

# Application form

Fields marked with \* are mandatory.



# Join the International Urban Cooperation Programme (IUC)

## Start a city-to-city cooperation!

Cities in the member states of the European Union who wish to exchange with a city facing similar challenges in another global region are encouraged to apply for the International Urban Cooperation (IUC) city-to-city cooperation programme on sustainable urban development. The programme aims to foster links between EU cities and those in Latin America and the Caribbean, India, Japan, and North America. Through the programme, local leaders will be able to connect and gain new perspectives on pressing sustainable development issues.

Successful candidates will be paired with a city that faces related challenges, allowing both parties to **cooperate, build connections and share knowledge**. Representatives from each city will take part in study tours, staff exchanges, trainings and seminars, etc. and will develop together a local action plan to drive sustainable urban development in the selected area.

By joining the IUC city-to-city cooperation, your city will:

**COMMIT** – Cooperate for at least 18 months with your international peers, allocate resources and time to develop a successful cooperation which will last beyond the lifetime of this programme

**LEARN** - Get access to new ways of approaching challenges and benefit from a wider pool of good practices to draw upon; receive support in identifying innovative business models for financing local action

**SHARE** - Help others to solve issues by sharing your own experiences and relaying knowledge

**EXCHANGE** - Open your city to dialogue and partnership with new global peers, and relevant stakeholders (public and private)

**SHOWCASE** - Profile your best practices and achievements internationally

**IMPLEMENT** - Work with new partners to make your vision of sustainable urban development a reality through developing a Local Action Plan for sustainable urban development in a sector of your choice

Cities are encouraged to apply as soon as possible!

### [What are EU cities committing to?](#)

#### [Who can apply?](#)

For more information, please contact [coordination-unit@iuc-europe.eu](mailto:coordination-unit@iuc-europe.eu)

## Part A – City Profile

\* City Name

\* Country

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

\* Population (approx.)

\* Total city area (km<sup>2</sup>)

\* Local government website (URL)

\* Please briefly describe your city (general socio-economic description and main urban policy challenges) - max 1000 characters

Municipal budget (EUR)

Number of municipal employees

Mayor's name

\* Start date of the current Mayoral term

\* End date of the current Mayoral term

## Part B –Contact details

\* Family name(s), Given name(s)

\*Function/Job title

\*Name of local government

\*Name of division/department where you work

Your responsibilities in relation to urban development

\*E-mail address

\*Phone number

\* I confirm that I am officially mandated by the city for the submission of this application

- Yes
- No

### **Part C – Motivation, commitment & capacity (e.g. resources, time, knowledge, skills...)**

\* I confirm that we have the capacity to carry out the cooperation in English

- Yes
- No

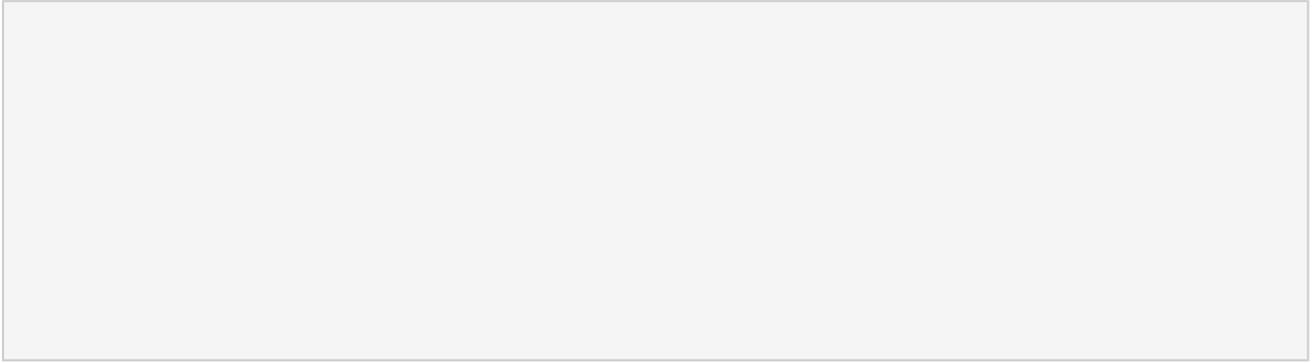
\* Please explain the capacity that your city can commit to the IUC city-to-city cooperation (e.g. financial resources, staff time, expertise, knowledge, skills, etc...)

