which provides for the main content and strategic framework of the initiative. The overall objectives of the EUI are (i) to strengthen integrated and participatory approaches to sustainable urban development, and (ii) to provide a stronger link to EU policies, and in particular to Cohesion policy. The initiative is aimed at offering coherent support to cities to overcome what may have been perceived in the past a fragmented landscape of manifold initiatives, programmes, and instruments in support of cities under Cohesion policy.

The capacity-building component of EUI seeks to improve the capacities of cities in the design of sustainable urban development (SUD) policies, strategies and practices in an integrated and participative way. It also contributes to the design and implementation of these policies and action plans on a local, regional and national level. This element encompasses the cooperation with URBACT IV networks of cities, as well as peer learning activities and capacity building events which are outlined in the sections to follow.

Sustainable Urban Development within Cohesion Policy should be primarily understood in the context of Article 11 of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)/Cohesion Fund (CF) Regulation¹, in conjunction with Article 28 (*Integrated territorial development*) and Article 29 (*Territorial strategies*) of the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)². Article 11 provides the regulatory framework for urban authorities to design and implement SUD strategies, and to be involved as decision makers in project design and selection. Building the capacities of urban authorities on these challenges is key to ensuring that SUD strategies and the related ERDF investments (minimum 8% of ERDF resources in each EU Member State) deliver good results.

Sustainable Urban Development is also defined in the context of the New Leipzig Charter which highlights that, to achieve just, green, and productive cities, it is necessary to establish integrated and

¹ Article 11 of [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1058](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021: "To address economic, environmental, climate, demographic and social challenges, the ERDF shall support integrated territorial development based on territorial or community-led local development strategies (...) that are focused on urban areas, including functional urban areas ('sustainable urban development')".

² Article 28 and Article 29 of [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1060](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021

sustainable urban development strategies and ensure their implementation for the city as a whole, from its functional areas to its neighbourhoods³.

1.2 EUI CAPACITY BUILDING

Building on previous Urban Development Network (UDN) activities, the European Commission Joint Research Centre methodologies, the TAEIX REGIO Peer 2 Peer mechanism as well as UIA capitalisation work, EUI capacity building activities contribute to the following specific objectives:

To improve the capacities of cities in the design of sustainable urban policies and practices in an integrated and participative way

To improve the design and implementation of sustainable urban strategies and action plans in cities

The main activities proposed by EUI to contribute to these objectives are as follows:

Types	Activities	Methodological approach	Contribution to objectives
Peer learning activities	City-to-city exchanges	In-person visits (followed by an online exchange, when justified) carried out among groups of two or three cities. Peer cities share new working methods and innovative approaches on specific implementation challenges identified by the applicant city.	Applicant cities directly benefit by improving their capacities to tackle their specific implementation challenge(s) as identified in the application. Peer cities profit from the exchange in terms of networking and may also improve their capacities by increasing their understanding of how their working methods and innovative approaches may be applied in different contexts.
	Peer Reviews	Several article 11 SUD strategies are reviewed simultaneously by peers. Peer reviews may be organised as EU-wide events, events for a Cluster of EU Member States, or country-specific events.	Cities under review directly benefit by improving their capacities to design and implement SUD strategies and practices in an integrated and participative way. Participating peer cities not under review also benefit from the exchange in terms of networking and improve their capacities thanks

³ [New Leipzig Charter- The transformative power of cities for the common good \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu)

			to the experience of the other peers.
Capacity building events	Events	<p>Urban and managing authorities, and relevant stakeholders exchange information with each other and with the Commission on relevant urban challenges and on the implementation of Article 11 SUD strategies seeking for synergies and learnings from with UIA/EUI-IA, URBACT IV and the UAEU.</p> <p>Organised in various formats (seminars, workshops, trainings) and at different scales (EU-wide, multi-country, or country-specific), mixing expert-led and peer learning.</p>	Participants benefit from improved knowledge and knowhow on relevant SUD challenges and on the design and implementation of SUD strategies and action plans.

The information provided in this document hereafter refers only to EUI city-to-city exchanges.

2. CITY-TO-CITY EXCHANGES

2.1 MAIN FEATURES OF A CITY-TO-CITY EXCHANGE

2.1.1 Objectives

A city-to-city exchange brings together an urban authority facing a specific implementation challenge related to SUD ('the applicant') and another urban authority from a different EU Member State that has expertise which could help tackle this challenge ('the peer') for a short-term, quickly implemented visit.

A city-to-city exchange is a bottom-up, on-demand activity. The content, timing, and format of the exchange are defined by the applicant according to their specific needs related to the design and implementation of SUD strategies. Applications are submitted and approved for implementation on a rolling basis.

The objective of a city-to-city exchange is to improve the capacity of the applicant to tackle the identified SUD challenge through a process of peer learning and sharing of expertise.

To achieve the capacity building objective of an exchange, peers are expected to share practical knowledge and know-how which is tailored to the identified challenge and the urban context of the applicant. This may include:

- *Knowledge of suitable actions and approaches*
- *Technical skills and working methods*
- *More and less successful experiences of how the issue has been tackled in the peer city*
- *Recommendations on possible actions to be taken by the applicant city*

2.1.2 Thematic scope

A city-to-city exchange is required to focus on a specific policy challenge⁴ related to the implementation of Sustainable Urban Development within Cohesion Policy.

Applicants are required to define in the application form a specific policy challenge that consists of thematic and operational issues. The challenge should be as focused as possible to allow for an effective learning process between the applicant and the peers.

Exchanges may cover the range of challenges related to designing and implementing integrated, place-based strategies within Cohesion Policy. While the specific policy instrument to be influenced must be named in the application form, the challenge may refer to the design and implementation of specific types of projects to be funded through the policy instrument.

The below tables offer a non-exhaustive list⁵ of potential thematic and operational challenges that may be addressed, which cover the full range of policy objectives supported through Cohesion Policy.

Indicative thematic challenges

Productive, smart and connected	Research and Innovation
	Digital transition
	Localising production
	Decarbonised mobility
	Culture and sustainable tourism
	Support to Small and Medium Enterprises and entrepreneurs
Green	Sustainable soil and land use
	Resilient environments
	Climate adaptation

⁴ A challenge related to the implementation of a specific policy instrument. A policy instrument is a means for public intervention. It can be understood to mean any programme, policy, strategy, or law developed by public authorities and applied on the ground to improve a specific territorial situation.

⁵ The list of indicative challenges is adapted from the thematic taxonomy under development of the EUI Knowledge Exchange and Sharing Platform: Portico. Portico will be the online repository for the follow-up reports resulting from the city-to-city exchanges.

	Clean and healthy environments
	Biodiversity and nature protection
	Energy transition
	Circular Economy
Just and Inclusive	Inclusion
	Access to housing
	Education and employment
	Access to essential services
Place based	Safe and secure urban environment
	Balanced territorial development (including urban-rural linkages)
	Urban regeneration
	Sustainable urban planning

Indicative operational challenges:

Strategy	Diagnostics
	Sustainable Urban Development Strategies
	Localising Sustainable Development Goals
Governance	Multi-level governance
	Multi-stakeholder approach
	Public policy and legislation
Participation and Communication	Citizen engagement
	Communication with beneficiaries

Resource and funding	Access to funding (including selection criteria and procedures, and project pipeline preparation, implementation and monitoring)
	Public procurement and State Aid
Data management and evaluation	Data collection and analysis
	Monitoring and evaluation
	Territorial Impact Assessment
Scaling up and transfer	Capitalisation
	Scaling up
	Transfer/replication
Territorial tools	Integrated territorial investment
	Community-led local development
Territorial focus	Functional urban areas, neighbourhood, municipality

For additional examples of potential operational challenges related to Sustainable Urban Development, see the following resources:

- [Handbook for Sustainable Urban Development Strategies](#)
- [Urban Innovative Actions Operational challenges](#)
- [URBACT toolbox](#)

2.1.3 Participants

Cities participating in a city-to-city exchange belong to one of two categories: i) the applicant (primary beneficiary), ii) the peers (secondary beneficiaries).

In principle, city-to-city exchanges are bilateral in nature, bringing together one applicant city and one peer city. However, a second peer city may be included when the need is duly justified in the application form.

While both applicant and peers may improve their capacities thanks to the peer learning process, the applicant remains the primary beneficiary. The content and objectives of the exchange are defined by the applicant, not the peers. However, the peers are nevertheless secondary beneficiaries who receive financial support and who may also benefit from increased capacities on the issue addressed by the exchange.

2.2 ELIGIBLE AUTHORITIES

2.2.1 Main eligibility requirements

Applicants are urban authorities. There is no minimum population requirement for the city, town, or suburb. Urban authorities may be:

- A Local Administrative Unit defined according to the degree of urbanisation as city, town or suburb (corresponding to DEGURBA code 1 or DEGURBA code 2 of Eurostat).
- An association or grouping of urban authorities with legal status of organised agglomeration composed by Local Administrative Units, where the majority (at least 51%) of inhabitants lives in Local Administrative Units defined according to the degree of urbanisation (DEGURBA) of Eurostat as cities, towns or suburbs (corresponding to DEGURBA code 1 or DEGURBA code 2).

While only urban authorities may apply and be reimbursed directly by EUI, relevant stakeholders may also participate in the exchange alongside the applicant or peer urban authority if justified in the application. These stakeholders may be public bodies, bodies governed by public law or private bodies (e.g., rural authorities, regional development agencies, innovation agencies, waste management companies, housing associations, functional urban area associations, universities, Community Led Local Development Local Action Groups etc.).

All applicants are required to demonstrate their interest in integrated, place-based SUD approaches or their involvement in the implementation of SUD strategies.

Special attention will be given to applications focused on functional urban areas and those tackling urban-rural linkages.

2.2.2 Priority groups

Applications are invited from any eligible authorities on a rolling basis. However, applications from specific categories of urban authorities will be evaluated with priority:

- urban authorities in less developed regions (first priority) and transition regions (second priority)
- urban authorities with less than 500,000 inhabitants
- urban authorities that have participated in an EUI peer review
- urban authorities that have not yet benefited from an approved city-to-city exchange
- urban authorities resubmitting a previously rejected city-to-city exchange application

Further details on prioritisation of evaluation are described in Section 3.2 of the present document.

