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We will be starting in a few moments...





Applicant Seminar

Call for Partners



Building Decarbonisation



Water Sensitive City

5 September 2024
10:00 – 12:00 CEST



Welcome!

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Welcome

European Urban Initiative

Jonas Scholze – Head of Unit Intergovernmental Cooperation




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Welcome

European Commission (DG REGIO) -

Carlotta Cesco Gaspere - Policy Officer European Commission

Hauts-de-France Region, Entrusted Entity

Nathalie Cos - Direction Europe - Responsable of the EUI



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Agenda of the day

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- **Understanding the Urban Agenda for the EU and the Call for Partners (30 min)**
- Q&A (20 min)
- **Presentation of the two topics and selection criteria (30 min)**
- Q&A (20 min)
- **Timeline of the Call for Partners and next steps**



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UAEU initiative

European Urban Initiative

Alexandru Matei - Senior Officer Urban Agenda and Partnerships



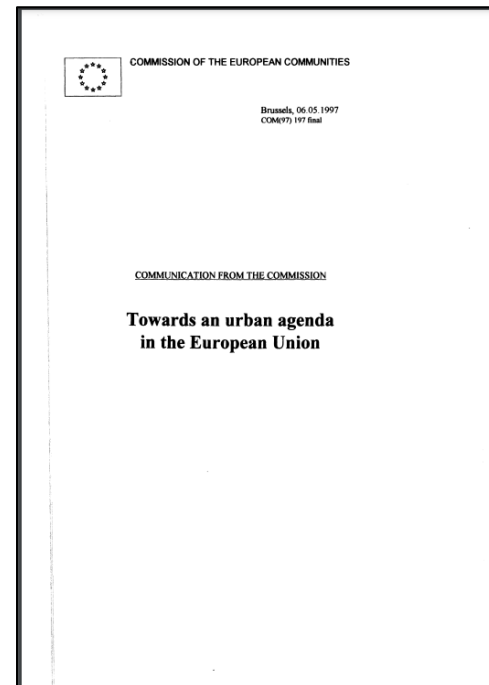
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Towards an urban agenda in the European Union

(Communication from the Commission - 1997)



History



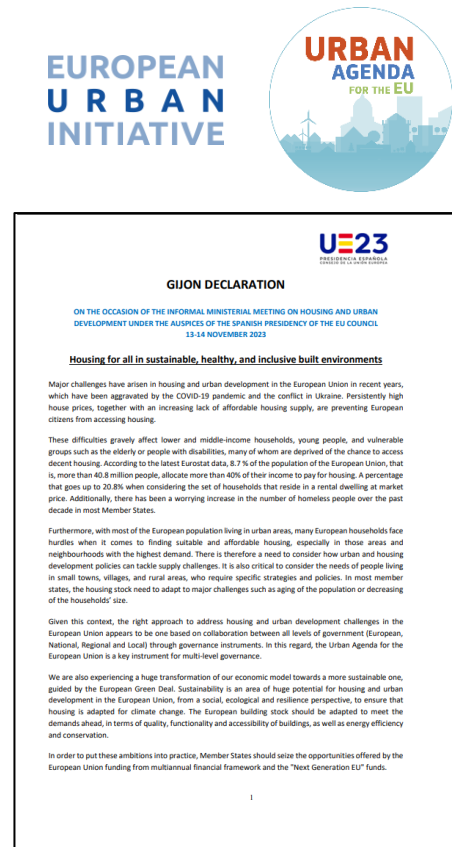
2016



+ Nov. 2020 - The New Leipzig Charta
+ Dec. 2020 - Territorial Agenda 2030



2021



2023



What is it?

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- an Informal *Intergovernmental* **Cooperation**
- new working method - **multi-stakeholders & multi-level cooperation**
- **cities "at the core"**, Member states, The European Commission & other stakeholders



Objectives

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Realise the full potential of Urban Areas



Establish an integrated approach and contribute to territorial cohesion



Involve Urban Authorities in the design of policies



Pillars

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Better Regulation



Better Funding



Better Knowledge



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Thematic Partnerships



➤ the key
delivery
mechanism

2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

Amsterdam Partnerships 2016
The Netherlands
Presidency of the Council of the EU

- Air Quality
- Housing
- Urban Poverty

Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees *Updated Action Plan

Bratislava Partnerships 2016
The Slovak
Presidency of the Council of the EU

- Digital Transition
- Urban Mobility
- Circular Economy
- Jobs and Skills in the Local Economy

