

URBACT Accelerator for Ukraine and Moldova

The bespoke learning programme designed for the Ukrainian and Moldovan cities.

Call for Applications (Expression of Interest)

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Introduction

Since its creation in 2002, URBACT has supported cities across Europe in developing integrated and participatory responses to complex urban challenges. For 2021–2027, URBACT has strengthened its role as a European hub for urban capacity-building, experimentation and knowledge exchange between city administrations. URBACT helps cities be the drivers of change with the well-established **URBACT Method** (see Annex 1 for further information).

In line with this ambition, URBACT has developed a bespoke offer for beneficiaries from Ukraine and Moldova, responding to their specific needs as EU candidate countries facing exceptional circumstances. Local authorities play a critical role in maintaining essential services, fostering social cohesion and preparing long-term recovery, urban reconstruction, revitalisation and resilience pathways, often under severe financial, institutional and human-resource constraints.

This bespoke URBACT offer for Ukraine and Moldova shall facilitate the implementation of existing priorities and strategies towards concrete, small-scale and feasible urban actions, supported by dedicated funding, targeted learning and peer exchange with EU cities. Furthermore, it shall enhance the learning experience of cities from Ukraine and Moldova already participating in URBACT networks to design integrated and participatory policies by adapting the URBACT methodology, tools and delivery formats to the specific operational realities.

What is the bespoke URBACT offer about?

The URBACT Accelerator for Ukraine and Moldova is a targeted learning-and-action programme combining practical experimentation, tailored capacity-building and structured European peer exchange. It is designed to respond to the specific administrative, financial and institutional capacities of cities in Ukraine and Moldova, and generate transferable knowledge on urban action delivery in fragile, high-pressure and rapidly changing contexts. The bespoke programme aims to:

- ✓ Facilitate European cooperation and build up the community of practice between cities from Ukraine, Moldova and EU Member States in the field of sustainable urban development;
- ✓ Enhance the understanding of the EU Cohesion policy and EU sustainable urban development (SUD) framework based on integrated and participatory approaches.
- ✓ Enable cities to design and implement small-scale actions responding to urgent and strategic urban challenges related to urban reconstruction, revitalisation, resilience and crisis management;
- ✓ Strengthen institutional learning and preparedness for participation in future EU-funded urban initiatives;

The bespoke learning programme is structured within three complementary tracks:

- A. **Urban Knowledge Track** offers a tailor-made set of exchange and learning activities for all the cities involved in the bespoke URBACT learning programme. It shall also reinforce the positive impact for cities from Ukraine and Moldova already involved in different URBACT networks.
- B. **Urban Action Lab Track** provides additional support to a group of cities from Ukraine and Moldova to design, test and deliver concrete small-scale urban actions within the programme timeframe;
- C. **EU Mentor City Track** will gather experienced EU cities providing first-hand support and coaching to cities involved in Urban Action Lab Track as well as participate in the foreseen exchange and learning activities of Urban Knowledge Track.

URBACT will capitalise on the results of this bespoke learning programme and release a digital publication documenting insight from the learning activities with an EU wide relevance.

2. The bespoke learning programme activities

The bespoke learning programme is expected to start in November 2026 and end in May 2028. The project stages shall be structured in the following way:

- November & December 2026: Onboarding and contracting of the participating cities.
- January 2027 to March 2028: Delivery of key learning programme activities.
- April & May 2028: Project finalisation and closure activities.

A. URBAN KNOWLEDGE TRACK

Urban Knowledge track activities are dedicated to all the cities involved in the bespoke URBACT learning programme for Ukraine and Moldova. **Up to 50 cities altogether** are expected to be involved in these activities, including:

- ✓ Beneficiaries from Ukraine and Moldova already participating in approved URBACT Networks (priority will be given to the partners already involved in approved URBACT networks based on the submitted expression of interest);
- ✓ Cities from Ukraine and Moldova not yet involved in ongoing URBACT networks (the number of cities to be selected will depend on the available spots)
- ✓ 10 cities from Ukraine and Moldova selected for the Urban Action Lab Track;
- ✓ Up to 10 cities from EU Member States contributing as peers and mentor cities.