2.3 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

2.3.1 Duration and timeline

City-to-city exchanges offer short-term opportunities for peer learning. City-to-city exchanges can be as simple as one visit between two cities. However, reciprocal visits are also possible. When duly justified, an applicant may define up to three visits per application if a series of events is most suited to tackling the identified challenge.

A visit may last between **two to five days**.

Applicants are expected to implement the visits as soon as possible following approval (i.e., as early as within the first month following notification of approval).

At the latest, all visits must be completed within 5 months of notification of approval (e.g., for an exchange approved on 10 May consisting of three visits, all must be completed by 10 October).

2.3.2 Number and format of events

There are two main formats for a city-to-city exchange – an outgoing visit or an incoming visit. The applicant selects the most appropriate format for each exchange according to their needs.

1. **OUTGOING VISIT:** Up to four participants from the applicant city travel to a peer city for an in-person exchange on working methods and approaches. Applicants experience first-hand the urban context of the peer and may visit different locations related to the identified challenge. They may exchange with a range of staff from the peer institution and relevant stakeholder institutions. It consists of a bilateral exchange between the applicant city and the hosting peer city, or trilateral exchanges involving a second peer city (if justified).
2. **INCOMING VISIT:** Up to two participants each from one or two peer cities travel to the applicant city to provide direct, in-person support on a specific topic or task. Peer(s) experience first-hand the urban context of the applicant and may visit different locations related to the identified challenge. Peer(s) may support the applicant in working meetings and technical activities alongside a wide range of staff from the applicant institution and relevant stakeholder institutions.

When duly justified in the application form, one **ONLINE EXCHANGE** per application may be organised as a follow-up to an in-person visit(s). This may allow the applicant and peer(s) to further discuss the challenge addressed, providing additional, updated information. It may be easier to mobilise specific staff from peer or applicant cities since no travel is required.

Note: Other forms of assistance and consultancy that go beyond peer learning among urban authorities (e.g., the development of studies, conferences, training courses etc) cannot be financed through a city-to-city exchange.

2.3.3 Examples of city-to-city exchanges

Example 1 – Bilateral exchange, one outgoing visit

The applicant is preparing an urban reforestation project to be financed by their SUD strategy. The applicant wants to learn from a peer how to manage the data collection and analysis, and how to engage with vulnerable groups to identify the most appropriate zones of intervention.

The applicant requests one visit to a peer city to discuss their green infrastructure project financed jointly by ERDF and ESF. In addition to a site visit, two workshops are organised. The first tackles the methodology used to gather and analyse temperature and rainfall data. The second tackled the identification of the territorial focus for the project, along with the methodology for selecting the locations for the green infrastructure interventions as part of a dedicated training programme for residents.

Example 2 – Bilateral exchange, one outgoing visit and one online exchange

The applicant is revising their SUD strategy and wants to improve the design of their monitoring system. The monitoring system is currently limited to the listing of indicators and the identifying of the body responsible for monitoring the implementation. The applicant requests one visit to a peer city and one online exchange:

Visit - May: The applicant visits the peer to see the key projects funded by the SUD strategy in the previous programming period and to meet the key stakeholders that contributed to the monitoring and evaluation of the strategy. The peer provides targeted recommendations on how the applicant can develop their first draft of a monitoring system.

Online meeting – September: The applicant and the peer meet online to review the final draft of the monitoring system prepared by the applicant. The peer provides in-depth recommendations on specific elements previously discussed and integrated by the applicant. The peer is also able to share new information about the design of their own monitoring system which has been finalised since the previous in-person visit.

Example 3 – Multi-lateral exchange, three visits (one incoming and two outgoing visits)

The applicant wants to improve the design of an ITI project focusing on the renovation of industrial buildings within the context of brownfield restoration. They wish to focus on multi-stakeholder engagement and monitoring and evaluation.

The applicant has identified a need to exchange with two peers to address this challenge:

- Peer 1 that developed a project focusing on the renovation of industrial heritage financed through the mainstream ERDF Regional Operational Programme.
- Peer 2 that is developing a brownfield restoration project financed through ITI.

The applicant requests three visits:

Visit 1 - June: Peers 1 and 2 visit the applicant to examine the brownfield site and to discuss the challenges and opportunities to renovate the existing industrial buildings. The timing of the visit coincides with a consultation meeting which allows the peer cities to present their successful experiences in mobilising the private sector to local stakeholders.

Visit 2 - September: The applicant (and, if justified), peer 2 visit peer 1 to tour their renovated industrial heritage complex and observe the cultural and economic activities that have been activated onsite. The draft terms of reference of the applicant's project are by now available, allowing both peers to review the specifications and propose improvements to the proposed indicators.

Visit 3 - October: The applicant (and, if justified, peer 1) visit peer 2 to see the first phase of completed works from their brownfield restoration project. The applicant and peers discuss the monitoring and evaluation strategy that has been put in place and identify recommendations that can be taken on board by the applicant.

With a multi-lateral and multi-visit exchange, an applicant can benefit by meeting two different peers several times in a short space of time, when justified by the challenge to be addressed. A peer visiting another peer alongside the applicant may only be justified if it contributes to meeting the needs of the applicant.

2.3.4 Implementation steps

For an application that will be approved by the EUI Permanent Secretariat (EUI PS), the implementation of a city-to-city exchange may follow the indicative steps and timeline below. However, the implementation can be faster, when possible, for the applicant.

The below timeline applies for the applications from the priority groups. In periods of peak demand, applications may take longer to approve, particularly for cities outside the priority groups.

Indicative timeline	Applicant	Peer(s)	EUI PS (+ experts)
Before submission	Identification and discussion with peers	Peer(s) is/are informed of the application by the applicant and agree to participate if approved	
Week 0	Application submission		
Week 0-3			Evaluation process
Week 2-4			Notification of decision to applicant
Week 4			If requested, allocate an expert moderator to support the exchange.
From week 5	Start of event implementation period		
Within 4 weeks of exchange(s)	Drafting of event follow-up report (after final event in the case of a series of events)	Review of follow-up report	Receipt of follow-up report for validation
Within 4 weeks of exchange(s)	Financial claim submitted (after final event in the case of a series of events)	Contribution to financial claim to be submitted	
Within 4 weeks of receipt of financial claim			Financial claim approved for reimbursement
6 months after exchange	Light evaluation completed		Light evaluation sent

2.3.5 Follow-up process

» *Short term*

Applicants are required to produce a follow-up report in English and share it with EUI PS **within one month** of the exchange. The content of the report should include the following information:

- Participants (including name, position, institution, city, financed by EUI or not)
- Objectives of exchange
- Agenda (including format and duration)
- Current situation and challenges
- Expected impact from the city-to-city exchange
- Key takeaways / recommendations for applicant to tackle the implementation challenge
- Any follow-up actions proposed (e.g., additional exchanges to be requested, introductions to be made by peers, additional resources to be shared by peers, suggestions for capacity building events)

If an exchange consisted of several events, only one follow-up report should be provided documenting all events. Receipt and validation of the follow-up report will be required in order for EUI to approve the Reimbursement Form.

The follow-up report will be uploaded on the space for exchange for capacity building on Portico. This will allow other community members to view it, comment on it, post their suggestions or contact the application or peers to discuss further. Reports from city-to-city exchanges will be grouped by theme according to the thematic taxonomy and included within any thematically relevant EUI knowledge and capitalization activities.

» *Long term*

Six months after the exchange, the applicant is invited to evaluate lightly whether the input received brought about any tangible benefits e.g., improvements in the design and implementation of the SUD policy addressed or related projects, improvements in day-to-day working practices within the applicant institution and among stakeholders. A survey will be shared with the beneficiary to capture their opinion on the exchange overall, the improvement of their capacities, and the quality of the support from peers.

2.4 IDENTIFYING PEERS

Applicants are required to identify peers before applying for a city-to-city exchange.

Peers are urban authorities from a different EU Member State than the applicant. Their expertise is coherent with the challenge described by the applicant. Each peer city is expected to visit the applicant city or host the applicant city at least once.

Peer cities will be allocated a daily rate corresponding to the expertise they will invest in the exchange to provide advice to the applicant cities.

Applicants are required to indicate the name of the peer institution(s) and staff members that will participate in the exchange in the application form. Stakeholders may participate in the delegation of the peer urban authority.

Applicants can identify peers, for example, by making use of databases of best practices, such as the [Handbook for Sustainable Urban Development Strategies](#), the [URBACT Good Practice Database](#) or the [Interreg Europe Good Practice Database](#). However, any peer that complies with the eligibility rules may be chosen.

In order to facilitate the process of identifying peers, EUI has created a [contact form](#) allowing an urban authority to be put in contact with another urban authority from an Urban Innovative Actions project or an Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership, in order to prepare a city-to-city exchange application. The request will be forwarded to the relevant contact person. Any subsequent follow-up or discussion is carried out bilaterally without EUI involvement, subject to the interest of the urban authority being contacted. The contact form can be found [on the EUI website](#).

Peers may also be identified from URBACT networks. Applicants are invited to browse the [list of networks](#) on the URBACT website. To obtain contact details from specific partners, the [National URBACT points](#) may be contacted and requested to provide the contact details of specific partners.

2.5 EXPERT SUPPORT

Upon request from applicants, EUI can mobilise an expert moderator to support the learning process among peers. Experts can contribute to:

- the facilitation of exchanges,
- foster dialogue,
- adapt and use creative methodologies for discussion.

Moderators are expected to facilitate the interpretation and adaptation of ideas in multinational and multicultural contexts and to steer the discussion in a productive and objective-focused direction. They can reformulate questions, pinpoint important elements, monitor participants' performance to discern potential learning or communication challenges.

Experts may offer also methodological support to contribute to the definition of the agenda of the city-to-city exchange. Applicants are also encouraged to take inspiration from methodologies available within the [URBACT toolbox](#) when planning their exchange.

