

# Cohesion Policy & heritage / urban environment

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# Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 Investments (1)

#### **Mainstream:**

- Thematic objective TO6 Preserving and protecting environment and promoting resource efficiency
- (c) conserving, protecting, promoting and **developing** natural and **cultural heritage**
- (e) Taking action to improve the **urban environment**, to **revitalize cities**, regenerate and decontaminate brownfield sites (including conversion areas)
- Financial Instruments off-the-shelve for energy efficiency and **urban regeneration**



## Why an integrated approach?

Economic, social and natural challenges are not sectoral by nature. Regaining the innovative edge, ..... adjusting skills to the changing context: all these goals require **multi-sectoral interventions**.......

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### Why a place-based approach?

......and the appropriate sectoral mix can be achieved **at place-level**. The further away one is from places, the less chance there is to achieve integration, and the more likely it is to fall prey to a bureaucratic separation of expertise.

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## Why an urban dimension?

Strengthening economic prosperity and employment in towns and cities;

Promoting equality, **social** inclusion and regeneration in urban areas;

Protecting and improving the urban environment, in order to achieve local and global sustainability;

Contributing to good urban **governance** and local empowerment



# Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 *Investments* (2)

Investments into **urban regeneration** (involving cultural heritage) are more likely to be sustainable if conceived from the onset in a **holistic manner** as part of an **integrated**, **place-based development effort** underpinned by the associated **sustainable urban development strategy**.

#### **Urban dimension:**

**Sustainable Urban Development** where **15 billion** ERDF & **1,5** billion ESF have been earmarked to the implementation of integrated strategies (around **900** strategies mapped) –**75%** is programmed into energy efficiency, urban mobility, **urban environment** and social inclusion; **6,6 billion** allocated to projects so far.

https://urban.jrc.ec.europa.eu/strat-board/#/home

https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/EU-Level/ERDF-CF-ESF-Territorial-delivery-instruments-Imple/i4ed-3nn4

https://ec.europa.eu/info/eu-regional-and-urban-development/cities\_en



# Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 Learning & Networking

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (UDN)** - country specific or thematic workshops, peer to peer review of SUD strategies

URBACT - http://urbact.eu

**REFILL** – temporary use of vacant spaces

**2<sup>nd</sup> CHANCE** – activating underutilised or abandoned spaces and buildings « urban voids »

**ESPON** - <u>https://www.espon.eu/</u>

Ongoing Targeted Analysis: "The Material Cultural Heritage as a Strategic Territorial Development Resource: Mapping Impacts Through a Set of Common European Socio-economic Indicators"

**Upcoming Applied Research:** "Cultural Heritage as a Source of Societal Well-being in European Regions"



## Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 Experimenting

#### **URBAN INNOVATIVE ACTIONS (UIA)**

Programme which identifies and tests innovative solutions to urban development – up to 5 million per proposal

Themes follow the themes of the **Urban Agenda for the EU** 

**4th ongoing Call (deadline 31 January 2019) includes theme of** Land Use and Nature based solutions

https://www.uia-initiative.eu/en/sustainable-use-land-nature-based-solutions
 "adaptive reuse of vacant and underutilised land, regeneration and increase of the multi-functionality of already built-up areas and conversion of old infrastructure"



# **Cohesion Policy 2021-2027**

#### Investments:

#### PO 5" Europe closer to citizens"

Policy objective designated to integrated/territorial interventions – f or esees also investments into cultural heritage underpinned by urban/territorial strategies

#### Capacity building, cooperation, experimentation:

#### "European Urban Initiative"

Support to networking, innovative actions, knowledge, policy development and communication



## **Urban Agenda for the EU**

Intergovernmental framework governed by the Pact of Amsterdam where cities, member states, EU Commission and other institutions / actors work in partnership

along 12 urban themes aimed at better regulation, better funding and better knowledge for cities

Eleven action plans finalised by now and pursuing implementation

Two new partnerships soon to be launched:

(1) Culture and Cultural Heritage (2) Security of Public Spaces

https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/urban-agenda



# Urban Agenda for the EU & re-use

Land Use and Nature-based solutions Partnership

Action: **Identifying and managing underutilized land**(from efficient land use perspective)

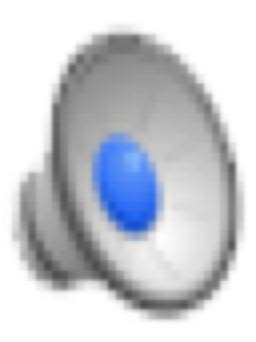
#### Circular Economy Partnership

Action: Manage the re-use of buildings and spaces

(from circular economy/city perspective)

https://youtu.be/aWt93Xhkdvk







# Thank you

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