Urban Knowledge track provides structured learning and exchange opportunities aimed at strengthening participants' understanding of EU sustainable urban development frameworks and practical delivery approaches. URBACT Network results, Knowledge Hub and the Toolbox will be used as the main reference content. Activities include:

1. Series of webinars:

These are live online learning sessions with a duration of several hours combining information giving, case studies and methodological workshops. These sessions will complement URBACT network activities (for the cities involved in URBACT networks) and will be logically sequenced to support the cities involved in URBAN Action Lab track. The key topics to be covered are:

- URBACT Method essentials, with a focus on integrated and participatory approaches and action learning;
- EU enlargement essentials e.g. EU sustainable urban development policy framework and EU Cohesion Policy;
- Knowledge uptake, transfer and preparation for scaling impact locally, Sustainability;
- EU funding instruments and funding observatory sessions;

2. EU city study trips:

Two in-person capacity building events shall be held in two different EU countries/ cities. These will have a duration of several days combining the first-hand exploration of good practices, site visits, training of tools, and peer exchange. Up to 2 representatives per city (on average) are expected to attend these events. Each event will have a precise thematic focus and learning objectives, sequenced in the following way:

- First study trip focusing on ***Urban reconstruction, regeneration and revitalisation***. This event is expected to take place in early Spring 2027.
- Second study trip focusing on ***Urban resilience and crisis management***. This event is expected to take place in early Autumn 2027.

3. National-level URBACT events:

These will be organised exclusively for the cities from Ukraine and Moldova in cooperation with respective national authorities, National URBACT Points, and local experts located in Ukraine and Moldova. The aim of these national level events is to enable:

- ✓ The exchange of experience between cities and stakeholders involved in URBACT and other EU initiatives;
- ✓ Networking with the regional and national authorities managing funding programmes and initiatives, as well as other relevant international organisations that could support the implementation of policies on the ground;
- ✓ Sharing results and information with the civil society and other practitioners/ experts in the field that can support the scale up process.

Two national-level URBACT events in Ukraine and Moldova are expected to be organised within the framework of the learning programme:

- First is expected to take place in late spring 2027 with focus on targeted exchange and networking;
- Second is expected to take place towards the end of the learning programme in early 2028 with focus on sharing results and discuss future prospects with the public.

Urban Knowledge Track - FINANCIAL SUPPORT PACKAGE:

- **Travel and accommodation costs for attendance at on-site activities will be covered by the programme for up to 2 city representatives.**
- Translation services may be provided for selected sessions, where necessary and relevant.

B. URBAN ACTION LAB TRACK

10 cities from Ukraine and Moldova shall be selected for the Urban Action Lab Track. This track is dedicated to cities which are eager to develop and implement a concrete solution on the ground based on the EU principles and standards within the project timeframe. It targets cities facing clear urban reconstruction or revitalisation challenges and showing strong motivation to engage in hands-on training on integrated and participatory approaches to project design and delivery, including challenges related to urban resilience and crisis management.

The selected cities will be guided to develop and implement a quick-win solution inspired by URBACT 'small scale action' framework. This process is based on the participatory approach and learning by doing that shall set out the foundations of the local ecosystem of stakeholders/ actors to tackle the urban challenge in the selected urban area.

This process will also provide key learning insights for the final knowledge output (digital publication) produced by the programme. It shall include:

- project implementation aspects exploring effective management and delivery models,
- observation of organisational behaviour in the specific socio-political, economic and cultural context,
- reflections around the participatory process by throwing light on why, what and how questions.

Urban Action Lab Track activities and related support include:

- Organisation of on-site Urban Action Labs to co-design and implement small scale action/s, involving local stakeholders and relevant municipal departments, following URBACT Local Group framework and participatory principles;
- Dedicated funding for the implementation of small-scale pilot actions;
- Participation in learning and exchange activities foreseen under Urban Knowledge Track activities;
- EU Mentor City support, including online coaching and the staff exchange/visit hosted by the EU Mentor City;
- Customised thematic and methodological expertise support for each city provided by URBACT validated experts, including online coaching and, where feasible, on-site support;

Urban Action Lab Track - FINANCIAL SUPPORT PACKAGE:

- **Each selected city will receive a total budget of EUR 40 000***, which shall cover the following costs:
 - ✓ Up to EUR 10 000 for staff-related costs; Equivalent to 1-full time work position dedicated to the URBACT project with expected work contract for the duration of the project.
 - ✓ Approximately EUR 23 000 for the design and implementation of the small-scale pilot action/s;
 - ✓ Approximately EUR 7 000 are estimated to be spent for travel and accommodation costs. It shall cover the costs for two city representatives for all expected on-site Urban Knowledge track activities.