EUI will identify a group of city-to-city exchange moderators and will allocate a moderator to the exchange based on thematic and language/geographical expertise.

2.6 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Financial support is offered to city-to-city exchange participants. The financial support is provided under the form of lump sums⁶ and is paid directly to each participating city (applicant city and peers). The expenses covered are staff costs (only for the peers), travel costs and per diem (accommodation and subsistence).

The table below provides an overview of the financial support available for the applicant and peer(s).

City-to-city exchanges		
Cost	Applicant	Peer
Staff costs	No	Up to 2 people may claim for duration of each in-person visit (excluding travel days) and 1 day for an online exchange
Travel	Up to 4 people may claim for each outgoing visit to peers	Up to 2 people may claim for each in-person visit to applicant or to the other peer
Per diem	4 people may claim for duration of each outgoing visit to peers (plus one travel day)	2 people may claim for duration of each in-person visit to applicant or to the other peer (plus one travel day)

The financial support covers the following expenses:

- Staff costs: Up to two persons per peer city are entitled to receive a fixed amount of EUR 350 per day for the duration of the exchanges, or for one day in the case of an online exchange. No staff costs are foreseen for the applicant city.
- Travel costs: the travel costs of up to 2 persons per peer and up to 4 persons from the applicant city can be budgeted and reimbursed. The reimbursement consists of a lump sum based on the distance between the hosting city and the participating ones. For distances above 400km, the lump sum are calculated on the basis of the following unit cost amounts per distance band. For distances below 400km, the lump sum is calculated by adding together the "intra Member State return journeys" of the Member states of the hosting city and the one of the participating city concerned.

⁶ A lump sum takes the form of a single payment of money. In the case of EUI capacity building activities, the lump sum is calculated based on simplified cost options and payable after the completion and proper reporting of the activity.

- Per diem: a per diem for up to 2 persons per peer city and up to 4 persons from the applicant city can be budgeted and reimbursed. The per diem is a daily rate that covers accommodation, subsistence and local transportation of the participating cities. The per diem covers the duration of the exchange (2 to 5 days per event) plus one day per event to cover the necessary travel time. Any hosting city is not entitled to budget or request any reimbursement for travel costs or per diem (subsistence and accommodation) costs. The per diem amounts are based on the European Commission Per diem rates - 25/07/2022.

The following rules must be followed:

- A budget must be submitted with the application form in order to be able to request reimbursement. The budget is calculated per event within the exchange and indicates the maximum financial support that the applicant city and peers will receive.
- The reimbursement is based on the actual number of participants that participated in the exchanges as confirmed by duly signed participant lists and IT attendance records (for online events).
- The financial support to participating stakeholders may be included within the budget and Reimbursement Form of the applicant city and peers. The urban authority concerned is responsible for setting the reimbursement arrangements with its stakeholders. EUI cannot intervene in these arrangements nor reimburse stakeholders directly.
- The lump sum is dependent on the duration and location of the exchanges, the distances between the hosting city and the other participating cities, and the number of staff involved.

Note:

- Participants are responsible for booking their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
- For peers, reimbursement is carried out only upon approval of Reimbursement Form, following cross-checking of the application form and the list of participants by EUI PS in the case of peers.
- For applicants, reimbursement is carried out only upon approval of the Reimbursement Form, following cross-checking of the application form and the list of participants by EUI PS and submission by the applicant and validation by EUI PS of the follow-up report.
- Reimbursement is paid into the bank account of the applicant and peer urban authorities. Complete bank account details are required in the Reimbursement Form, along with supporting documents proving the account belongs to the urban authority.
- The staff of both urban authorities and stakeholders may be among the funded persons for applicants and peer cities.
- For each event, a minimum of one person per urban authority must participate.
- Additional participants beyond the maximum number indicated in section 2.6 from the applicant or peer cities may join the exchange at their own expense.

3. APPLICATION PROCESSION AND SELECTION

3.1. APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT AND PROCESS

The call for applications for city-to-city exchanges will open on **4 April 2023** and will close on **17 November 2023 at 12:00 CET**. Applications will be processed on a rolling basis according to the prioritisation criteria and approved or rejected based on selection criteria, as shown below.

For this call, there is no limit to the number of applications that can be submitted or approved per applicant. However, applications from urban authorities that have not benefited from an approved city-to-city exchange may be prioritised.

The application form will be available on EU Survey and will consist of five parts:

A. General information

In this section, the applicant provides a title for the exchange and information that facilitates the prioritisation of applications.

B. Participating cities

In this section, the applicant provides details on the participating urban authorities (applicant and peers), the individuals participating in the exchange and the role that each person is expected to play in the exchange.

C. Challenge and motivation

In this section, the applicant describes the challenge addressed by the exchange, the current situation faced with regard to the challenge described, and the policy instrument related to Sustainable Urban Development that will be improved thanks to the exchange. The interest of the applicant in integrated, place-based approaches described along with the motivation of the applicant in requesting the exchange.

D. Budget and workplan

In order to complete section D, a Work Plan and Budget Excel file must be completed and uploaded. The following information must be filled in thereby calculating the maximum budget for the exchange: Number of visits, format(s), duration, date, participating cities per event, participating number of participants per city per event, location of visit(s).

E. Endorsement

In this section, the applicant is asked to confirm the endorsement of the application by their institution and to provide the name and contact details of the authorised signatory endorsing the application. The legal obligations linked to the endorsement of the application are detailed in the Application Form. Additional endorsements are expected to be given by the authorised signatories of the peer urban authority/ies.

3.2. SELECTION PROCESS

Following submission, each application is subject to a prioritisation, evaluation and selection process organised along the following steps:

1. Prioritisation
2. Eligibility check

3. Quality evaluation

The prioritisation process will be carried out prior to the evaluation process as the result determines the order in which applications are evaluated.

The evaluation and selection process will be carried out on a rolling basis for all applications submitted via EU survey before the deadline. Applications will be evaluated by a team of experts under the supervision of EUI PS who take a final decision on the selection process.

Applicants will be notified of the decision about their application (approved or rejected) at the end of the selection process.

3.2.1. Prioritisation of evaluation

Applications are invited from any eligible authorities on a rolling basis. However, applications from specific categories of urban authorities will be evaluated with priority:

- Urban authorities in less developed regions
- Urban authorities with less than 500,000 inhabitants
- Urban authorities that have participated in an EUI peer review
- Urban authorities that have not yet benefited from an approved city-to-city exchange
- Urban authorities resubmitting a previously rejected city-to-city exchange application
- Urban authorities in transition regions (second priority)

For each category that applies to an application, a prioritisation point will be allocated. The applications with the most priority points move towards the top of the list of applications that are pending evaluation resulting in faster notification of those applicants. Applications received from urban authorities outside the priority group will still be evaluated but may take longer to approve than the below indicated timeframe in periods of high demand.

3.2.2. Eligibility check

The purpose of the eligibility check is to verify the compliance of the received Application Forms with the formal eligibility criteria; avoid further assessment of ineligible applications; and ensure equal treatment of all applications to be selected for support. The eligibility check will verify the eligibility of the Application Form and the eligibility of the applicant, as well as the eligibility of the peer institutions.

The eligibility criteria for an application for a city-to-city exchange are the following:

1. The Application Form has been submitted electronically via EU survey before the deadline indicated in the Guidance of the Call for application.
2. Mandatory fields of the Application Form are completely filled in.
3. The applicant and peers are urban authorities of a Local Administrative Unit defined according to the degree of urbanisation as city, town or suburb (corresponding to DEGURBA code 1 or DEGURBA code 2 of Eurostat).

OR

The applicant and peers are an association or grouping of urban authorities with legal status of organised agglomeration composed by Local Administrative Units, where the majority (at least

51%) of inhabitants lives in Local Administrative Units defined according to the degree of urbanisation (DEGURBA) of Eurostat as cities, towns or suburbs (corresponding to DEGURBA code 1 or DEGURBA code 2).

Only eligible urban authorities may submit an application for a city-to-city exchanges or be listed as peer institutions. An application submitted by a stakeholder or an application where the peer institution listed is not an urban authority will be declared ineligible.

4. The applicant and peers are located in an EU Member State.
5. The peer(s) is/are located within a different EU Member State to the applicant.
6. The applicant and its institution comply with the requirements on exclusion from access to funding (more details are provided below in the Section 2.3 "Exclusion criteria for grant applicants".)
7. The authorised signatory of the applicant has confirmed their endorsement of the application and their support to its implementation, if the application is approved.
8. The authorised signatories of the peers have confirmed their endorsement of the application and their support to its implementation, if the application is approved.

If all requirements set out above are not complied with, the application is deemed ineligible and no further evaluation is undertaken. Applicants will be notified at the end of the evaluation and selection process of the eligibility of their applications.

3.2.3. Quality evaluation

Applicants that are declared eligible will be subject to a quality evaluation. Quality evaluation includes, but is not limited to, coherence and consistency of the applicant throughout the Application Form.

The quality criteria for the call are the following:

Challenge addressed

- The application focuses on a challenge related to designing/implementing SUD strategies within Cohesion Policy.
- If a 'Series of events' is selected, the application justifies why this is required to address the challenge identified.
- If an online exchange is requested, the application justifies why and when this is required to address the challenge identified.

Motivation for applying

- The applicant demonstrates an involvement or interest in integrated, place-based approaches or the design and implementation of SUD strategies.
- The application justifies how the exchange will contribute to the improved implementation of a named policy instrument related to SUD.
- The application justifies how the exchange will contribute to the improved capacities of participants to tackle the implementation challenge specified.
- The type of outputs expected to be produced is coherent with a city-to-city exchange and the thematic focus of the exchange.

Peers

- The peer(s)' expertise is coherent with the challenge described by the applicant.
- For applications with more than one peer, the participation of the second peer is justified according to the challenge addressed and the expertise of the peer.
- Each peer(s) visit(s) the applicant city or hosts the applicant city at least once.