\* Who would be your likely team leader and what is their level of responsibility in the municipality? Please describe briefly.

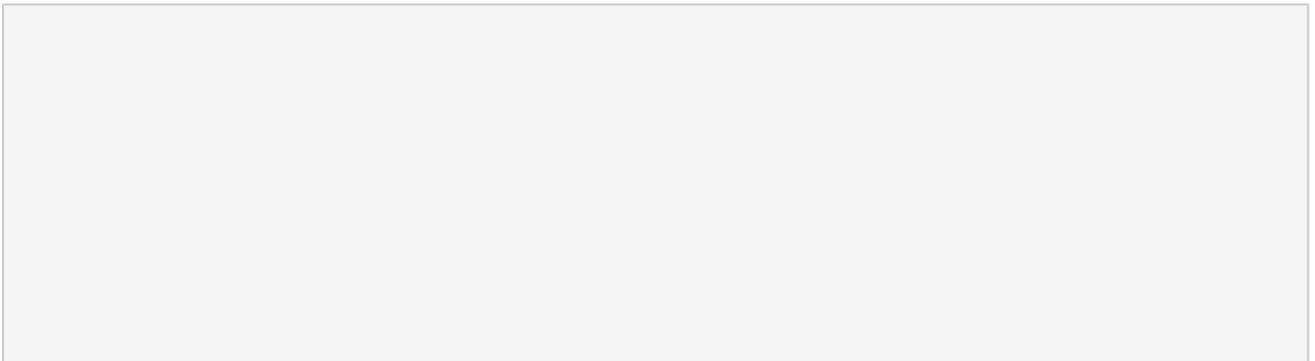
Please list names and responsibilities of other likely team members

\* Why are you interested in joining the IUC city-to-city cooperation?

\*What experiences does your city wish to share/exchange?



\*What does the city wish to learn/exchange?



**Part D – Sector of cooperation and proposed actions**

Which topics/sectors (for which your city has a mandate/responsibility) do you wish to address through this cooperation?

Please list your areas of interest (**up to 3 fields**). List your areas of interest from the most interesting (1) to the third most-interesting (3).

Examples of thematic fields (the list is non-exhaustive) include:

Please select maximum 3 thematic.

*between 1 and 3 answered rows*

	1st most interesting	2nd most interesting	3rd most interesting
Social inclusion and gender equality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education, jobs and skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainable production/consumption	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthy cities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smart cities and regional / urban innovation and competitiveness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safe, inclusive urban development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Urban mobility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inclusive and sustainable economic growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrated urban-rural development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water and sanitation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Urban poverty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

\* Which proposed actions/measures/ideas have you considered for this cooperation, if any? Please describe briefly.

\* Has your city already started planning measures and potential solutions for sustainable urban development in the fields of proposed action?

- No
- Yes

\* please explain your proposed actions, or your ideas, and their level of advancement.

\* How do you plan to engage the public sector (at different levels), researchers, local business, and citizens to carry out these actions? Please describe briefly.

Do you plan to foster social inclusion through your local action? If yes, please describe briefly.

Do you plan to integrate several sectors into your Local Action Plan? If yes, please describe briefly.

### Contribution to SDGs and Urban Agendas

#### 12 PRIORITY THEMES

PARTNERSHIPS WHICH ALREADY STARTED



INTEGRATION OF  
MIGRANTS & REFUGEES



AIR QUALITY



HOUSING



URBAN POVERTY



CIRCULAR  
ECONOMY



CLIMATE  
ADAPTATION



ENERGY TRANSITION



URBAN  
MOBILITY



DIGITAL TRANSITION



PUBLIC  
PROCUREMENT



JOBS & SKILLS  
IN LOCAL ECONOMY



SUSTAINABLE USE  
OF LAND AND  
NATURE-BASED

How do the proposed actions contribute to the implementation of the Urban Agenda for the European Union's priorities under the headings listed below? Please mark as relevant.

