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# Call for Partners - Urban Agenda for the EU Thematic Partnership on Water Sensitive City

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## Important Notice

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The present Call is open to organisations interested to join the new Thematic Partnership under the Urban Agenda for the EU focusing on “**Water Sensitive City**”.

For more information about this call and the assessment criteria, please consult the **Background Document**.

For more information about the thematic area (Water Sensitive City), please consult the **Ex-Ante Assessment report**.

You can access both documents for download on the right-hand column of this page or by visiting the [dedicated webpage](#) for the Thematic Partnership on Water Sensitive City.

In case you have questions on the call, you can refer to the dedicated [Q&A document](#).

**The Call for Partners is scheduled to be open until 2 October 2024 - 14:00 (CEST). Only applications submitted in English will be accepted.**

The institutions / organisations wishing to apply should complete and submit the following application form.

Partnerships can benefit from expertise and administrative support. In addition, financial support covering travel and accommodation expenses is offered to **eligible urban authorities**. Find more information regarding the Support Services Package in the [factsheet](#).

This call is coordinated, steered, and developed by the European Urban Initiative, which receives EU funding to provide support to the Urban Agenda for the EU on behalf of the European Commission for the period 2021-2027.

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## 1. Preliminary Information

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\* 1.1. How have you heard about this call?

- Urban Agenda website
- Urban Agenda LinkedIn
- Urban Agenda X
- Urban Contact Points
- European Urban Initiative Website
- European Urban Initiative LinkedIn
- European Urban Initiative X
- European Urban Initiative Facebook
- European Urban Initiative Instagram
- European Urban Initiative Newsletter
- Other

\* Please specify

\* 1.2. Name of institution

*Please provide the name of the institution / organisation applying*

\* 1.3. Country

\* 1.4. Address

*Street name, Building number, City, Postal code*

\* 1.5. Name and Surname of contact person

\* 1.6. Position of contact person

\* 1.7. Email address of contact person

\* 1.8. Phone number of contact person

*Including telephone country code*

- \* 1.9. Name and email of back-up contact person from your institution / organisation

## 2. Type of Application

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- \* You are applying to become:

- Partner** of this Urban Agenda for the EU Thematic Partnership
- Coordinator** of this Urban Agenda for the EU Thematic Partnership

## 3. Applicant Details

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- \* 3.1. Type of entity

- City (of all sizes)
- Region and Regional Development Agency
- Member State (through their relevant national level ministries and agencies)
- Partner State (Norway and Switzerland)
- European and national city umbrella organisation
- Other stakeholder

*Such as: Managing Authorities of EU Structural Funds; economic and social partners at European and national level; relevant agencies or authorities or partnerships at national, regional or local level (eg urban planning authorities); NGO's; private sector representatives; education and research institutions.*

- \* Please specify

- \* 3.1.1. Please let us know if you are in one of these situations:

- Urban authority of a local administrative unit** defined according to their degree of urbanisation as city, town or suburb, corresponding to DEGURBA code 1 or DEGURBA code 2 of Eurostat. (see [Eurostat website](#) for more information).
- Association or grouping of urban authority** 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).
- Other situation

- \* Please specify

- \* 3.1.2. If you are applying as a city or a grouping of urban authorities, please specify the number of inhabitants.

- (S) Less than 50,000 inhabitants
- (M) Between 50,000 - 100,000 inhabitants

- (M) Between 100,000 - 250,000 inhabitants
- (L) Between 250,000 - 500,000 inhabitants
- (L) Between 500,000 - 1,5 million inhabitants
- (L) More than 1,5 million inhabitants

\* 3.2. Has the applying institution **previously been involved** in an Urban Agenda for the EU Thematic Partnership?

- Yes
- No

\* 3.2.1. Please describe your involvement and include the name of the Thematic Partnership you were involved in.

*1000 character(s) maximum*

\* 3.3. Is your institution interested in hosting one of the in-person Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership meetings?

*The meetings will be organised jointly with the UAEU Partnership Coordinators. In the past these meetings were 1 to 3 days. This is a unique opportunity to also promote your area.*

- Yes
- No

## 4. Specific Selection Criteria for All Applicants

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\* 4.1. What is/are your **primary motivation(s)** to become a **partner** of the Urban Agenda for the EU Thematic Partnership?

*Maximum 2 selection(s)*

- Sharing own experience and expertise
- Learning from other cities' experience
- Willingness to contribute to EU policy process by providing the urban perspective
- Dissemination of knowledge
- Tackle specific problems at urban level through multilevel governance cooperation
- Other

\* 4.2. Please explain why you are motivated to be involved in the Partnership for each of the selected options above.

