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**Regional co-operation programme
supporting urban development in Latin
America and Europe**



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URB-AL: Where?



18 countries in Latin America



27 EU Member States

What is URB-AL ?

➤ EC Regional Programme fostering co-operation between local authorities and regional governments from the European Union and Latin America.

Main objectives

➤ Developing direct and lasting links between EU and LA local authorities through an exchange of experiences.

➤ Providing institutional support to local/regional governments with social cohesion policies.

➤ Identifying, implementing and disseminating “good practices” in the area of urban and local policies, which can serve as reference models capable of being reproduced by local/regional LA and EU governments.

URB-AL – PAST and PRESENT

URB – AL phases

- **URB-AL I:** €14m 1995 – 2000: 8 thematic networks
- **URB-AL II:** €50m 2000 – 2007: 4 thematic networks
- **URB-AL III:** €50m 2008 – 2013: 21 large projects (departure from thematic networks, focused on social cohesion dimensions)

URB-AL – PAST and PRESENT

• Achievements:

- 188 implemented projects
- 750 participating entities from the 2 continents, many of which took part in various projects
- 65% of local authorities and regional governments created new and permanent municipal services
- European Development Days 15 - 17 November 2008, in Strasbourg: URB-AL projects received 1 award and 1 special mention for “Best practices” for past and present twinning projects.

URB-AL III – SOCIAL COHESION

- URB-AL is centred around the concept of SOCIAL COHESION
 - Social cohesion is the result of concrete policies generated by governments at the local, regional and national level;
 - Social cohesion is an implied objective in all policies created with an aim to serve, include, and enable the participation of all groups and sectors of the society;
 - Social cohesion implies a capacity of the institutions in a given country to find unifying ideas and proposals in a fast changing environment.

URB-AL III – The concept of SOCIAL COHESION

From thematic networks to 5 dimensions

- Social Cohesion is inherently multidimensional - How to achieve this multidimensionality?



- Through a mix of policies across various sectors



- By providing support to local authorities and regional governments to develop existing instruments and tools, or enhance their institutional capacity to create new ones.

URB-AL III – The concept of SOCIAL COHESION

- **URB-AL III has been structured around 5 dimensions:**
 - Institutional dimension: institutional strengthening and local taxation
 - Productive and occupational dimension.
 - Social dimension: universal access to basic social services and public safety.
 - Civic dimension: construction of active citizenship.
 - Territorial dimension: reduction of territorial inequalities

URB-AL III – INSTITUTIONAL DIMENSION

Foreseen activities

- Inter - sector strategic planning for social cohesion.
- Training for local institutions (political, administrative and technical levels).
- Creation or consolidation of institutional public-private mechanisms for local or regional management.
- Articulation of the different decision-making levels: local-regional-national.
- Taxation and local finances.

URB-AL III: EXPECTED RESULTS

- Identifying local and regional policies capable of being replicated first in project partner towns / cities, and in the long term in other local and regional entities in Latin America and Europe.
- Furnishing LA local authorities with tools to create parallel urban policies based on their experiences from an implemented URB-AL project.
- Providing an EU-LA platform to foster existing and create new multilateral networks between project partners, programme participants and other regional governments not involved in the implementation of URB-AL programme.

URB-AL III - Facts

- **Beneficiaries:** Local authorities and regional governments in Latin America and the 27 EU Member States.
- **Participants:** min. 2 / max. 9 partners (not including the grant applicant). Geographic ratio: at least 1 x UE and 2 x LA.
- **Duration:**
 - **Lot 1:** min. 36 months / max.: 48 months.
 - **Lot 2:** min. and max. 48 months

URB-AL III - Facts

- **EC co-financing:** min. 50% / max. 80% of the project's total budget.

- **Grant amounts:**
 - **Lot 1:** min. 1.5m EUR / max. 3m EUR

 - **Lot 2:** no min. / max. 6m EUR

- **Total value of projects:** 64.4m EUR (78% EC contribution)

URB-AL III: Approved Projects - Examples

**“Waste is useful:
Reducing, Recycling,
Retrieving waste, and
environmental
Awareness Raising to
build on social cohesion
in Latin America.” -
Comune di Arezzo**

- **Total cost: € 2,401,544**
- **EC grant: € 1.909.227**

IT	Comune di Arezzo (Coord.)
EC	Cuenca y Lago Agrio
AR	General Pico y Tres de Febrero
PE	Santiago de Surco, Lima
CL	Arica
FR	Lille Métropole Communauté Urbane
IT	Ucodep (associated partner)

URB-AL III: Approved Projects - Examples

"Participative and inclusive strategies of urban development" – Municipality of Irun

• Total cost: € 1,927,000

• EC grant: € 1,527,520

ES	Municipality of Irun (Coord.)	C
CL	Regional Government of Arica Parinacota	P
PE	Regional Government of Tacna	P
HN	Municipality of Santa Rosa de Copan	P
PE	Fondo de Cooperacion para el Desarrollo Social (FONCODES)	P
CL	Fondo de Solidaridad e Inversion Social (FOSIS)	P
MX	Instituto Jalisciense de Tecnologias de la Informacion, A.C, Zapotlán el Grande (Estado de Jalisco)	P
HN	Association of Municipalities of Honduras (AMHON)	P
ES	Consortio Transfronterizo BIDASOA-TXINGUDI	P

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