**The available budget is co-financed 95% by NDICI - Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument. The remaining amount shall be co-financed by the local municipal budget.*

Nota bene: all participating cities in Urban Action Lab Track will sign the subsidy contract with the URBACT Managing Authority. For this operation, the programme uses the draft budgets (more details in the [URBACT Programme Manual](#), page 75), as a simplified cost option with the intent to streamline administrative processes while maintaining accountability. The preparation of the drafts budget and reporting of all expenditures will be supported by the URBACT Joint Secretariat. Up to 20% advance payments will be made possible for all

participating cities, in order to cover the costs occurring during the first months of the programme. Mid-point reporting & payment round (50% of the budget) is expected in autumn 2027 and final payment (30% of the budget) is expected when all project activities are finalised. Detailed information about the eligibility of costs, the methods for calculation and programme specific rules will be provided at the start of the programme to the selected cities.

C. EU MENTOR CITY TRACK

The involvement of EU mentor cities is essential for the success of the bespoke learning programme. It aims to strengthen the practical dimension of the learning experience and build up the community of practice between cities from Ukraine, Moldova and EU Member States in the field of sustainable urban development.

Up to 10 cities from the European Union are invited to take part in mutual learning, share experience and provide practical knowledge and peer-to-peer support related to the adaptation of proven urban solutions to different institutional and contextual settings.

EU mentor cities shall be represented by experienced municipal agent/s working in local authorities from EU Member States with demonstrated experience in EU cooperation, active involvement in sustainable urban development policy areas, and the delivery of concrete urban actions based on the integrated and participatory principles.

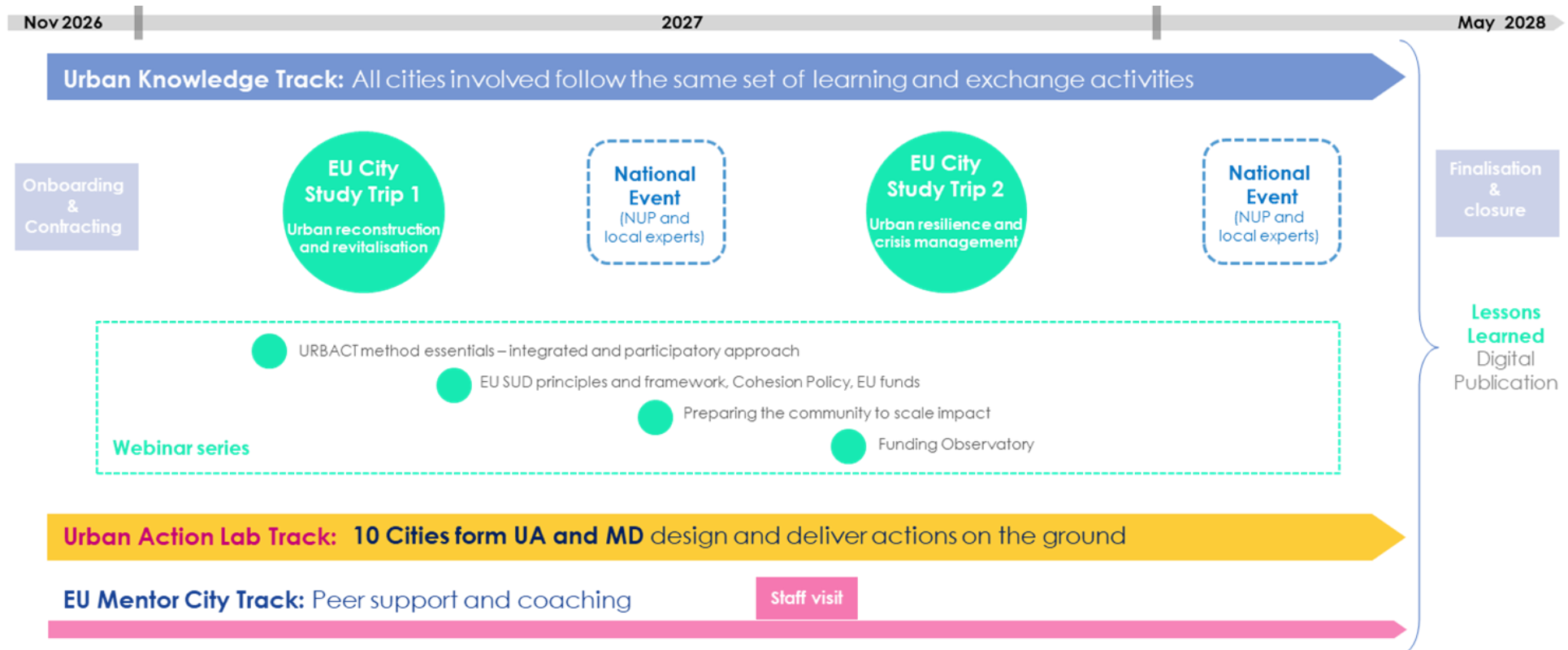
EU mentor cities involvement includes:

- Participation in key Urban Knowledge Track activities e.g. online training sessions and the two EU city study trips;
- Providing first-hand online check-in/ coaching sessions to cities involved in Urban Action Labs Track, with a focus on practical implementation issues, governance arrangements and delivery challenges. Regular online sessions are expected to be organised from January 2027 – March 2028;
- Hosting one staff exchange visit for one or several cities from Ukraine and/ or Moldova involved in the learning programme, enabling direct peer learning through exposure to real-life projects, operational practices and local governance models. The time frame and length of the staff exchange visit is to be defined based on the availability in the second half of 2027.

EU Mentor City Track - FINANCIAL SUPPORT PACKAGE:

- **Travel and accommodation costs** for the participation in on-site activities (two EU city study trips) shall be reimbursed by the URBACT Secretariat.
- **Each selected city will be able to claim the payment of direct costs occurred for mentoring activities. Around EUR 5000 are estimated to cover these costs. It can include:**
 - ✓ Staff costs – Based on the working hours dedicated to the project;
 - ✓ Local costs related to the hosting of the staff exchange visit (notably related to the possible venue rental, catering, local transport, translation services...);

Image 1 - Bespoke Learning Programme Activities and Timeline:



3. Expected learning outcomes and outputs

At city level, participating cities are expected to:

- Strengthen cross-departmental cooperation and stakeholder engagement practices;
- Increase practical knowledge of integrated and participatory urban policy delivery;
- Improve readiness for future EU-funded urban initiatives.

Specific outputs expected for cities involved in Urban Action Lab Track:

- ✓ **Develop and implement at least one small-scale, visible urban action;**
- ✓ **Dynamic journal** capturing the action delivery process and the learning experience on the way, reflecting on the proof of concept, key takeaways and future prospects. This output will be used for the reporting purposes.

At programme level, outputs will include:

- Short reports or articles for each Urban Knowledge Track activity, aimed to present to an external audience the structure of the learning activity and main takeaways.
- Digital publication documenting insights from the learning activities with an EU wide relevance based on:
 - Short reports from learning activities produced on the way
 - Surveys to all beneficiaries and team of implementation (including organisations involved in the delivery of the bespoke learning programme, external expertise etc.).

4. Who is invited to apply?

This call is open to all 'cities' from Ukraine and Moldova, as well as, EU member states (EU Mentor City Track). 'Cities' are defined in the URBACT IV Programme Manual as follows:

- Cities, municipalities, towns;
- Infra-municipal tiers of government such as city districts and boroughs in cases where they are represented by a politico-administrative institution having competences for policy-making and implementation;
- Local agencies defined as public or semi-public organisations set up by a city, partially or fully owned by the city authority, responsible for the design and implementation of specific policies (economic development, energy supply, health services, transport, etc.).
- Metropolitan authorities and organised agglomerations in cases where they are represented by a politico-administrative institution having delegated competences for policy-making and implementation.

IMPORTANT:

- ✓ Cities from Ukraine and Moldova already involved in ongoing URBACT networks shall express their interest for the **Urban Knowledge Track**. The remaining spots will be given to other interested cities from Ukraine and Moldova.
- ✓ Cities from Ukraine and Moldova already involved in ongoing URBACT networks interested in participating in **Urban Action Lab Track** are invited to apply. However, the city's administrative capacity, added value and local impact shall be assessed accordingly.
- ✓ Only cities from the EU member states can apply for **the EU Mentor City Track**.