Public Procurement *Updated Action Plan

Partnerships 2017
The Maltese
Presidency of the Council of the EU

- Sustainable Use of Land
- Energy Transition
- Climate Adaptation

Vienna Partnerships
The Austrian
Presidency of the Council of the EU

- Security in Public Space
- Culture and Cultural Heritage

Ljubljana Partnerships 2021
The Slovenian
presidency of the Council of the EU

- Greening Cities
- Sustainable Tourism
- Food
- Cities of Equality

Gijón Partnerships 2023
The Spanish
Presidency of the Council of the EU

- Water Sensitive Cities
- Building Decarbonisation: Integrated Renovation Programmes and Local Heating and Cooling Plans



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EU Institutions

Member States

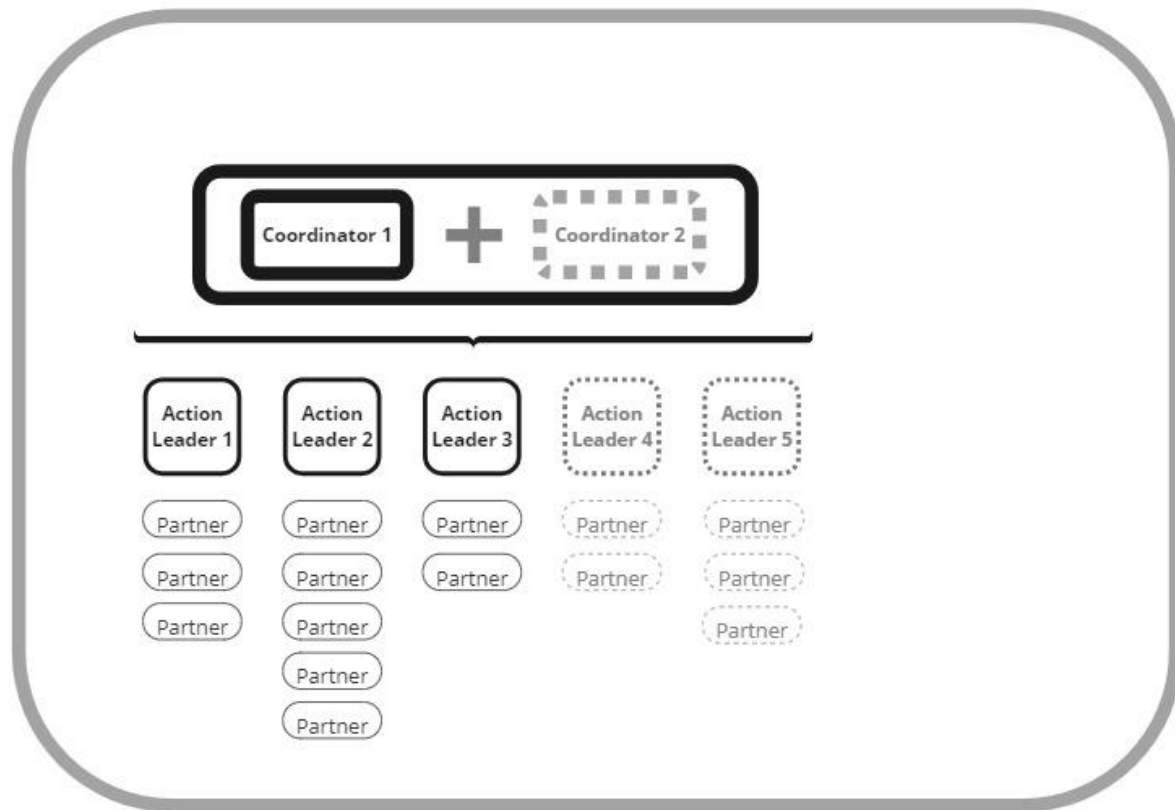
Regions

Cities

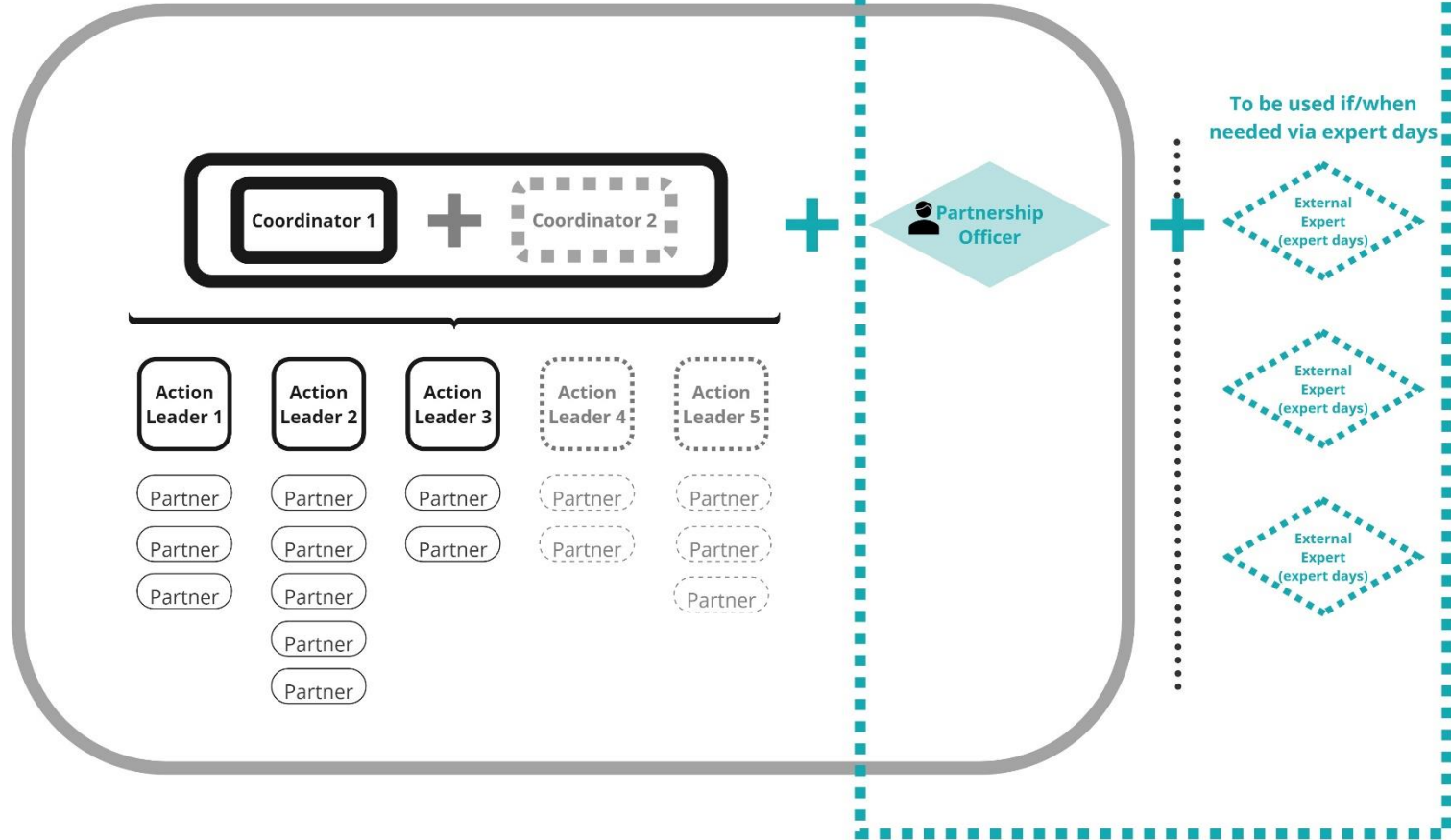