3.3. EXCLUSION CRITERIA

In accordance with Financial Regulation⁷, applicants may be excluded from the grant award procedure if the Applicant City or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control within the Applicant City, or persons who are essential for the implementation of the exchange are in one or more of the following exclusion situations:

- bankruptcy, insolvency or winding-up procedures,
- breach of obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions,
- grave professional misconduct, including misrepresentation,
- fraud,
- corruption,
- conduct related to a criminal organisation,
- money laundering or terrorist financing,
- terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities,
- child labour and other trafficking in human beings,
- irregularity,
- creating or being a shell company.

During the application process, the Applicant City must declare that it does not fall under one of the exclusion criteria above mentioned. This declaration is included in the Application Form in the EU survey.

During the selection procedure and prior to the final decision of the Selection Committee on the grant award, EUI PS may check applicants in the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES), the system established by the European Commission to reinforce the protection of the Union's financial interests and to ensure sound financial management⁸. If an Applicant City or a Peer is detected in the EDES, EUI PS notifies the concerned City, who has then the opportunity to present a defence before a final decision is made by EUI PS, in compliance with the principle of proportionality.

⁷ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1046/oj>

⁸ Article 142, Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.

3.4. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The EUI is committed to providing a high-quality service. A complaint is treated as any expression of dissatisfaction with our service which calls for a response. Complaints will be listened to, treated seriously, and learnt from so that we can continuously improve our service.

A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction whether justified or not. Complaints can cover:

- the standard of service we provide,
- the behaviour of staff or any action or lack of action by staff affecting an individual, group or organisation,
- the decisional process of supporting and financing European Urban Initiative activities,
- application evaluation related to the prioritisation, eligibility check, and quality evaluation,
- financial control procedures,
- the decisional process of the Entrusted Entity/ EUI PS during activity implementation.

Complaints do not cover: matters that have already been fully investigated through this complaints procedure, anonymous complaints, complaints about access to information where procedures and remedies are set out in legislation/regulation e.g. access to documents, general data protection.

All complaints received will be dealt with confidentially. However, we do not expect staff to tolerate unacceptable behaviour by complainants. Unacceptable behaviour includes behaviour which is abusive, offensive or threatening. We will take action to protect staff from such behaviour if a complainant behaves in a way that is unreasonably persistent or vexatious.

All complaints must be submitted in English, in writing (post or email) to the following addresses:

The European Urban Initiative – Permanent Secretariat

Les Arcuriales, 45D Rue de Tournai, 7e étage

59000 Lille, France

e-mail: complaints@urban-initiative.eu

The EUI has a two-stage complaints procedure. At each stage, as much clear detail as possible needs to be provided, including (if relevant) any documents and correspondence, and including the statement that a complaint is being made in line with the procedure. For complaints concerning project and financing decisions, a complaint can only be made if originating from the main accountable body.

Step 1: Complaints are made to EUI PS. This is the first opportunity to try and get a complaint resolved. EUI PS in liaison with the Entrusted Entity, will examine the complaint and provide answers to the complainant.

Step 2: If the response provided by EUI PS is considered unsatisfactory by the complainant and it is felt the procedures were not respected, then a formal complaint may be filed and a review by a Complaints Panel may be requested. In principle, and depending on the issue addressed, the Complaints Panel is made up of EUI PS and the Entrusted Entity. Impartiality of members of the Complaints Panel towards the case under review will be ensured. The decision if the complaint is justified or to be rejected is taken

by the Complaints Panel by consensus. The decision of the Complaints Panel is final, binding to all parties and not subject to any further complaint proceedings.

Complaints must be raised maximum 15 working days following the incident in question. The Permanent Secretariat will then have 20 working days to respond to the complaint. Following the answer to the complaint, the complainant has a maximum of 15 working days from the date of the response, to request that the complaint be progressed to the next step. The review will be undertaken and communicated to the complainant within 20 working days following the request. The aim is to complete all complaints within the timescales above; however, if a complaint is very complex and/or a Complaints Panel is needed to be convened, it may occasionally be necessary to extend the time limit. If this is the case, the complainant will be kept informed of progress with the investigation, the reasons for the delay, and the new deadline. The above complaints procedure and timeframes shall not prejudice the start-up or ongoing implementation of activities financed by the European Urban Initiative.

Complaints regarding application evaluation

Applicants of ineligible or rejected applications are informed in writing about the decision. The notification includes detailed information on the reasons why the application is rejected (eligibility criteria not fulfilled, detailed comments from EUI PS concerning the quality evaluation). Only the applying urban authority can file a complaint. The urban authority can address questions about or raise objections against the eligibility or evaluation decision to EUI PS. Please note that these queries must be made within 15 working days after the first official notification of the non-selection of the application by EUI PS⁹. This deadline will not prejudice the start of the activity for the selected applications.

In principle, complaints can only be logged against the following criteria:

- » The evaluation does not correspond to the information provided by the applicant in the submitted Application Form and mandatory annexes.
- » The application evaluation and selection process failed to comply with the specific procedures laid down in the Guidance for the Call for Applications for city-to-city exchanges that materially affected or could have affected the decision.

In case the complaint is justified, the case will be sent back to the Selection Committee to review the application and its evaluation.

⁹ The deadline for receiving queries starts counting from the day after the first notification was sent by the Permanent Secretariat. The notifications are dispatched only to the email addresses of the legal representative and contact person of the application. Therefore, it is responsibility of applicants to provide active email addresses and to check them regularly (including their SPAM folders). Please note that these addresses cannot be changed following submission of the application form. Therefore, the Permanent Secretariat cannot be held accountable in case the notification was not received by the applicant.

4. CONTRACTING

4.1 THE GRANT AGREEMENT

The urban authorities involved in approved applications will be required to sign a Grant Agreement. A Grant Agreement binds the Beneficiary¹⁰ and the Peers to the Entrusted Entity. Besides the maximum amount of ERDF granted to the exchange, it provides all the conditions under which the exchange is approved and stipulates the legal basis for funding. The Grant Agreement cannot be amended.

The Grant Agreement must be signed by the Beneficiary and the Peers. The contract with the Entrusted Entity will be shared with beneficiaries following notification of approval, to be returned signed by the beneficiary when submitting the Reimbursement Form at the latest.

4.2 EUROPEAN LAW REQUIREMENTS REGARDING EUROPEAN UNION FUNDS AND VISIBILITY

Capacity Building activities are co-financed by public funds. Beneficiaries must consequently acknowledge their funding source, the support from the European Union and communicate the role and achievements of the European Urban Initiative.

Article 50 of the Regulation 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 lays down beneficiaries' obligations regarding information and communication measures for the public. Visibility requirements apply to all co-financed printed and digital products, publications, online, offline, and on-site activities and events. In order to properly follow the visibility requirements:

Beneficiaries must include the EU emblem and reference to the ERDF support from the EU.

Urban authorities must include:

- a statement that highlights the support from the EU and EUI in all documents and communication materials for general public and for participants
- on its official website and social media sites, if such exist, a short description of the activity, proportionate to the level of support, including its aims and results, and highlighting the financial support from the European Union.

The following materials and templates are available on the EUI website:

- European Urban Initiative Visual Identity.
- European Urban Initiative Brand book.
- Templates: (i) PowerPoint and Word, (ii) letter paper, (iii) publication layout

¹⁰ Following approval of an application, the applicant is referred to as the beneficiary.

5. REPORTING AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

5.1. REPORTING PROCEDURE

The reporting of the activity will be carried out after the last city-to-city exchange event via the EUI Monitoring System if the system is operational or via another system indicated by EUI PS.

The submission of a completed, satisfactory follow-up report by the beneficiary accompanied by the Reimbursement Form which is approved by EUI PS is the basis for payment.

The follow-up report must be accompanied by the Reimbursement Form (template provided by EUI PS), which includes the IBAN of the bank account of each institution and is accompanied by Bank Account Identification Documents for each of the bank accounts listed.

The beneficiary and the peer(s) must submit the documents within 30 working days of the date of the last event.

If the reporting is deemed satisfactory by EUI PS, then it is approved by EUI PS, which will trigger payment. If the reporting requires correction or completion, EUI PS will request ad-hoc corrective or complete actions to the urban authority at fault. If the reporting is not completed, or still unsatisfactory after requests for correction/completion have been sent by EUI PS, the urban authority at fault will not receive reimbursement, or benefit from promotional opportunities from EUI PS (e.g. invitation to participate in capitalisation studies, or invitations to speak in capacity building events etc)

5.2. TERMS OF REIMBURSEMENT

The reimbursement of costs incurred during the city-to-city exchange by the beneficiary and peer(s) will be carried out by EUI PS following the completion of tasks as described in the previous section at the expected quality. The reporting procedure will lead to payment of the approved amounts to the beneficiary and peers based on the on-time submission and following approval of the Report and Reimbursement Form following approval.

The Reimbursement Form template to be used will be provided to the beneficiary and peers with the notification of approval of the application. Besides information on the eligible costs of their participating representatives (employees of the urban authority or other relevant invited stakeholders), the beneficiary and peer(s) will provide their bank account data on the Reimbursement Form. Payment to the city under review and peers shall be made by EUI PS no later than 80 days from the date of the approvals of their Reimbursement Form.

6. HOW TO GET ASSISTANCE

The EUI PS staff are ready to assist applicants with any questions they may have during the call:

- EUI PS will organise two Applicant Webinars: 5 April and 3 May 2023. The webinars will be broadcasted online, with a live Q&A session dedicated to the Call for Applications for city-to-city exchanges. Interested applicants may register for the Applicant Webinar on the EUI website.

- Bilateral online consultations will be offered. Interested applicants are required to first read the full call documentation, watch the webinar recording, and to prepare a list of questions before the consultations.

7. KEY DATES

- **03/04/2023** – launch of the pilot Call for Applications for city-to-city exchanges.
- **05/04/2023** – Applicant Webinar
- **17/04/2023 – 13/11/2023** – bilateral online consultations.
- **03/05/2023** – Applicant Webinar
- **17/11/2023** – closure of the call and deadline for submitting an application
- **15/12/2023** – indicative date for the latest application to be approved

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Call for applications for city-to-city exchanges

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Call for Applications for City-to-City Exchanges

The Call for Applications for city-to-city exchanges is open.