- ✓ 'Cities'/ Institutions can submit more than one application as long as different municipal departments (local team) tackling a different urban challenge are interested in participating in the programme. The contact details of the local team/ department shall be provided in the application form.
- ✓ The cities from Ukraine and Moldova already involved in ongoing URBACT networks will be invited to participate in specific learning and exchange activities foreseen in Urban Knowledge Track regardless of their selection in the Urban Knowledge/ Urban Action Lab track. These include, notably:
 - Bespoke online sessions (webinars)
 - National-level URBACT events

5. Application and selection process

All 'cities' interested in participating in the URBACT Accelerator programme for Ukraine and Moldova, shall submit an online application form (expression of interest) in English via the EUSurvey platform. Applicants will be invited to indicate whether they apply for:

- **Urban Knowledge Track;** or
 - **Urban Action Labs Track,** which automatically includes participation in Urban Knowledge Track.
 - **EU Mentor City Track,** which is dedicated only to EU cities;
- ✓ The template of the application form (questionnaire) is annexed to this call document - Annex 2 including specific questions for each specific Track.
 - ✓ The Commitment Letter signed by the city's elected representative shall be attached to the application form for the applicants applying for the Urban Action Lab Track.

The access link to the **online application form - EUSurvey** and the **word template of the commitment letter** is available on the URBACT webpage dedicated to the call:
<https://urbact.eu/call-urbact-accelerator-ukraine-and-moldova>

Closing date for the online submission of individual Applications is **16 July 2026 included**. After this date, the online application platform will be closed.

The eligibility check will be carried out by the URBACT Secretariat and will verify whether:

- ✓ The applicant institution is eligible as defined in section 4 of this call "Who is invited to apply?".
- ✓ The application form is complete and submitted in English via the EUSurvey in a timely manner.

The selection process shall be carried out by the assessment panel composed of the external experts and members of the URBACT Joint Secretariat. The final selection will aim to ensure a balanced mix of cities in terms of size, context and experience.

Applications for Urban Knowledge Track will be assessed based on:

- Motivation and learning expectations;
- Relevance of the thematic interests;
- Minimum capacity to participate in the foreseen activities.

Applications for Urban Action Lab Track will be subject to additional assessment criteria, including:

- Clarity and relevance of the identified urban challenge;
- Feasibility of the proposed small-scale action within the programme timeframe;
- Institutional commitment and team capacity;
- Added value of URBACT support (notably for the cities already involved in URBACT Networks).

Applications for EU City Mentor Track will be assessed based on:

- Genuine motivation for the participation in the foreseen learning programme activities and the EU city mentor role;
- Demonstrated experience in EU cooperation, as well as the design and delivery of sustainable urban development policies with integrated and participatory approaches;
- Capacity to host the Staff visit.

Eligible project proposals will be submitted to the URBACT Monitoring Committee for approval of funding late October 2026. The URBACT Joint Secretariat will be responsible of providing feedback to each applicant about the outcomes of the selection process and why an application was not eligible or not approved.

Questions in relation to the assessments will be examined and answered by the URBACT Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat.

Applications that have not been selected for funding have the right to file a formal complaint about the decision of the Monitoring Committee. In principle, complaints can only be lodged against the following criteria: (1) the assessment does not take into consideration information supplied in the application and (2) the project assessment and selection process failed to comply with the specific procedures laid down in the call publication and Programme Manual, which as a consequence may have affected the decision. Complaints should be submitted electronically to the URBACT Joint Secretariat within 3 weeks after the official notification of the non-selection of the application by the Managing Authority. This deadline shall not prejudice the start of the other projects approved by the Monitoring Committee. The complaints will be examined and answered by a complaint panel involving the Chair of the URBACT Monitoring Committee, the URBACT Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat and the Chair of the External Assessment Panel. If deemed necessary, the complaint panel may decide to submit a complaint to the Monitoring Committee of the Programme for review.

6. Important dates for applicants

Applicants are invited to take note of the following five milestones:

- Call for applicants is open from **3 June to 16 July 2026** (6 weeks).
- **The dedicated online info sessions will take place on 24 June 2026 at 10:00 (CET). The registration link and the recording of the info session is available on the [dedicated webpage](#).**
- August – September: assessment of applications and selection of participating cities. Final approval expected at the URBACT Monitoring Committee meeting on **29 October 2026**.
- Learning Programme duration: **1 November 2026 – 31 May 2028**. Key learning activities are expected between January 2027 and March 2028.