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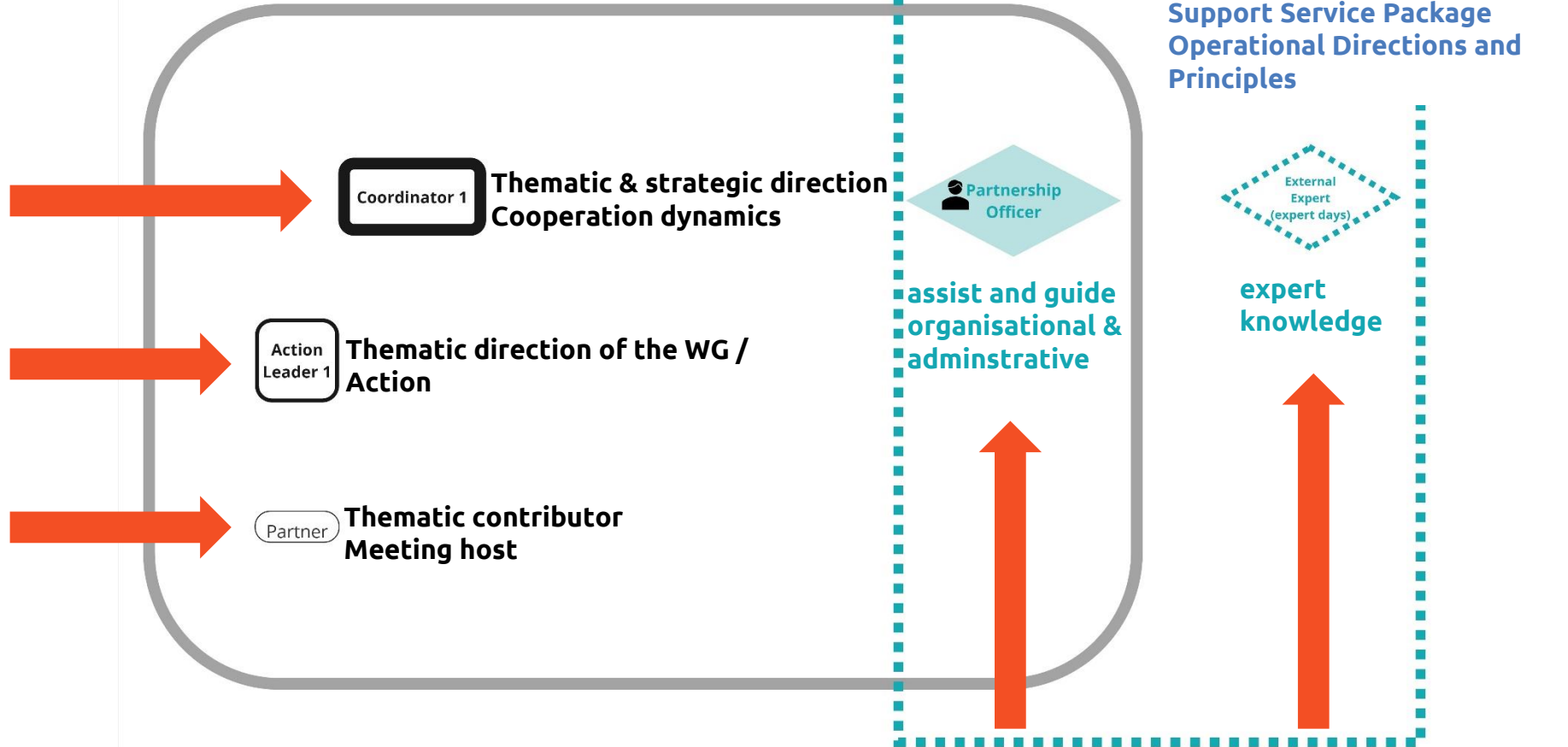
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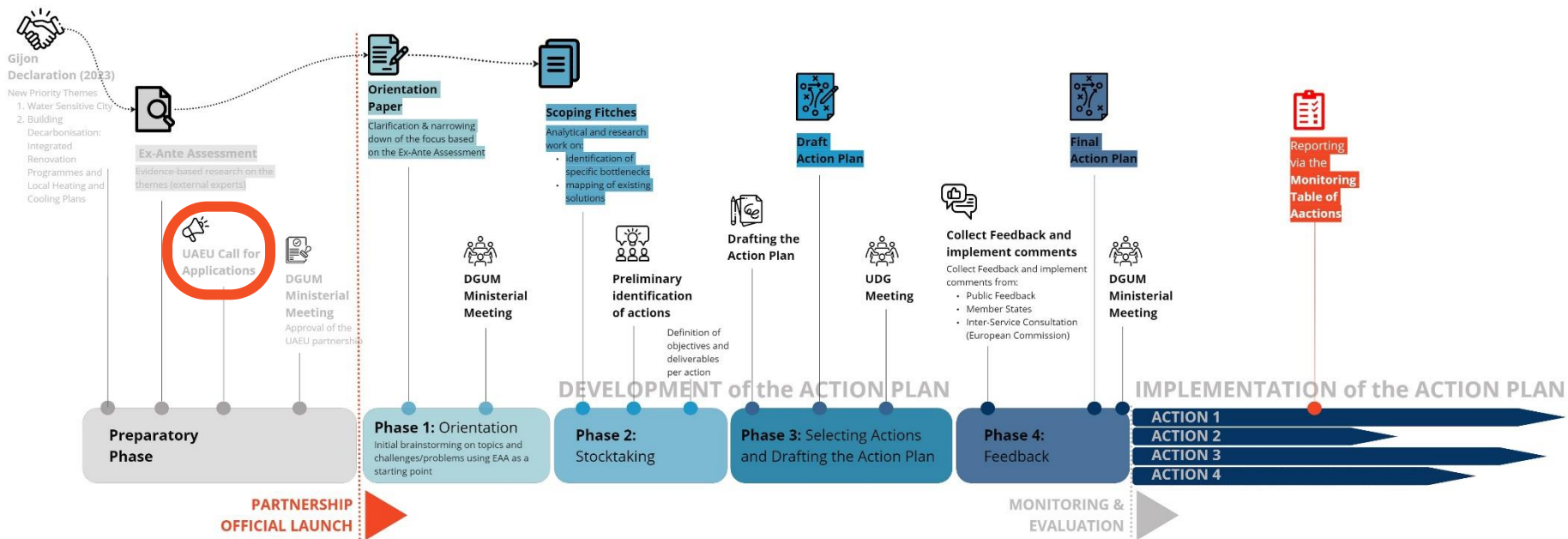
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- It is a platform that connects cities and allows them to exchange resources and services.
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Process