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be evaluated by EUI Permanent Secretariat (PS) on a rolling basis.

Details on the timeline for approval and the selection criteria are further detailed in the Guidance for Applicants, available [here](#).

Only applications submitted through EU survey will be accepted and evaluated.

A. General information

*** A.1 Please provide a short title summarising the content of the exchange.**

Text of 40 to 100 characters will be accepted

Piacenza 2030- Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE

*** A.2 Is this application a follow-up to an EUI peer review?**

i.e. the main beneficiary is a City under Review from a past peer-review that wishes to follow-up on a recommendation shared by a peer through this city-to-city exchange

Yes

No

A.3 Is this application a resubmission of a previously rejected application?

- * Yes
 No

A.3.1 If yes, please indicate the reference number of the previously rejected application.

300 character(s) maximum

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B. Participating cities

B.1. Information on applicant urban authority

* **B.1.1 Name of applicant urban authority (in English)**

1000 character(s) maximum

Municipality of Piacenza

* **B.1.2 NUTS 3 code of applicant urban authority**

NUTS 3 code to be taken from [this table](#).

This field is for information purposes only and will not have any impact on the selection process.

NUTS3CODE:ITH51

* **B.1.3 Legal status of applicant urban authority**

Please select the legal status of the applicant.

A Local Administrative Unit defined according to the degree of urbanisation as city, town or suburb.

* **B.1.4 Total number of inhabitants of applicant urban authority**

Data to be taken from [this table](#). In case of gaps, inconsistencies or doubts concerning the interpretation of the data

included in the Correspondence table, applicants are advised to contact the EUI PS before filling in and submitting the Application Form.

30 character(s) maximum

Total inhabitants 103.294

Please provide any other additional statistics from other sources **if needed**.

* **B.1.5 EU Member State of applicant urban authority**

IT - Italy

* **B.1.6 Level of regional development of applicant urban authority**

Data to be taken from annexes of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1130 of 5 July 2021 ([avail](#)

able here).

The applicant urban authority is located within a:

- less developed region
- region in transition
- more developed region

*** B.1.7 Involvement of applicant urban authority in Article 11 of the ERDF/CF Regulation (2021-2027)**

Is the applicant urban authority an "Article 11 city"?

"Article 11 cities" are those selected within each EU Member State to contribute to the selection of operations based on Sustainable Urban Development strategies in line with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund.

This field is for information purposes only and will not have any impact on the selection process.

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

B.1.8 Involvement of applicant urban authority in EU cooperation related to Sustainable Urban Development

Please indicate if the applicant urban authority is involved in any of the below:

Note: this field is for information only and will not have any impact on the selection process.

- URBACT
- Urban Innovative Actions / European Urban Initiative - Innovative Actions
- Urban Agenda for the EU
- Eurocities
- Council of European Municipalities and Regions
- Other

If so, please name the relevant project / network / partnership(s) and clarify how this exchange will build on this involvement.

1000 character(s) maximum

B.1.9 Contact details of applicant urban authority

Please fill in the details of contact persons within your institution. Contact persons are not necessarily participating to the exchange.

	Main contact person	Second contact person
Full name	Francesca GIRALDI	Letizia Gazzola
Position	Employee for Piacenza 2030 (Municipality of Piacenza)	Employee for Piacenza 2030
E-mail address	ufficio2030eu@comune.piacenza.it	ufficio2030eu@comune.piacenza.it
Telephone number (with country code)	+39 0523492172	+39 0523492574

B.1.10 Participant(s) from applicant city

Please indicate which person(s) from the applicant city will participate in the city-to-city exchange and what contribution they are expected to make.

Note: Maximum 4 persons can participate on behalf of the applicant, of which at least one person must be a part of the urban authority.

	Institution type	Full name	Position
1	Applicant urban authority	* Francesca Giraldi	* I'm an Administrative officer at the Municipality of Piacenza, I work within the Europe and Fundraising Service and I deal with the search for funding and support to the relevant offices, in the field of regional, national and European planning. Our service was set up a little over a year and a half ago and during this time we have attended numerous training courses, which have enabled us to perfect our knowledge of European projects. We look forward to putting what we have learned to good use.

Main beneficiary urban authority

Letizia Gazzola

I'm an Administrative officer at the Municipality of Piacenza, I work within the Piacenza Giovani (Youth) Service, which deals with the co-ordination of interventions related to youth policies, including initiatives to promote youth entrepreneurship. I know the English language very well, this exchange will give me the opportunity to test myself

Main beneficiary urban authority

Paola Filios

I'm an Administrative officer at the Municipality of Piacenza, I work within the Europe and Fundraising Service and deal with the search for funding and support to the relevant offices, in the field of regional, national and European planning. My goal is to produce a project that is captivating and innovative for the city and that satisfies the previous identified needs.

I'm an Administrative officer at the Municipality of Piacenza, I work within the Europe and Fundraising Service and deal with the search for funding and support to the relevant offices, in the field of regional, national and European planning. My goal is to produce a project that is captivating and innovative for the city and that satisfies the previous identified needs.

I'm an Administrative officer at the Municipality of Piacenza, I work within the Europe and Fundraising Service and deal with the search for funding and support to the relevant offices, in the field of regional, national and European planning. Before joining the staff of the Europe & Fundraising Service, I worked for a few years for a company that supported public bodies in participating in funding calls. Now I can put my experience gained in the private sector to use in the public sector.

Maurizio D'Ubaldi

Main beneficiary urban authority

B.3. Information on Peer(s)

* **B.3.1 How many peer cities are involved in this city-to-city exchange (other than the applicant)?**

- 1
 2

Information on Peer 1

* **B.3.2 Name of Peer 1 urban authority (in English)**

1000 character(s) maximum

Municipality Cluj-Napoca

* **B.3.3 NUTS 3 code of Peer 1 urban authority**

NUTS 3 code to be taken from [this table](#).

This field is for information purposes only and will not have any impact on the selection process.

NUTS3code:1454

* **B.3.4 Legal status of Peer 1 urban authority**

Please select the legal status of Peer 1.

A Local Administrative Unit defined according to the degree of urbanisation as city, town or suburb.

* **B.3.5 Total number of inhabitants of Peer 1 urban authority**

Data to be taken from [this table](#). In case of gaps, inconsistencies or doubts concerning the interpretation of the data

included in the Correspondence table, applicants are advised to contact the EUI PS before filling in and submitting the Application Form.

30 character(s) maximum

Total n. of inhabitants 327.92

Please provide any other additional statistics from other sources **if needed**.

* **B.3.6 EU Member State of Peer 1**

RO - Romania

* **B.3.7 Involvement of Peer 1 in Article 11 of the ERDF/CF Regulation (2021-2027)**

Is Peer 1 an "Article 11 city"?

"Article 11 cities" are those selected within each EU Member State to contribute to the selection of operations based on Sustainable Urban Development strategies in line with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the

Cohesion Fund.

This field is for information purposes only and will not have any impact on the selection process.

- Yes
 No
 I don't know

B.3.8 Involvement of Peer 1 in EU cooperation related to Sustainable Urban Development

Please indicate if Peer 1 is involved in any of the below:

This field is for statistical purposes only and will not have any impact on the selection process.

- URBACT
 Urban Innovative Actions / European Urban Initiative - Innovative Actions
 Urban Agenda for the EU
 Eurocities
 Council of European Municipalities and Regions
 Other

If so, please name the relevant project / network / partnership(s) and clarify how this exchange will build on this involvement.

1000 character(s) maximum

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Cluj-Napoca is one of the 53 pilot cities to test climate transition pathways as part of the 100 EU Cities Mission, under the NetZeroCities Pilot Cities Programme. "Blueprint for Net-Zero Apartment-block Neighborhoods" - the project of Cluj-Napoca's local consortium. The pilot cities will experiment new ways to rapidly decarbonize over the course of a two-year programme. Each of the Pilot Cities will be a proving ground for taking systemic, inclusive, and multi-lever approaches to transforming city systems. Over their two-year journey, cities will reflect and learn as they go, providing opportunities for other cities to follow in their footsteps, replicating and/or scaling approaches and solutions relevant to their context.

B.3.9 Contact details for Peer 1 urban authority

	Main contact person	Second contact person
Full name	Dalila Ciucan	Alexandra Poliec
Position	Project Manager	Adviser
E-mail address	daliciucan@yahoo.com	alexandra.poliec@primariaciuclujnapoca.ro
Telephone number (with country code)	+40 744 151 898	+40 740 931 000

B.3.10 Participant(s) from Peer 1

Please indicate which person(s) from peer 1 will participate in the city-to-city exchange and what contribution they are expected to make in terms of relevant expertise.

Note: A maximum of two persons can participate on behalf of peer 1, of which at least one person must participate from the peer 1 urban authority.

Institution type	Full name	Position

Dailia Ciucian

Peer 1 urban authority

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She is EU projects coordinator in the Local Development Division of Cluj-Napoca Municipality. She has a Bachelor Degree in European Studies and International Relations and a Master Degree in European Affairs and Programme Management, Faculty of European Studies, Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca. She coordinates the innovative international projects in which Cluj-Napoca Municipality is partner on different financing programmes such as Urban Innovative Actions, Horizon2020, Interreg, URBACT III, EUKI and other european pioneer activities in the field of innovation and participatory governance. Also, she is in charge with the management of Civic Imagination and Innovation Center (CIIC) of the city, a participatory governance tool, a place where local government representatives, citizens and specialists from economic and academic fields meet and discuss the social challenges and necessary urban transformations of the city. In the context of the EU Mission 100 climate-neutral cities by 2030 Cluj-Napoca became one of the selected cities and on behalf of the Municipality, Dalila is coordinating the green dimension strategy of the city towards achieving the objectives on green transition and climate neutrality.

Peer 1 urban authority

Bianca Muntean

She is the Co-Founder & CEO Transilvania IT Cluster.