November & December 2026:

- ✓ Applicants notified about the call results.
- ✓ Online Info sessions will be organised with all selected participating cities for all tracks about the necessary administrative requirements.
- ✓ Finalisation of all administrative procedures and subsidy contracts with the cities participating in Urban Action Lab Track.
- ✓ Further details on milestones and activities will be communicated to selected beneficiaries.

7. Useful resources

- **URBACT Secretariat**

For all questions concerning the present call, applicants are invited to contact the URBACT Secretariat on the following email address: accelerator@urbact.eu

- **National URBACT Points:**

These are representatives of Ministries, of national associations of cities, or of Universities, in charge of communicating about URBACT activities and calls in their countries and in national languages. They also support URBACT beneficiaries and give information to potential beneficiaries. Their contact details can be found [here](#).

All documents, templates and direct links needed for the submission of applications are available on the webpage dedicated to the call:

<https://urbact.eu/call-urbact-accelerator-ukraine-and-moldova>

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ANNEX 1: URBACT Method for Sustainable Urban Development

Integrated approach: Cities continue to need support in implementing an integrated approach to sustainable urban development. Central elements in this definition of integrated approach are:

- cooperation across different policy areas and departments of a municipality,
- cooperation between all levels of government and local players,
- cooperation between neighbouring municipalities,
- and maintaining a balance between physical and social investments, with the municipality applying a holistic vision to urban development.

These elements come together in URBACT action learning activities. These are valuable for cities, in terms of transforming cross-departmental cooperation, local stakeholder involvement, understanding of thematic challenges, design of integrated solutions, and the implementation of actions.

Public engagement and participation are an important leverage for local development. This political element is crucial to weigh different interests and choose the best solutions that suit local needs. URBACT promotes the concept of participation based on the multi-stakeholder coordination with shared responsibility for co-design and co-delivery processes. The benefits of the citizen engagements in a participatory process are not always clearly seen. Nevertheless, demonstration effects from cities more advanced in community engagement with developed understanding of the mechanisms and the necessary public service skills-set exist. New forms of participation are being put in practice, including co-creation and co-design in cooperation with inhabitants, civil society networks, community organisations and private enterprises. Cross-sectoral integration and alignment of stakeholder interests are crucial for maintaining effective co-implementation of policies and sustainability.

Learning by doing approach to capacity building: Public servants working in cities need practical experience to build their capacity. Being inspired through transnational exchange and learning activities, participants are encouraged to adapt any process or action to their own geo-spatial, administrative and cultural context. Support in understanding the success factors of any particular approach is crucial in order to be applied EU-wide. Due to the specifics of national contexts the involvement of national (or sub-national) urban policy stakeholders is essential for longer-term policy change. Learning and use of effective methods and tools is pivotal for empowerment of public servants (and urban practitioners) to overcome challenges and make an impact. URBACT deploys creative learning methods and bespoke support to its beneficiaries. Cities work together to improve the skills needed for the effective design and implementation of policies for sustainable urban development.

URBACT as knowledge broker and producer: More than 1 500 cities taking part in URBACT since its creation in 2002 have contributed to a vast trove of knowledge about sustainable urban development across a range of themes. URBACT plays the role of a knowledge broker – bringing urban actors together to facilitate knowledge sharing and as a knowledge producer – developing new products building on existing URBACT experience. The URBACT website operates as a knowledge hub providing open access to knowledge, good practices and know-how around thematic priorities and hot topics. The flagship event URBACT City Festival offers unique networking and learning experience for the entire community of practice. Furthermore, URBACT connects knowledge with the [European Urban Initiative](#) and other organisations in the area of sustainable urban development.

