ERA-NET COFUND URBAN TRANSFORMATION CAPACITIES

In the ERA-NET Cofund Urban Transformation Capacities (ENUTC) Call, 16 national research and innovation funding agencies, from 14 European countries (namely members of the Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe), with the European Commission, have earmarked a global budget of about 18.4 M€, in order to support transnational R&I projects. The call applies a two-step application process, in which the first step involves the submission of a pre-proposal outline and the second step is for submission of complete full proposals.

This call welcomes a broad range of research and innovation projects that enable capacity building for urban transformations.

Projects should clearly build upon previous experiences of building capacity in practice and build upon existing knowledge of transformation capacities towards urban sustainability, resilience and liveability. Projects should study transformation processes and transformative capacity building for increased knowledge and understanding of such processes making it possible to develop this knowledge further. Projects are encouraged to use new technologies and tools for implementation of research and innovation and to ensure possibilities for scaling up. These principles apply to all three call topics as an overarching entry point.

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The projects that will be granted funding should address at least one of the three call topics:

**Topic 1: Urban circular economies:**
This implies functional urban design in support of circular systems, the use of nature-based solutions – that is actions for societal challenges that are inspired by processes and functioning of nature – and for supporting circularity in resource use and waste management strategies, business models and smart city developments for the common good.

**Topic 2: Community-based developments and urban innovation ecosystems**
This implies innovative neighbourhoods which enable social innovation and local entrepreneurs, inhabitant engagement, co-creation and co-design to support liveable, just, inclusive and attractive neighbourhoods.

**Topic 3: Robust and resilient urban infrastructure and built environment**
This implies an urban infrastructure and a built environment that can resist natural, environmental, social, economic and technological threats on smaller and larger scales based on efficient use of resources. It also implies fair access to urban infrastructure and the built environment, achieving a shift towards sustainable urban accessibility and connectivity.

The following categories involved in development of urban areas can join consortia: municipalities, citizens’ representatives, research organisations, companies, NGOs, regions, cities, consumers etc.*

* *Please note that a specific funding agency may not fund each type of organisation. For further info see Annex A of the call text.

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Participating countries:
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Sweden