Since 2002 she has been involved in the elaboration of various policy papers, regional development and sectoral strategies: Synergies between DIHs and Clusters, RIS3, Digital Transformations Strategy, Transylvania 2007-2013 Development Strategy, Public Sector Recommendation Policy Papers, Contribution to the Strategy of Development for the IT Sector in Romania, Promotion, Support and SME Mobilization for H2020, FP7.

She has been a National Certified Trainer and Evaluator for Project Management, Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund since 2008.

Through the projects she has been involved in, are introduced Digitalization, ICT and Mobile applications in the Romanian non-IT SMEs and public administration.

Her expertise also involves teaching at undergraduate level European Programme and Projects at the Faculty of European Studies, Babes Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca (2002 - 2010).

C. Challenge and motivation

* C.1 Please describe the challenge related to the implementation of Sustainable Urban Development within Cohesion Policy that the applicant urban authority would like to receive expertise on, referring to both thematic and operational aspects as relevant.

1500 character(s) maximum

An indicative list of potential thematic and operational challenges that may be addressed can be found in section 2.1.2 of the Guidance for Applicants.

Research and Innovation and Digital Transition are the main thematic challenges that Piacenza aims to address with the exchange proposal. The city is creating a strategy for retaining talents and making part of the future of work locally, with a strong attention to local resources activated through regional and national programs. In recent years Piacenza created a local Technopole specialized in the study of machine tools and systems for environmental assessment in collaboration with the University of Milan (whose peripheral premises are based in Piacenza) but is struggling to retain talents. The main challenge of Piacenza is to make scientific and technological research centers drivers for a sustainable development able to create a tangible effect at local level and to be connected also with other initiatives of civic engagement such as Open Laboratory, ART-ER which fostered the creation of new startups at urban level. The creation of a system of activities for attracting scientific and technological innovation will have an effect not only on local economy and on the growth of local SMEs but also on the attractiveness of the city, reinforcing smart specialization but also promoting cultural and touristic growth.

* C.2 Please describe the current situation faced by the applicant urban authority related to the challenge described.

1500 character(s) maximum

Please provide relevant facts and figures that demonstrate how this challenge is reflected in your city, and describe which projects/approaches/methods related to integrated, place-based approaches have been already implemented.

Piacenza is developing an integrated approach to the creation of an innovation cluster which connects local universities to innovative startups and enterprises active at local and regional level. The startup incubators hosted by Technopole and Laboratorio Aperto (Open Laboratories) work in close cooperation with local industries' research laboratories but the connection with the urban fabric is still limited. The city is working on giving a coherent promotion to all the different opportunities created by universities, private companies and stakeholders in order to make science and technology elements for attracting new skilled residents, who can contribute to enhance urban quality of life and to improve the economic, environmental and cultural profile of the city. Piacenza is known for hosting 4 university campuses (Polytechnic of Milan, Catholic University of Milan, University of Parma and Conservatory Giuseppe Nicolini) with a number of students that constantly increased in recent years, including the ones coming from abroad. Piacenza is also participating in regional initiatives, such as the project STAY JUDE, for incoming talents and invite them to settle in and integrated in the local community. The main challenge is to create a solid strategy for consolidating the presence of start-uppers and talents with new skills who can contribute to the development of Piacenza on medium and long term and reinforce the city in a scenario of competition with other medium-sized cities

*** C.3 Please name which policy instrument(s) related to Sustainable Urban Development will benefit from improved implementation thanks to the exchange.**

1500 character(s) maximum

The policy instrument(s) named must relate to the territory of the main beneficiary.

A policy instrument is a means for public intervention. It can be understood to mean any programme, policy, strategy, or law developed by public authorities and applied on the ground to improve a specific territorial situation.

Examples of policy instruments include Sustainable Urban Development strategies, Integrated Territorial Investments strategies, Community-led Local Development strategies, European Regional Development Fund / European Social Fund + Operational Programmes etc.)

Piacenza is using a series of financial instruments for promoting different elements of its strategy for attracting talents. First of all, the Agreement signed on 9 February 2024 by the mayor of Piacenza and the rectors of the Universities of Piacenza (Polytechnic University, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart; University of Parma, Conservatory of Music "G. Nicolini").

In addition to this, mention should be made of the funds of the Next Generation EU for the regeneration of public infrastructure, the ERDS and ESF funds for the improvement of Open Laboratory, Technopole and other programs of research. The city is also using the resources of the regional fund for cities and is promoting a series of public-private collaboration with universities and enterprises for enhancing the financial sustainability of the projects carried out in the fields of scientific and technological research. Other interventions on education are funded through the thematic National Operational Programs.

*** C.4 Please explain the interest of the applicant urban authority in integrated, place-based approaches and/or their involvement in the design and implementation of Sustainable Urban Development strategies.**

1500 character(s) maximum

Applicant urban authorities must demonstrate an interest or involvement in integrated, place-based approaches or the design and implementation of Sustainable Urban Development strategies.

Piacenza is actively committed in carrying our integrated strategies covering different dimensions of sustainable urban development. Since its active participation in URBACT III with MAPS, the city developed an integrated plan which led to the integrated reuse of former abandoned buildings, which are partly used by universities, research centers and are at the core of further innovative planning strategies which may led to a reuse for scientific and technological research, The attraction of new talents and skilled population is at the core of integrated strategies which enhanced the urban role of Technopole, Urban Hub and Open Laboratories, fostering a mixed use with the active collaboration of university campuses and schools. The implementation of a place-based approach is leading to combine regeneration of unused buildings and structures with the creation of new functions and experimenting new digital services that can be useful to attract talents and create better living and working conditions for young researchers and scholars, but also for creating new startups and developing new skills.

*** C.5 Please clarify what the applicant urban authority will gain from implementing the exchange.**

1500 character(s) maximum

Please explain how the proposed exchange will contribute to building the applicant urban authority's capacity to tackle the implementation challenge specified.

Piacenza will gain from the exchange with Cluj Napoca useful inputs on how to combine specific strategies on promotion of talents and startups related to the future of work in science and technology, as tested by Cluj Napoca with its innovation clusters and with the UIA project Cluj Future of Work, with wider strategies on urban sustainability. The experience of Cluj-Napoca in developing interesting urban planning strategies and public policy solutions for enhancing the impact of digital technologies and research within the local landscape can serve as an inspiration for improving how local universities are involved in strategies of urban growth and how to improve the creation of strategies involving public, private and community in the attraction of new talents and innovative entrepreneurship. Activities carried out by Cluj Napoca such as the Culturepreneurs programme can constitute a useful example for combining education to innovation to the creation of enterprises strongly connected to the vocations of the territory. Through this process of peer learning and sharing of skills Piacenza will acquire technical skills, innovative methods and working methods for enhancing services to support attractiveness of our territory and for easing the inclusion of talents in the city context.

*** C.6 Please list which outputs are expected to be produced through the exchange.**

1500 character(s) maximum

Indicative examples of outputs that may be produced through a city-to-city exchange: list of recommendations, list of good practices, action plan, technical document (terms of reference, guidance for applicants, monitoring checklist) etc.

Other forms of assistance and consultancy that go beyond peer learning among urban authorities (e.g., the development of studies, conferences, training courses etc.) cannot be financed through a city-to-city exchange.

The outputs that are expected to be produced through this exchange consist is a list of recommendations and good practices based on the experience of the project Cluj Future of Work and the other experiences carried out by Cluj Napoca with regards to the reinforcing of mutual collaboration among partners and the effective actions of involvement of target beneficiaries. Piacenza may identify a pilot activity that will be at the core of future collaborations for replicating it into the local context

D. Workplan and Budget

In order to complete your application, a Work Plan and Budget Excel file must be completed and uploaded.

Please note that this file was updated as of 1st of March 2024 and includes now adjusted amounts for the return trips. Download and complete the updated file, before submitting your application.

The following information must be filled in thereby calculating the maximum budget for the exchange:

- Number of visits - 1 to 3
- Format(s) - Incoming visit, outgoing visit or an online exchange following an in-person visit
- Duration - 2 to 5 days per event
- Date(s) - indicative month and year per event
- Location of visit(s) - City and EU Member State
- Participating cities per event - Peer 1, Peer 2 (if applicable), or both
- Number of participants per city per event - up to 4 persons from the applicant urban authority and up to 2 persons from each peer

Notes:

- Each peer must either visit the applicant city or host the applicant urban authority in the peer city at least once.
- Peers may not visit each other without the presence of the applicant urban authority.

IMPORTANT:

Any inconsistencies between the information provided in the excel file and the application form on EU survey may lead to rejection of the application.

D.1 Please upload here your completed Work Plan and Budget Excel file here.

Maximum file size: 1 MB.

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*** D.2 How many events are requested as part of the exchange?**

- 1
- 2
- 3

*** D.2.1 If more than one event is requested, please justify why a series of events is needed.**

1500 character(s) maximum

City-to-city exchanges can be as simple as one visit between two cities. However, reciprocal visits are also possible. When duly justified, an applicant may define up to three visits per application if a series of events is most suited to tackling the identified challenge. This justification must be provided in the application form.

The exchange will consist of two site visits, one to Cluj Napoca and one to Piacenza, and a final online meeting between the cities for developing possible future paths of collaboration with the use of national and EU resources.

*** D.2.2 If an online exchange is requested as a follow-up to an in-person visit, please justify why this format is the most appropriate taking into account the challenge addressed and the proposed agenda.**

When duly justified in the application form, one online exchange per application may be organised as a follow-up to an in-person visit(s). An application that does not contain at least one in-person visit will be rejected.

Review of the main findings of the first two visits summarizing the key points and insights.

Find successful practices that can be transferred and applied effectively and provide support to break them down into key components.

Discuss how the practices might need to be adapted to fit the new context of Piacenza.

Definition of an action plan that outlines specific steps and tasks for applying a pilot in Piacenza aiming at testing the feasibility and potential impact of the new transferred practices.

D.3 Agenda of exchange

Please indicate the main agenda points to be covered during the (first/only) visit. Please indicate the expected contribution of each peer.