ANNEX 2: Application form Questionnaire

[The access link to the EUSurvey online application form is available on the URBACT webpage dedicated to the call: <https://urbact.eu/call-urbact-accelerator-ukraine-and-moldova>]

Application form is customised based on the sections related to the selected Track:

- Urban Knowledge → Sections 1 + 2 + 5
- Urban Action Lab → Sections 1+ 2 + 3 + 5
- EU Mentor → Sections 1 + 4 + 5

SECTION 1 – TRACK SELECTION

(Displayed to all applicants)

1. Which Track are you applying for?
(Single choice)

- ☐ Urban Knowledge Track
 - ☐ Urban Action Lab Track
- (Participation in the Urban Knowledge Track is automatically included)
- ☐ EU Mentor City Track
- (Only for EU cities)

2. Name of the institution / city:
(Open field)

3. Country:
(Open field)

4. Type of institution:
(Single choice)

- ☐ City / Municipality / Town
- ☐ City district / Borough
- ☐ Local agency
- ☐ Metropolitan authority / Agglomeration
- ☐ Other (please specify)

- 4bis. Please indicate the approximate population size of your city / territory.
(Single choice)

- ☐ Less than 20 000 inhabitants
- ☐ 20 000 – 50 000
- ☐ 50 001 – 100 000
- ☐ 100 001 – 250 000
- ☐ More than 250 000

5. Department / unit responsible for this application:
(Open field)

6. Does your institution have previous experience with EU-funded programmes or projects?
(Single choice)

- ☐ Yes – significant experience
- ☐ Yes – limited experience
- ☐ No

If yes, please briefly specify the most relevant projects/programmes.

(Open field – optional)

SECTION 2 – UKRAINE & MOLDOVA APPLICANTS

(This section is visible only to applicants from Ukraine and Moldova applying to the Urban Knowledge Track and/ or Urban Action Lab Track)

7. Has your institution previously participated in URBACT activities?

(Single choice)

- ☐ Yes – currently participating in an URBACT Network
- ☐ Yes – attended URBACT events or activities
- ☐ No – first URBACT experience

7bis. If your answers is: “Yes – currently participating in an URBACT Network”

Please explain the added value that participation in this bespoke programme would bring in addition to your ongoing URBACT activities.

(Open field)

8. What motivates your city to participate in the URBACT Accelerator programme?

(Select up to 4)

- ☐ Addressing a concrete urban challenge
- ☐ Strengthening institutional capacities
- ☐ Learning integrated and participatory approaches
- ☐ Improving implementation capacities
- ☐ Preparing for future EU-funded initiatives
- ☐ Accessing European exchange and expertise
- ☐ Strengthening stakeholder cooperation
- ☐ Developing practical urban solutions

9. Please explain your city’s motivation for participating in the programme.

(Open field)

10. Please describe the main urban challenge or policy issue your city would like to address through this programme.

(Open field)

11. Which thematic areas are most relevant to your challenge?

(Select up to 5)

- ☐ Urban reconstruction
- ☐ Urban revitalisation / regeneration
- ☐ Urban resilience
- ☐ Crisis management

- ☐ Social cohesion and inclusion
- ☐ Local economic development
- ☐ Environmental sustainability
- ☐ Mobility and accessibility
- ☐ Governance and participation
- ☐ Digital transition
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. Are there any existing strategies, projects or initiatives related to this challenge already in place in your city?

(Open field)

13. What are the main operational or institutional challenges your city faces in addressing this issue?

(Open field)

14. Please describe any previous experience your city has with participatory approaches or stakeholder engagement.

(Open field)

15. What knowledge and skills would your city/ local team like to strengthen through this programme?

(Select up to 6)

- ☐ Integrated urban policy design
- ☐ Participatory approaches and stakeholder engagement
- ☐ Project implementation and delivery
- ☐ Action planning
- ☐ Small-scale experimentation / pilot actions
- ☐ EU sustainable urban development framework
- ☐ EU funding and project development
- ☐ Monitoring and evaluation
- ☐ Communication and visibility
- ☐ Cross-departmental cooperation
- ☐ Crisis response and resilience planning
- ☐ Other (please specify)

16. Please explain your main learning expectations.

(Open field)

17. Please describe the local team that would participate in the programme, including the different municipal departments or functions involved and their expected roles.

(Open field)

18. Self-assessment: How prepared is your team to actively participate in the programme in terms of the staff time availability, possible travel limitations, thematic knowledge, English language skills, etc.?

(Scale 1–5)

- 1 – Very limited capacity
- 2 – Limited capacity
- 3 – Moderate capacity
- 4 – Good capacity
- 5 – Strong capacity

18bis. Please explain your answer:

(Open field)

SECTION 3 – URBAN ACTION LAB TRACK

(Visible only for Urban Action Lab Track applicants)

19. Please describe the concrete urban area, challenge or situation your city would like to address through the Urban Action Lab Track.