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Greening Cities Partnership

Draft Action Plan

April 2024



Benefits for partners

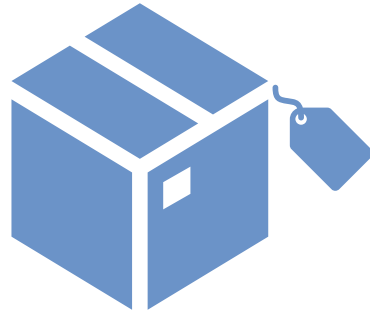
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- 1. Contribute to shaping EU policy**
- 2. Launchpad for funding opportunities**
- 3. Great visibility and recognition**
- 4. Improved governance (multi-level & multi-stakeholders)**
- 5. Networking and collaboration**
- 6. European-wide reflections to local solutions**
- 7. Knowledge exchange**



Support Service Package



Support Service Package

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- 1. Administrative support - Thematic Partnership Officer**
- 2. Travel and accommodation support for urban authorities**
- 3. Provision of expertise**
- 4. Initiation Phase**
- 5. Communication & dissemination**
- 6. Creation of Synergy**



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The Support Services Package for the Urban Agenda for the EU

FACTSHEET
Version September 2023



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Available on website:

<https://www.urbanagenda.urban-initiative.eu/sites/default/files/2023-10/FACTSHEET%20Support%20Services%20for%20the%20UAEU%20CLEAN%20v8.pdf>



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Administrative Support - Thematic Partnership Officer



Administrative Support – Thematic Partnership Officer

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- Is tasked to **assist and guide** the Thematic Partnership coordinators on the key **organisational and administrative** activities/tasks
- Focus on the **day-to-day work** and the **operational functioning**
- Predominantly **administrative** and **technical support**





Travel & Accommodation Support



Travel & Accommodation Support

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Financial support for:

- **ACTIVITY 1:** to actively participate in their **UAEU Thematic Partnership in-person meetings** to compensate for their limited resources
- **ACTIVITY 2:** to actively participate in the **Coordinators and Action leaders' in-person Meetings (CALM)**, UAEU governing bodies meetings, EUI and European Commission events (when required).



Travel & Accommodation Support

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Eligibility criteria:

- **Must be:**
 - a) Urban Authority
 - b) Associations or groupings of urban authorities with a legal status of organised agglomeration composed by Local Administrative Units (LAU)
- **Maximum population** of 500.000 inhabitants





Provision of expertise



Provision of expertise

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- up to **70 senior expert days** per year depending on needs (for 3 years)
- provide specific knowledge, know-how and expertise or to produce specific outputs
- when knowledge, know-how and expertise are **not already available** inside the Thematic Partnership





Initiation phase



Communication and
Dissemination Support



Creation of synergy





Questions & Answers



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What are the new topics?

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Water Sensitive
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[Link to the Thematic
Partnership webpage](#)



Building Decarbonisation:
Integrated Renovation
Programmes and Local
Heating and Cooling Plans

[Link to the
Thematic Partnership webpage](#)



How to apply?

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1

Familiarise yourself with the
Call documents
(Background Document / Ex-Ante Assessment)

2

Access and fill out the
Application Form on EUSurvey



Call documents

Background documents

- Call context and selection process
- Thematic focus
- Categories of partners
- Selection criteria

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Thematic Partnership on
Building decarbonisation:
Integrated renovation
programmes and local
heating and cooling plans

Background document for
applicants

3 July 2024



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Water Sensitive
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Background Document for
applicants

3 July 2024



Call documents

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Ex-Ante Assessment reports

- Full analysis of the theme
- Trends and evidence
- Regulatory environment
- Recommendations for the Thematic Partnership

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Building Decarbonisation

Ex-ante assessment of the
"Building Decarbonisation:
Integrated Renovation
Programmes and Local Heating and
Cooling Plans" thematic area under
the Urban Agenda for the European
Union

Final Report
26 June 2024

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Water Sensitive City

Ex-ante assessment of the "Water
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Application forms on EU Survey