	Main agenda points	Contribution of peer 1	Contribution of peer 2 (if applicable)
Visit 1	<p>Study visit to the headquarters of the innovation cluster of Cluj-Napoca; visit to CREIC technology center; visit to Cluj Napoca Babes Boylia University: Visit to Cluj Napoca urban Center; focus on methodological approach to leadership and management of multi-stakeholders partnerships</p>	<p>Provide an operating model for the implementation of partnerships' agreements and stakeholders' engagement</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

Please indicate the main agenda points to be covered during the second event. Please indicate the expected contribution of each peer.

	Main agenda points	Contribution of peer 1	Contribution of peer 2 (if applicable)
Event 2	Visit to Piacenza Technopole; visit to Politecnico University in Piacenza: Visit to Laboratorio Aperto and other examples of reuse of public structures for attracting talents	Expertise and support	Not applicable

Please indicate the main agenda points to be covered during the third event. Please indicate the expected contribution of each peer.

	Main agenda points	Contribution of peer 1	Contribution of peer 2 (if applicable)
Event 3	<p>Review of the main findings of the first two visits summarizing the key points and insights.</p> <p>Find successful practices that can be transferred and applied effectively and provide support to break them down into key components.</p> <p>Discuss how the practices might need to be adapted to fit the new context of Piacenza.</p> <p>Definition of an action plan that outlines specific steps and tasks for applying a pilot in Piacenza aiming at testing the feasibility and potential impact of the new transferred practices.</p>	<p>Giving directions to the city of Piacenza on how to finalise what was learnt during the trip to Cluj Napoca , indicating how to carry out the territorial needs analysis, the administrative procedures to be followed, the stakeholders to be involved .</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

*** D.4 Do you require the support of an additional EUI expert moderator to support the peer learning process?**

Self-moderated exchanges involving only the applicant city and peers may be organised faster than those involving additional expert moderators.

See section 2.5 of the Guidance for Applicants for more information.

- Yes
 No

E. Endorsement

*** E.1. Endorsement from the applicant urban authority**

This application is made on behalf of the Urban Authority you are representing.

Only applications that have received endorsement from an authorised signatory with delegation and power to engage the legal person of the Urban Authority are deemed eligible. In case of any doubt, EUI PS may contact the authorised signatory listed in the Application Form.

By endorsing this Application Form, the applicant urban authority hereby confirms that:

1. The information provided in the Application Form is accurate and true to the best knowledge of the Urban Authority.
2. The Urban Authority listed in the Application Form as applicant urban authority:
 - is committed to participate in the action and more specifically is committed to identifying peer(s) and potential stakeholders, participate in all the events included in the exchange and participate in evaluation sessions regarding the exchange and achieved results.
 - has stable and sufficient resources to carry out the activity.
 - understands the expectations in terms of communication, capitalisation and to act as an ambassador for EUI city-to-city exchanges.
3. The Urban Authority commits to comply with the eligibility criteria and all other conditions set out in the Call for application conditions for the entire duration of the activity.
4. The Urban Authority will act according to the provisions of the relevant national and EU legislation and policies as well as the specific provisions of the European Urban Initiative.
5. The Urban Authority is NOT subject to an administrative sanction (i.e. exclusion or financial penalty decision).[1]
6. The Urban Authority (or persons with unlimited liability for debts) is NOT in one of the following exclusion situations[2]:
 - bankrupt, being wound up, having the affairs administered by the courts, entered into an arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or subject to any other similar proceedings or procedures.
 - in breach of social security or tax obligations.
7. The Urban Authority (or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the action) is NOT in one of the following exclusion situations[3]:

- guilty of grave professional misconduct^[4],
- committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking,
- shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar,
- guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/95,
- created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin (including creation of another entity with this purpose).

8. The Urban Authority is NOT subject to a conflict of interest in connection with this grant and will notify — without delay — any situation which could give rise to a conflict of interests.

9. The Urban Authority neither in whole nor in part have or will receive any other complementary EU funding for the tasks carried out within the activity during the whole duration of the activity.

10. General information about this project can be used by the European Urban Initiative to liaise with national and regional authorities in charge of implementation of operational programmes funded by the European Structural and Investment Funds.

If the application is selected, EUI PS commits to:

1. Provide technical guidance and assistance to the cities involved in the exchange, including, on request, an expert moderator to facilitate the exchange.
2. Provide financial support with the reimbursement of costs as indicated in the EUI Capacity Building Guidance for Applicants for city-to-city exchanges, provided all conditions described in the guidance are met.

[1] See Article 136 EU Financial Regulation.

[2] See Articles 136 and 141 EU Financial Regulation.

[3] See Articles 136 and 141 EU Financial Regulation.

[4] Professional misconduct includes: violation of ethical standards of the profession, wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility, false declarations/misrepresentation of information, participation in a cartel or other agreement distorting competition, violation of IPR, attempting to influence decision-making processes or obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain an advantage.

Please confirm that your institution (the applicant urban authority) endorses this application for a city-to-city exchange, understands the conditions stated above, will support its implementation if this application is approved, and that the endorsement has been given by an authorised signatory.

- Yes, I confirm my institution endorses the application, will support its implementation, and that the endorsement comes from an authorised signatory.

*** E.2. Endorsement from Peer 1 urban authority**

Please confirm that the Peer 1 urban authority endorses this application for a city-to-city exchange and will support its implementation if this application is approved.

- Yes

E.4 Please provide the contact information of the authorised signatory with delegation and power to engage the legal person of each Urban Authority endorsing the application.

	Applicant urban authority	Peer 1 urban authority	Peer 2 urban authority (if applicable)
Full name	* Katia Tarasconi	* Emil Boc	
Position	* Mayor - Municipality of Piacenza	* Municipality of Cluj Napoca	
E-mail address	* piacenza2030eu@comune.piacenza.it	* cabinet@primariaciuclujnapoca.ro	
Telephone number (with country code)	* +39 0523492172	* +4 0264-596030	
Street and number	* Piazza Cavalli, 2	* Str. Mojiilor nr. 3	
Postcode	* 29121	* 400001	
City	* Piacenza	* Cluj Napoca	

Region	* Emilia Romagna	* Transylvania	
Country	* Italia	* Romania	

*To be included in the contract between the EUI Entrusted Entity and the participating urban authorities in case the application is approved.

Contact

capacitybuilding@urban-initiative.eu

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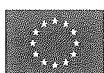
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Entre

**La Région Hauts-de-France, Hôtel de Région,
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agissant en tant qu'Entité Mandatée de l'Initiative Urbaine Européenne (ci-après dénommée l'« Entité Mandatée »)**

Et

**Municipality of Piacenza, Piazza Cavalli, 2, 29121 Piacenza, Italia
Agissant en tant que Bénéficiaire Principal (ci-après dénommé « Bénéficiaire »).**

**Municipality Cluj-Napoca, Str. Moșilor nr. 3, 400001 Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Agissant en tant que Pair (ci-après dénommé « Pair A ») individuellement et « Pairs » collectivement.**

Between the

Région Hauts-de-France (Entrusted Entity), Hôtel de Région, 151, avenue du Président Hoover, 59555 LILLE Cedex, France, acting as the Entrusted Entity of the European Urban Initiative (hereinafter referred to as "Entrusted Entity")

And



Municipality of Piacenza, Piazza Cavalli, 2, 29121 Piacenza, Italia Acting as Main Beneficiary (hereafter referred to as "Beneficiary").

Municipality Cluj-Napoca, Str. Moșilor nr. 3, 400001 Cluj-Napoca, Romania Acting as a Peer (hereafter referred to as "Peer A" individually, "Peers" collectively).

Între

Regiunea Hauts-de-France, Hôtel de Région, 151, avenue du Président Hoover, 59555 LILLE Cedex, Franța, acționând în calitate de Entitate Mandatată a Inițiativei Urbane Europene (denumită în continuare „Entitatea Mandată”)

Și

Municipalitatea Piacenza, Piazza Cavalli, 2, 29121 Piacenza, Italia Acționând în calitate de Beneficiar Principal (denumit în continuare „Beneficiar”).

Municipalitatea Cluj-Napoca, Str. Moșilor nr. 3, 400001 Cluj-Napoca, România Acționând în calitate de Partener (denumit în continuare „Partener A” individual, „Parteneri” colectiv).

Ces Conditions Particulières de la Convention de Subvention (ci-après la « Convention ») définissent les conditions juridiquement contraignantes relatives au financement, à la mise en œuvre, et à la gestion de C2C-2023_16_IT_PIACENZA, Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE.

Les Conditions Particulières s'appliquent sans préjudice des stipulations des Conditions Générales de cette Convention de Subvention.

Les parties à cette Convention conviennent ce qui suit :

These Particular Conditions of the Grant Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement") set out the legally binding terms related to the funding, implementation, and management of C2C-2023_16_IT_PIACENZA, Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE.

The Particular Conditions apply without prejudice to the provisions of the General Conditions of this Grant Agreement.

The parties to this Agreement hereby agree as follows:

Aceste Condiții Speciale ale Acordului de Grant (denumite în continuare „Acordul”) stabilesc termenii obligatorii din punct de vedere juridic referitori la finanțarea, implementarea și gestionarea C2C-2023_16_IT_PIACENZA, Piacenza 2030 - TINERI TALENTE PENTRU VIITORUL URBAN.



Condițiile particulare se aplică fără a aduce atingere prevederilor condițiilor generale ale acestui acord de grant.

Părțile acestui Acord convin după cum urmează:

Article 1

Objet du Convention

1. La présente Convention énonce les droits et obligations de l'Entité Mandatée, du Bénéficiaire et des Pairs, ainsi que les modalités et conditions applicables à la subvention octroyée aux bénéficiaires pour la mise en œuvre de l'activité intitulée **C2C-2023_16_IT_PACENZA, Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE**, tels que décrits dans le Dossier de candidature (Annexe 2).
2. La durée de l'activité sera d'un maximum de 5 mois à compter de la date de notification de la décision d'approbation.
3. Les documents suivants sont annexés à ces Conditions Particulières et sont parties intégrantes de la Convention :
 - Les Conditions Générales (Annexe 1),
 - le Dossier de candidature (Annexe 2),
 - la Décision d'Approbation (Annexe 3).