*The answer could comprise such as reason to engage in the TP, engagement in similar / related activities (please name), demonstrated political will, dedication to the topic, resources willing to contribute (e.g. staff resources) etc. To support this selection, please provide further explanations underlining your motivation in these selected areas.*

*2000 character(s) maximum*

4.3. Please select the sub-topics where you have particular experience and expertise. Please name / describe shortly one or two illustrative examples per selected topic that demonstrate your levels of experience

*(1 = no experience, 5 = a lot of experience). Please note that there is no need to have experience on all subjects, but at least on one.*

	1	2	3	4	5
* Working with EU regulations relevant for mainstreaming WSC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Multi-level and territorial approaches to build WSC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Knowledge on existing EU and/or national funding across sectors suitable investments in WSC and experience in using it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Innovative financing opportunities for WSC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Creating cross-sector awareness for the opportunities of WSC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improving the access to knowledge (on WSC design) and implementation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Exchanging good practice at national and regional level to enable cities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Capacity building for cities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improving data and indicators for assessing the state and progress of WSC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

\* 4.3.1. Please describe your experience and expertise working with EU regulations relevant for mainstreaming WSC

*800 character(s) maximum*

\* 4.3.2. Please describe your experience and expertise working with multi-level and territorial approaches to build WSC

*800 character(s) maximum*

\* 4.3.3. Please describe your experience and expertise within knowledge on existing EU and/or national funding across sectors suitable investments in WSC and experience in using it

*800 character(s) maximum*

\* 4.3.4. Please describe your experience and expertise working with innovative financing opportunities for WSC

*800 character(s) maximum*

\* 4.3.5. Please describe your experience and expertise working with creating cross-sector awareness for the opportunities of WSC

*800 character(s) maximum*

\* 4.3.6. Please describe your experience and expertise working on improving the access to knowledge (on WSC design) and implementation

*800 character(s) maximum*

\* 4.3.7. Please describe your experience and expertise working with exchanging good practice at national and regional level to enable cities

*800 character(s) maximum*

\* 4.3.8. Please describe you experience and expertise working with capacity building for cities

*800 character(s) maximum*

\* 4.3.9. Please describe your experience and expertise working on improving data and indicators for assessing the state and progress of WSC

800 character(s) maximum

\* 4.4. Do you offer experience on transformative urban water management, specifically in the implementation of "Water Sensitive Cities" principles, which involve a circular approach to managing water resources across whole neighbourhoods, cities, and/or regions?

*This may include developing and applying innovative strategies, governance models, and technical solutions that transcend traditional water management approaches; proficiency in integrating water management with other urban sectors such as nature-based solutions, climate adaptation, urban planning, land use, industry, economic development, urban agriculture, tourism, health, energy, cultural heritage, social equity, and climate change mitigation including a thorough understanding of the diverse needs of various public and private stakeholders is essential.*

- Yes
- No

\* Please describe your expertise also in providing one or two illustrative example(s).

1500 character(s) maximum

\* 4.5. Do you offer experience on collaborative multi-level governance?

*E.g. by seeking for solutions across different levels from local to regional and in the framework of national and EU policies and regulations and collaborating with the diversity of stakeholders; thereby, having a sufficient knowledge of EU policies, regulation, funding and knowledge management as described in the EAA.*

- Yes
- No

\* Please describe your expertise also in providing one or two illustrative example(s).

1500 character(s) maximum

4.6. How well are you able to work with other cities and organisations in the partnership?

(1 = not at all, 5 = to a large extent)

	1	2	3	4	5
* International level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* EU level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Sub-regional level (i.e. Baltic region, Scandinavia, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* National level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Regional level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Local level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

\* 4.6.1. Please provide one or two illustrative examples underlining your higher rated areas in terms of outreach to other organisations.

500 character(s) maximum

\* 4.7. Please describe your availability of human and financial resources throughout the duration of the Partnership and your commitment as concrete as possible.

*The best application will state seniority of role and full-time equivalent. Note: This will not be a prevailing criterion for small and medium sized cities.*

*With regard to human resources, indicate the time and level of staff that will be committed.*

*With regard to financial resources, indicate the costs of any consultant fees and expenses.*

500 character(s) maximum

## 5. Specific Selection Criteria for Applicants as Coordinators

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- \* 5.1. Please describe your experience and expertise in the management of multi-level and/or international projects, initiatives and partnerships.

*Please provide concrete examples, including information such as your role, size of the project, duration, number and origin of partners, etc.*

800 character(s) maximum

- \* 5.2. Please indicate your expertise and role in dissemination and institutional communication at EU and national level.

*Please provide concrete examples such as collaboration in networks, organising workshops, conferences, campaigns, webinars, brochures, flyers, web content, social media etc.*

800 character(s) maximum

- \* 5.3. As a coordinator please indicate your planned allocation of human and financial resources throughout the lifecycle of the Partnership.

*Consider adequate allocation of resources if you are applying for a coordination role.*

800 character(s) maximum

- \* 5.4. Please outline your proposal concerning the kick-start of the Partnership's work based on the outcomes of the Ex-Ante Assessment and the management of this new Partnership.

*Such as defining perspective and focus, working methodology, potential agenda, form to convene, results to be aimed for, any particular element etc.*

1000 character(s) maximum

## Submitting Application

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I give my consent for sharing my application with other members of the UAEU Partnership (and other partners of the UAEU governance).

I acknowledge and understand that, if selected, my role might be reevaluated, if my performance is unsatisfying.

\* Please indicate whether you would like to receive regular updates on the Urban Agenda for the EU and the European Urban Initiative via the dedicated newsletter.

Yes

No

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For any questions, please be reminded that a [Q&A document](#) is available on our website.

If you still have questions, please contact:

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