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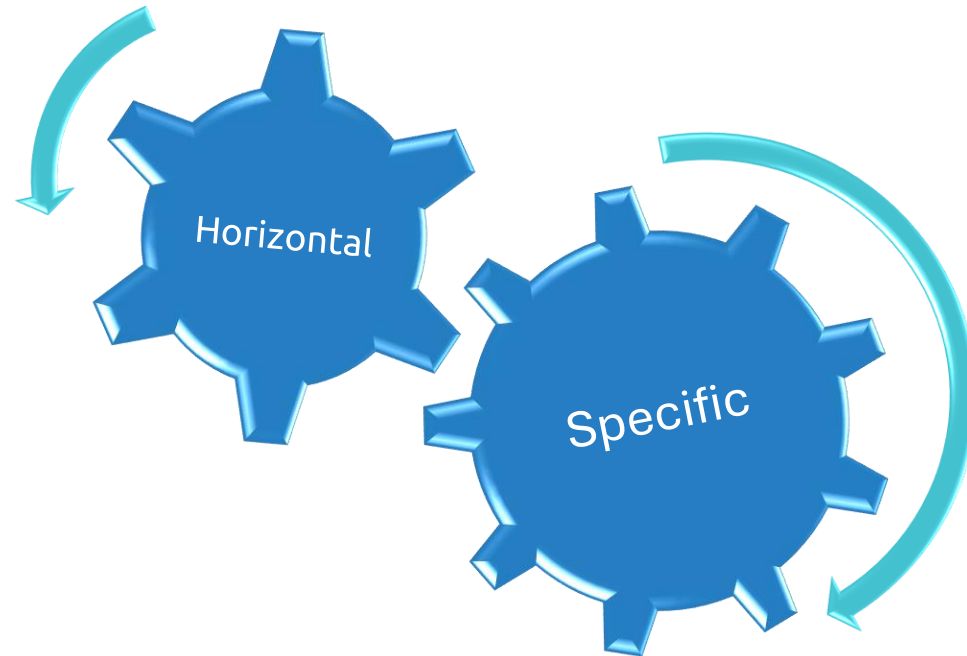
Content

1. Preliminary Information
2. Type of application
3. Applicant details
4. Specific selection criteria for all applicants
5. Specific selection criteria for applicants as Coordinators



Selection criteria

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Horizontal Selection Criteria

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- **Multi-level & multi-stakeholders - diversity**
- **Size of cities – one small & one medium**
- **Geographical balance – countries and geographical situations**
- **Prior involvement in UA EU – new organisations prioritised**
- **Coordinators - maximum 2 (one must be a city)**



Specific Selection Criteria

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Partners

- **Motivation**
- **Expertise**
- **Outreach**
- **Resources**

Coordinators

- **Project management expertise**
- **Commitment**
- **Plan for kick-start**



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Presentation of the two topics and selection criteria

Ex-Ante Assessment Experts



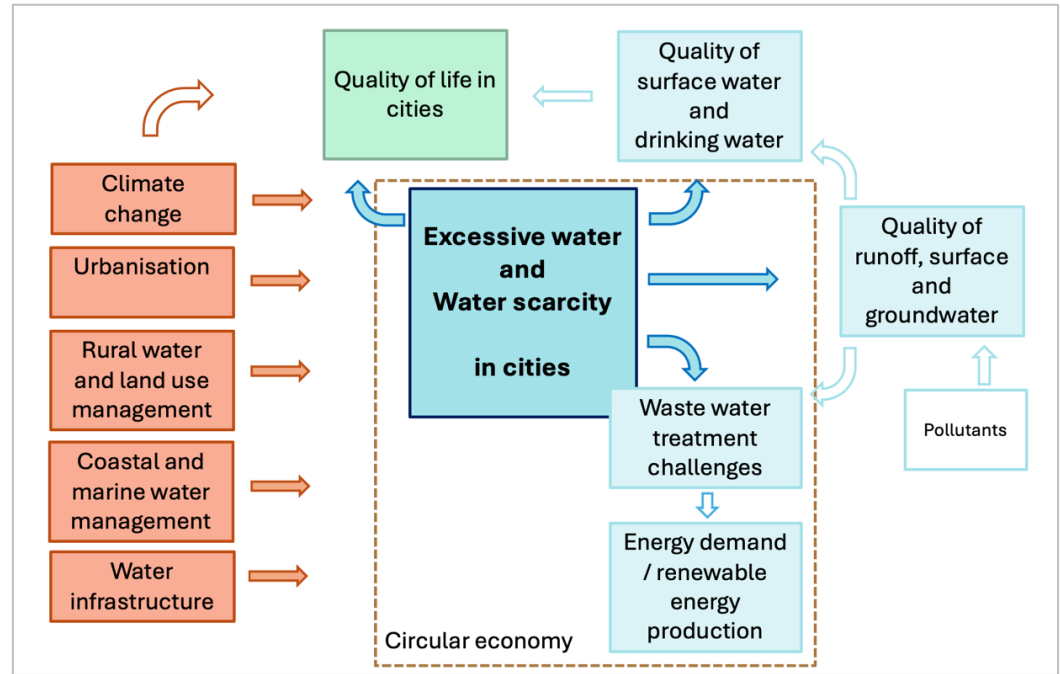


Water Sensitive Cities

Birgit Georgi
EAA Expert

Thematic scope

- Start from the perspective of managing water quantity
- Link from there with the other topics and sectors
- Focus on how to design cities water sensitive



Sub-topics Water Sensitive City

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Better Regulation

- Mainstream the WSC topic into existing and ongoing EU policies, regulation and funding - Refine mapping, use current and future windows of opportunities
- Exchange practice on multi-level and territorial approaches



Better Funding

- Analyse the options for a better use of existing funding
- Collect practice on innovative financing