Le Bénéficiaire et le(s) Pair(s) déclarent avoir pris connaissance de l'ensemble des documents ci-dessus énoncés.

Article 1

Subject of the Agreement

1. This Agreement sets out the rights and obligations of the Entrusted Entity, the Beneficiary, and the Peers, and the terms and conditions applicable to the grant awarded to the beneficiaries for implementing the activity entitled **C2C-2023_16_IT_PACENZA, Piacenza 2030 - Young TALENTS FOR URBAN FUTURE**, as described in the Application Form (Annex 2).
2. The duration of the activity will be up to 5 months as of the date of notification of the approval decision.
3. The following documents are annexed to these Particular Conditions and form an integral part of the Agreement:
 - The General Conditions (Annex 1),
 - the Application Form (Annex 2),
 - the Approval Decision (Annex 3).

The Beneficiary and the Peer(s) declare that they have read all the above documents.



Articolul 1

Obiectul Acordului

1. Prezentul Acord stabilește drepturile și obligațiile Entității Mandatate, ale Beneficiarului și ale Peer-ilor, precum și termenii și condițiile aplicabile grantului acordat beneficiarilor pentru implementarea activității intitulată C2C-2023_16_IT_PACENZA, Piacenza 2030 - TINERI TALENTE PENTRU VIITORUL URBAN, așa cum este descrisă în Formularul de Aplicare (Anexa 2).

2. Durata activității va fi de maximum 5 luni, începând de la data notificării deciziei de aprobare.

3. Următoarele documente sunt anexate acestor Condiții Speciale și fac parte integrantă din Acord:

- Condițiile Generale (Anexa 1),
- Formularul de Aplicare (Anexa 2),
- Decizia de Aprobare (Anexa 3).

Beneficiarul și Partenerul declară că au citit toate documentele menționate anterior.

Article 2

Octroi de la subvention

1. Conformément à la décision d'approbation, la subvention est respectivement accordée au Bénéficiaire et aux Pairs pour la mise en œuvre de l'activité sous la forme d'une somme forfaitaire.
2. Le montant maximal de la subvention allouée à ce city-to-city exchange dans le cadre de l'activité sous forme de cofinancement FEDER, et tel que défini dans le Dossier de candidature est de **EUR 17,774.00**.

(a) Le montant maximal de la subvention allouée au Bénéficiaire dans le cadre de l'activité sous forme de cofinancement FEDER, et tel que défini dans le Dossier de candidature est de **EUR 7,888.00**.

(b) Le montant maximal de la subvention allouée au Pair A dans le cadre de l'activité sous forme de cofinancement FEDER, et tel que défini dans le Dossier de candidature est de **EUR 9,886.00**.

3. Les conditions et exigences pour les modalités de paiement sont définies dans les Conditions Générales de la Convention de Subvention (Annexe 1 du présent document, Article 4).
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Article 2

Award of grant

1. In accordance with the approval decision, the grant is respectively awarded to the Beneficiary and the Peers for the implementation of the activity in the form of a lump sum.
 2. The maximum amount of the grant allocated to this city-to-city exchange within the activity as ERDF financing, and as set out in the Application Form is **EUR 17,774.00**.
 - (a) The maximum amount of the grant allocated to the Beneficiary within the activity as ERDF financing, and as set out in the Application Form is **EUR 7,888.00**.
 - (b) The maximum amount of the grant allocated to the Peer A within the activity as ERDF financing, and as set out in the Application Form is **EUR 9,886.00**.
 3. Conditions and requirements for award of grant are defined in the General Conditions of the Grant Agreement (Annex 1 of the present document, Article 4).
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Articolul 2

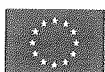
Acordarea grantului

1. În conformitate cu decizia de aprobare, grantul este respectiv acordat Beneficiarului și Partenerului pentru implementarea activității sub forma unei sume forfetare.
 2. Suma maximă a grantului alocat acestui schimb de tip oraș-la-oraș în cadrul activității finanțate prin FEDR și așa cum este stabilită în Formularul de Aplicare este de 17.774,00 EUR.
 - (a) Suma maximă a grantului alocat Beneficiarului în cadrul activității finanțate prin FEDR și așa cum este stabilită în Formularul de Aplicare este de 7.888,00 EUR.
 - (b) Suma maximă a grantului alocat Peer A în cadrul activității finanțate prin FEDR și așa cum este stabilită în Formularul de Aplicare este de 9.886,00 EUR.
 3. Condițiile și cerințele pentru acordarea grantului sunt definite în Condițiile Generale ale Acordului de Grant (Anexa 1 a prezentului document, Articolul 4).
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Article 3

Signatures et entrée en vigueur de la Convention

1. Les Conditions Particulières de la Convention doivent être signées par le Bénéficiaire, les Pairs et par l'Entité Mandatée.
2. Les Conditions Particulières seront d'abord signées par l'Entité Mandatée. Ce document sera envoyé par email au Bénéficiaire, qui est chargé de le partager aux Pairs.



3. Le Bénéficiaire est chargé de partager les Conditions Particulières dûment signées à l'Initiative, soit en les téléchargeant sur le système EEP soit en les envoyant à l'Initiative l'adresse capacitybuilding@urban-initiative.eu si le système EEP n'est pas encore opérationnel.
4. Cette Convention entrera en vigueur le jour de sa signature par la dernière partie.

Article 3

Signatures and entry into force of the Agreement

1. The Particular Conditions of the agreement must be signed by the Beneficiary, Peers and by the Entrusted Entity.
2. The Particular Conditions will be first signed by the Entrusted Entity. This document will be sent by email to the Beneficiary who is responsible for sharing it to the Peers.
3. The Beneficiary is responsible for sharing the duly signed Particular Conditions to the Initiative, either by uploading them **on** the EEP or by sharing them via email at capacitybuilding@urban-initiative.eu if the EEP system is not yet operational.
4. This Agreement will enter into force on the day of signature by the latest party.

Articolul 3

Semnăturile și intrarea în vigoare a Acordului

1. Condițiile Speciale ale Acordului trebuie să fie semnate de Beneficiar, Partener și de Entitatea Mandată.
2. Condițiile Speciale vor fi semnate mai întâi de Entitatea Mandată. Acest document va fi trimis prin email Beneficiarului, care este responsabil să-l împărtășească cu Partenerului.
3. Beneficiarul este responsabil pentru transmiterea Condițiilor Particulare semnate în mod corespunzător către Inițiativă, fie prin încărcarea acestora pe EEP, fie prin trimiterea lor prin email la capacitybuilding@urban-initiative.eu, dacă sistemul EEP nu este încă operațional.
4. Acest Acord va intra în vigoare în ziua semnării de către ultima parte.

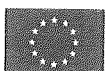
Signatures of the parties

Semnăturile părților

Pour l'Entité Mandatée:

Je soussigné(e) accepte le contenu et les dispositions de la Convention de Subvention, Conditions Particulières et Générales incluses.

Je confirme également être officiellement habilité(e) à signer cette Convention de Subvention.



For the Entrusted Entity:

I hereby accept the contents and provisions of the Grant Agreement, including the Particular and General Conditions.

I also confirm to be officially entitled to sign this Grant Agreement.

Pentru Entitatea Mandată:

Subsemnatul/subsemnata accept conținutul și dispozițiile Acordului de Grant, incluzând Condițiile Speciale și Generale.

De asemenea, confirm că sunt autorizat(ă) oficial să semnez acest Acord de Grant.

Prénom et nom du signataire

Name and surname of the signatory

Numele și prenumele semnatarului

Anne WETZEL

Fonction du signataire

Function of the signatory

Funcția semnatarului

Directrice Europe

Nom de l'organisation

Name of the organisation

Numele organizației

Conseil Régional Hauts-de-France

Signature (et tampon, si disponible)

Signature (and stamp, if available)

Semnătura (și ștampila, dacă este disponibilă)



Anne WETZEL
Directrice Europe
Région Hauts-de-France

Lieu et date

Place and date

Locul și data

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Pour le Bénéficiaire:

Je soussigné(e) accepte le contenu et les dispositions de la Convention de Subvention, Conditions Particulières et Générales incluses.

Je confirme également être officiellement habilité(e) à signer cette Convention de Subvention.

For the Beneficiary:

I hereby accept the contents and provisions of the Grant Agreement, including the Particular and General Conditions.

I also confirm to be officially entitled to sign this Grant Agreement.

Pentru Beneficiar :

Subsemnatul/subsemnata accept conținutul și dispozițiile Acordului de Grant, incluzând Condițiile Speciale și Generale.

De asemenea, confirm că sunt autorizat(ă) oficial să semnez acest Acord de Grant.

Prénom et nom du signataire

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Fonction du signataire

Function of the signatory

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Nom de l'organisation

Name of the organisation

Numele organizației

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Signature (et tampon, si disponible)

Signature (and stamp, if available)

Semnătura (și ștampila, dacă este disponibilă)

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Lieu et date

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Locul și data

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Pour le Pair A:

Je soussigné(e) accepte le contenu et les dispositions de la Convention de Subvention, Conditions Particulières et Générales incluses.

Je confirme également être officiellement habilité(e) à signer cette Convention de Subvention.

For the Peer A:

I hereby accept the contents and provisions of the Grant Agreement, including the Particular and General Conditions.

I also confirm to be officially entitled to sign this Grant Agreement.

Pentru Beneficiar :

Subsemnatul/subsemnata accept conținutul și dispozițiile Acordului de Grant, incluzând Condițiile Speciale și Generale.

De asemenea, confirm că sunt autorizat(ă) oficial să semnez acest Acord de Grant.

Prénom et nom du signataire

Name and surname of the signatory

Numele și prenumele semnatarului

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Fonction du signataire

Function of the signatory

Funcția semnatarului

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Nom de l'organisation

Name of the organisation

Numele organizației

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Signature (et tampon, si disponible)

Signature (and stamp, if available)

Semnătura (și ștampila, dacă este disponibilă)

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Lieu et date

Place and date

Locul și data

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