(Open field)

20. What type of small-scale action or pilot intervention would your city be interested implementing / testing and what practical change or learning would you hope to achieve through this experimentation?

(Open field)

21. Why is this challenge particularly urgent or important for your city at this moment?

(Open field)

22. How would the local stakeholders and relevant municipal departments you would involve in this process contribute to the co-design or implementation of activities?

(Open field)

23. Please explain how the proposed action could realistically be implemented within the programme timeframe.

(Open field)

24. What added value would URBACT support bring to your city in implementing this action?

(Open field)

25. Please describe the institutional commitment and internal capacities available for implementation of the Urban Action Lab activities.

(Open field)

26. Please confirm that your institution understands and accepts the co-financing requirements linked to the Urban Action Lab Track.

(Single choice)

☐ Yes

☐ No

27. Please confirm that your institution would be able to allocate staff resources to the implementation process. It includes the possible employment of the 1 full-time work position as foreseen by the programme.

(Single choice)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ To be confirmed

27bis. Please explain your answer briefly

(Open field)

SECTION 4 – EU MENTOR CITY TRACK**(Visible only for EU Mentor City Track applicants)**

28. What motivates your city to participate as an EU Mentor City in this programme?

(Open field)

29. Please describe your city's experience with sustainable urban development policies and integrated and participatory approaches.

(Open field)

30. Please provide examples of relevant projects, practices or initiatives your city has implemented that could inspire cities from Ukraine and Moldova.

(Open field)

31. Please describe your city's experience with EU cooperation programmes and international city-to-city exchange.

(Open field)

32. In which thematic or operational areas could your city provide mentoring support?

(Open field)

33. Please describe the expertise, departments or staff profiles that would contribute to the mentoring activities.

(Open field)

34. Please describe any previous experience your city has with peer learning, mentoring, knowledge transfer or hosting study visits/exchanges.

(Open field)

35. Please describe your motivation and ideas related to hosting a staff exchange visit for cities from Ukraine or Moldova.

(Open field)

36. What would your city hope to gain from participating in this mutual learning experience?

(Open field)

SECTION 5 – CONTACT INFORMATION**(Displayed to all applicants)**

37. Primary contact person

Name:

(Open field)

Role / Department:

(Open field)

Email:

(Open field)

Phone:

(Open field)

38. Additional contact person / team member (optional)

Name:

(Open field)

Role / Department:

(Open field)

Email:

(Open field)

Phone:

(Open field)

39. Elected representative / authorised signatory (Commitment letter)

Name:

(Open field)

Role:

(Open field)

Email:

(Open field)

Phone:

(Open field)

X. ATTACHMENT**(Visible only for Urban Action Lab Track applicants)**

The duly signed Commitment Letter must be attached to the application form. The template can be downloaded from the dedicated webpage: urbact.eu/get-involved.

40. Attachment: Signed Commitment Letter (PDF upload)

ANNEX 3: Commitment Letter template

[The template as a separate word file can be downloaded on the dedicated webpage <https://urbact.eu/call-urbact-accelerator-ukraine-and-moldova>]

The text shall be inserted in the partner's headed paper with the relevant project data.

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URBACT IV Managing Authority
20, Avenue de Ségur
TSA 10717
75334 Paris Cedex 07
France

Dear Madam, Sir,

The city of [.....*name of partner institution*.....] confirms its commitment to participate in the activities of the URBACT Accelerator for Ukraine and Moldova.

The urban challenge we wish to address in this bespoke learning programme is [.....*brief description of theme addressed*.....].

We are convinced that by working through this URBACT project, we will be able to better address these challenges. In this context, if the proposal is approved within the framework of the URBACT IV Programme, we will participate in the project, take on roles and implement expected activities of the URBACT Accelerator for Ukraine and Moldova. More especially, we commit to participate in online and in-person activities planned, to identify key stakeholders to be involved, implement the small-scale pilot project on the ground, and capture the learning journey in the respective Dynamic Journal.

To this end, we also formally commit to engaging the funds needed to co-finance NDICI funds project. The details of this contribution are outlined in the call document.

Yours sincerely¹

Name in capital letters:

Function

Official stamp

¹ The signing person has to be an elected representative with authority to sign for the applicant institution. In case the applicant institution has no elected representatives, the signing person must be in the position of committing the institution's resources to be engaged in the project (staff, budget, etc.).