Better Knowledge

- Create cross-sector awareness for the opportunities of WSC
- Improve the access to knowledge on WSC design and implementation
- Exchange good practice at national and regional level to enable cities
- Capacity building for cities
- Improve data and indicators



Building Decarbonisation: Integrated Renovation Programmes and Local Heating and Cooling Plans

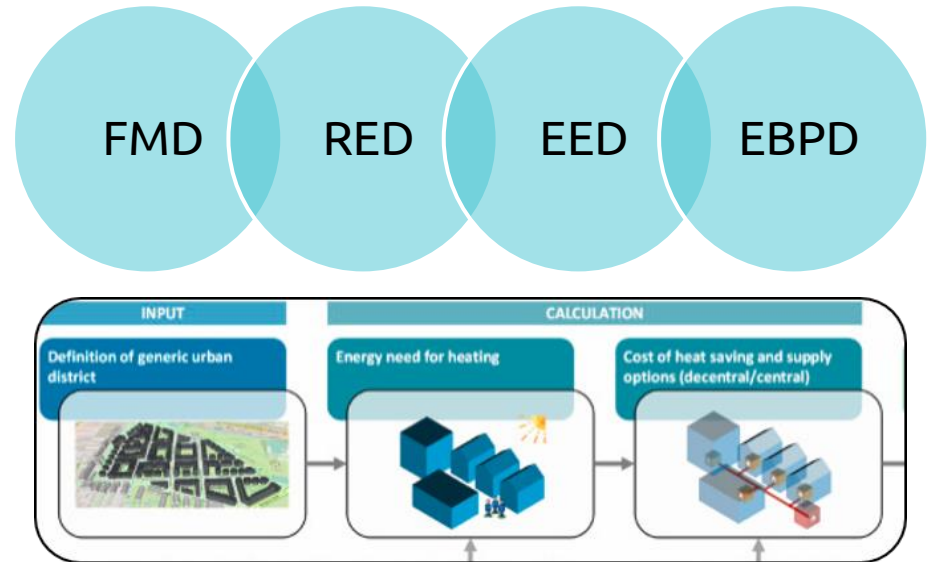
Dr. Stephen Lorimer
EAA Expert

Thematic scope

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- District and neighbourhood approaches to integrated renovation programmes
- Local heating and cooling plans as local development documents
- Future electricity market design that supports decarbonisation of buildings
- Cost effectiveness of renovations of spatially related buildings



Thematic scope (1)

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Subtopic	Possible field of action	Pillar
District and neighbourhood approaches to integrated renovation programmes	Criteria for a local authority to identify integrated renovation programmes to support in their local heating and cooling plans	Better Regulation
	Supporting building owners in districts designated for integrated renovation programmes	Better Regulation
Impact of local heating and cooling plans	Impact of local heating and cooling plans on urban regeneration	Better Knowledge
	Impact of local heating and cooling plans on city climate adaption plans	Better Knowledge

Thematic scope (2)

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Subtopic	Possible field of action	Pillar
Future electricity market design that supports decarbonisation of buildings	Integrated renovation programmes and local heating and cooling plans: Renewable energy communities and local energy system design	Better Regulation
	How local heating and cooling plans fund infrastructure through grid reinforcement and/or energy flexibility services	Better Funding
Cost effectiveness of renovations of spatially related buildings	Blended finance challenge for implementing integrated renovation programmes	Better Funding
	Promoting economic benefits of integrated renovation programmes equally and fairly	Better Funding

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Categories of partners



Categories of Partners

Water Sensitive City (1)

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- **Cities of all sizes** (including city regions, Functional Urban Areas and Agglomerations)
 - small (less than 50.000 inhabitants)
 - medium (between 50.000 and 250.000 inhabitants)
 - large (more than 250.000 inhabitants)
- **Regions** and Regional Development Agencies
- **Member States** (through relevant national level ministries and agencies)
- **Partner States** (Norway and Switzerland)
- **European** and national city umbrella organizations



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Water Sensitive City (2)

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Other stakeholders such as:

- **NGO** with a focus on urban water management directly or as part of urban sustainability, climate change adaptation, disaster risk management, land use, circular economy, health or social equity
- **Other local or regional entities** related to WSC, such as water authorities, water boards, River basin district authorities and similar
- **Academy** and Research Centres, Universities
- **EU organisations** dedicated to water, urban, regional development, nature, environment, circular economy, climate adaptation, disaster risk management, sustainable finance
- **Social economy partners/businesses at the EU**, national and city levels
- **National associations** representing local governments, in particular, smaller and medium-sized cities



Categories of Partners

Building Decarbonisation (1)

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Categories of Partners

Building Decarbonisation (2)