	Check all that apply
integration of migrants and refugees	<input type="radio"/>
air quality	<input type="radio"/>
urban poverty	<input type="radio"/>
housing	<input type="radio"/>
circular economy	<input type="radio"/>
climate adaptation	<input type="radio"/>
energy transition	<input type="radio"/>
urban mobility	<input type="radio"/>
digital transition	<input type="radio"/>
innovative and responsible public procurement	<input type="radio"/>
jobs and skills in the local economy	<input type="radio"/>
sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions	<input type="radio"/>

\*Please describe briefly

How will your proposed actions contribute to the implementation of SDG 11, which aims to “make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”, and to the New Urban Agenda? Please mark as relevant.

	Check all that apply
By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums	<input type="radio"/>
By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons	<input type="radio"/>
By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage	<input type="radio"/>
By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses relative to global gross domestic product caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations	<input type="radio"/>
By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management	<input type="radio"/>
By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>
Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning	<input type="radio"/>
By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels	<input type="radio"/>
Support least developed countries, including through financial and technical assistance, in building sustainable and resilient buildings utilizing local materials	<input type="radio"/>

\*Please describe briefly

## Part E – Previous experiences

### International & European cooperation and initiatives

\* Does your city have any previous experience with international exchanges (e.g. twinnings, work-shadowing, etc.)? Please briefly outline your activities, the partners involved and specify if connected to EU programs.

\* Does your city have any existing ties with non-EU countries in the field of urban development and innovation?

- No
- Yes

\*Please describe briefly

\* Does your city have any ongoing city-twinning activities?

- No
- Yes

Please list cities with which you are cooperating

Is your city involved in any EU programmes or initiative on sustainable urban development?

	Check all that apply
URBACT	<input type="radio"/>
Partnerships for the Urban Agenda for the European Union	<input type="radio"/>
Covenant of Mayors	<input type="radio"/>
Others	<input type="radio"/>

Please list

**Sustainable Urban Development/Stakeholders engagement**

\* Has your city developed a medium/long-term integrated urban development strategy for the whole city (e.g. EU Sustainable Urban Development programme 2014-2020)?

- No
- Yes

Please explain briefly (scope, sectors addressed, methodology and how the actions proposed will link to the strategy etc.)

\* Does your city have any best practices in the field of sustainable urban development that you are willing to share?

- No
- Yes

Please explain briefly, and explain how it could link to the proposed actions

\* Does your city have any experiences - best practices in (innovative) financing and business plan development?

- No
- Yes

Please explain briefly, and explain how it could link to the proposed actions

Do you have any experience in liaising with other levels of government for the implementation of sustainable development policies? Please explain briefly

\* Does your city have successful experiences or best practices in working with the business sector, the research community and/or citizens?

- No
- Yes

Please explain briefly, and explain how it could link to the proposed actions

## Part F – Other

### Preferences

Which country would you prefer to work with? If you are aware of any specific countries within the IUC target regions, with relevant experiences in your areas of thematic interest, you can mention them as countries you would like to work with.

Please mark them and rank them according to preference (**max. 2 preferences**)

Please select only 2 countries.

*between 1 and 2 answered rows*

	1st choice	2nd choice
Argentina	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Brazil	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chile	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Colombia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Canada	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Japan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
India	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mexico	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Peru	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
United States of America	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain why you would like to partner specifically with them

In the countries mentioned above, are there any specific cities you would prefer to work with? Please name them and explain whether/how your city has had any previous relations with them.

In case your application doesn't match with the city/country preferences you mentioned above, would you exclude cooperation with any of the countries listed above? Please specify which, if any.

**Other**

Please include any other relevant information or comments that you consider useful for the application.