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- **European and national city umbrella organizations.** Examples include:
 - European umbrella organisations
 - Member State associations
 - Urban planning institutions
 - Associations of building owners
 - Trade associations for renovation and the energy transition
- **Research** organisations and/or experts specialising in applied research relevant to renovation of buildings, urban planning, and energy grids



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Selection criteria for the Call



Selection criteria

Water Sensitive City

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Specific criteria

- 1) Motivation to become a member
- 2) Expertise
- 3) Outreach
- 4) Readiness to bring human and financial resources

- Implementation of "Water sensitive city" principles; circular; cross-sector
- Multi-level action in the EU context



Selection criteria

Building Decarbonisation

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Specific criteria

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- 4) Readiness to bring human and financial resources

Additional specific criteria for local authorities

- 5) Social and economic goals: Residential and non-residential balance

- Building renovation programmes
- District and neighbourhood approaches to renovation and/or
- Energy masterplanning

Selection criteria

both Thematic Partnerships

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Additional specific criteria for coordinators

6) Project management

7) Commitment

8) Proposal of a plan for the kick-start

Selection criteria

both Thematic Partnerships

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Horizontal criteria

9) Multi-level and multi-stakeholder approach

10) Size of cities

11) Geographical balance

12) Prior involvement in the UAEU

At least:

- one 'small-sized city' (below 50,000 inhabitants)
- one 'medium-sized city' (on 50,000 and 250,000 inhabitants)





Questions & Answers




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Timeline and next steps

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Isabella Schneble - Project Officer



Call timeline

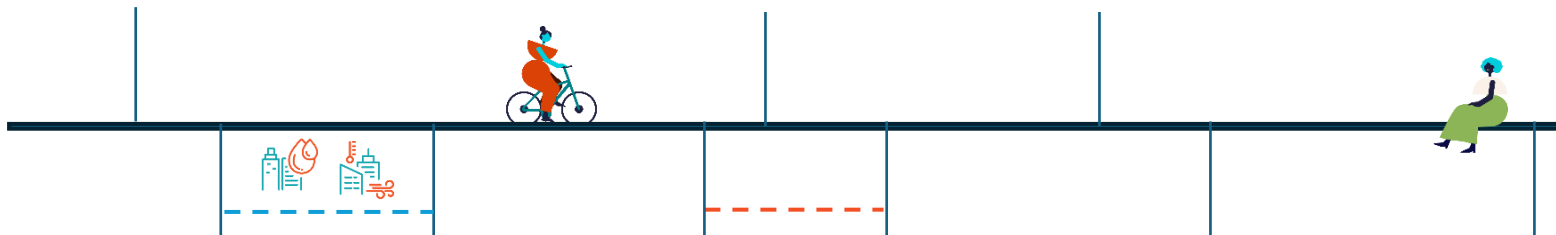
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14 November 2023
Gijon Agreements

5 September 2024
Applicant Seminar

November 2024
DGUM decision



10 January - 26 June 2024

**Ex-Ante
Assessments**

28 August

**Call
opening**

2 October 2024

**Call
closure**

December 2024 (tbc)
**1st meeting
for just
Thematic Partnership
Coordinators**

January 2025 (tbc)
**1st meeting
for full
Thematic Partnership
members**



Overview materials

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- **Background documents ([WSC](#) / [BD](#))**
- Ex-Ante Assessments ([WSC](#) / [BD](#))
- **Application Forms ([WSC](#) / [BD](#))**
- **[Q&A document](#)**

- [EUI Support Service Package Factsheet](#)
- Partnership dedicated webpages ([WSC](#) / [BD](#))
- [UAEU YouTube](#)

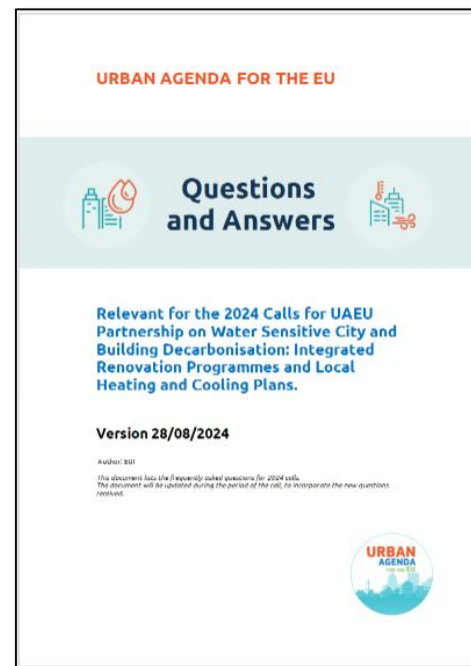


Q&A document

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- Who can apply?
- Which support is offered?
- Questions related to the Application Form
- Questions related to the UAEU Partnership
- ...



Still have questions?

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Closure

European Urban Initiative
Tim Caulfield - Director





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Thank you!

Good luck with your applications!

