

International Urban Cooperation Fostering Sustainable Urban Development on a global scale

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OVERVIEW

- **About the International Urban Cooperation (IUC)**
- **Sustainable urban development**
- **The Global Covenant of Mayors**



Across the world, the rate of urbanisation is increasing at a rapid pace. As the areas in which the majority of people live and work, cities are increasingly acknowledged as the arena in which solutions to major societal and environmental challenges must be implemented.

This rapid change has put many cities under significant strain. Local governments are struggling to meet the higher demand for services in fields such as energy, water, health, and transport prompted by the increase in population.

The three-year International Urban Cooperation (IUC) programme aims to enable cities to link up and share solutions to common problems.

THREE COMPONENTS



I. City-to-city cooperation on sustainable urban development

By pairing up EU with non-EU partner cities, the IUC boosts access to expertise in urban development policy, helping cities promote smart, green and inclusive growth. Working with like-minded partners, it fosters better ways to plan, finance, develop, govern and manage cities, and supports the New Urban Agenda decided in Quito.



GLOBAL COVENANT
of MAYORS for
CLIMATE & ENERGY

II. Sub-national action under the Global Covenant of Mayors initiative

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III. Inter-regional cooperation on innovation for local and regional development

Cities and regions can generate growth by innovating and sharing expertise on clustering, global value chains and Smart Specialisation Strategies. This is important in Latin America where governments are trying to diversify their commodity-driven economies.

OBJECTIVES

FOSTER SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH
CAPACITY BUILDING

LONG-TERM STRATEGY BY THE
EUROPEAN UNION TO FOSTER
SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT
IN COOPERATION WITH BOTH THE
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS

OPEN UP MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

URBAN AGENDA, THE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
GOALS, AND THE PARIS
AGREEMENT

CHINA, INDIA, JAPAN,
CANADA, MEXICO, USA,
ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE,
COLOMBIA AND PERU

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU

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



JOB & SKILLS
IN LOCAL ECONOMY



SUSTAINABLE USE
OF LAND AND
NATURE-BASED

IUC REGIONAL OFFICES



国际城镇合作项目
欧盟 - 亚洲



欧盟项目



PROGRAMA INTERNACIONAL DE COOPERACIÓN URBANA
Unión Europea-América Latina y el Caribe



Un programa de
la Unión Europea



EU - 日本 国際都市間協カプロジェクト



欧州連合



INTERNATIONAL URBAN COOPERATION
European Union-India



A European Union
Programme



INTERNATIONAL URBAN COOPERATION
European Union-North America



A European Union
Programme



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European Union

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CITY-TO-CITY COOPERATION





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

LEARN: Get access to new ways of approaching challenges and benefit from a wider pool of good practices to draw upon


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.

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Cities participating commit to 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

CITY PAIRINGS



Two rounds of selections so far

First round of pairings:

1. Chongqing & Manheim, Germany
2. Shantou & Burgas, Bulgaria
3. Zhengzhou & Agii-Anargiri
Kamatero, Greece
4. Changchun (Jingyue) & Malaga,
Spain
5. Longyan & Prague, Czech Republic

FROM PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION

- Building further on the model and success of the World Cities project and drawing on the solid approach of the EU-funded URBACT network
- City pairs will be supported in their efforts to design and implement **Local Action Plans**. These will be developed through an inclusive multi-stakeholder process and include specific activities and economically viable pilot projects to be implemented in order to ensure results and open up market opportunities.
- These plans will help drive thematic clustering of knowledge, exchange and best practices among cities facing similar challenges.



THE IUC WEBSITE (WWW.IUC.EU)



国际城镇合作(IUC)是什么项目？

城市，作为现代社会大多数人生活与工作的场所，愈加被视为重大社会、环境挑战的解决的不二之地。

城市也是全球重要的经济和文化活动中心。这一地位也导致城镇化率迅速增长。这一人口变化使许多城市面临压力，地方政府疲于应对能源、水、卫生保健、教育以及交通服务等方面的需求增长。

在这种情况下，为期三年的国际城镇合作(IUC)项目旨在将不同地区的城市联结起来，就共同面临的可持续发展挑战，这是欧盟一项长期战略的其中一部分，与公共和私人领导、社区团体以及公民携手合作，以促进可持续发展的实现。

城市通过参加IUC项目，可以同来自其他国家的城市分享、交流知识的机会，共同构建一个更加绿色、繁荣的未来。

IUC项目为城市间互相学习提供了一个宝贵机会。通过该机会，城市可以设立目标、推进持久伙伴关系、检验新方法，进而提升他们的国际形象。

IUC项目的活动由欧盟资助，这些活动不仅帮助当地政策目标的实现，同时也促进了关于可持续发展、气候变化等国际协定的履行，包括《城市议程》、《可持续发展目标》与《巴黎协定》等。

IUC项目将与主要国际金融机构和合作伙伴关系、解决贸易和监管领域之间建立联系，在可持续发展挑战和城市、区域发展之间的创新合作方面，欧盟的企业将会是一个重要的合作伙伴。主要目标国家有：中国、印度、日本、加拿大、墨西哥、美国、阿根廷、巴西、智利、哥伦比亚以及秘鲁。项目主要目标国家有：韩国、越南、印度尼西亚、马来西亚、新加坡，以及拉丁美洲和加勒比海区域的所有国家。

有关IUC项目三个部分的更多意见如下：

- 一、可持续城镇发展城市间合作
- 二、全球市长公约倡议下的城市
- 三、地方和区域发展区域间的创新合作

基于欧盟跨境城市项目所取得的成就，并鼓励欧洲可持续城市发展项目(URBACT)网络的创建，欧盟城市领导者和城市市长将共同制定一份关于城市发展的宣言，该宣言将作为欧盟城市间合作和创新的基石。宣言将由欧盟、拉丁美洲和加勒比海区域的城市、全球主要城市领导人和市长共同制定。

- General information,
- News
- Access to resources
- Link to knowledge-sharing platform (coming son)

A close-up photograph of a person's hands, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, gently cupping a small green seedling with several leaves growing out of a mound of dark, rich soil. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the person's hands and the texture of the soil.

THE GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS



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OBJECTIVES

CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICY
THROUGH/WITH SUB-NATIONAL
ACTORS

CHINA, SOUTH KOREA,
VIETNAM, INDONESIA,
MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, INDIA,
JAPAN, CANADA, MEXICO, USA,
ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE,
COLOMBIA AND PERU (AND LAC)

AD HOC NATIONAL & REGIONAL
APPROACHES

COOPERATION & BILATERAL
RELATIONS

SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION
OF PARIS AGREEMENT &
NATIONAL TARGETS (NDCs)

REGIONAL CoMs



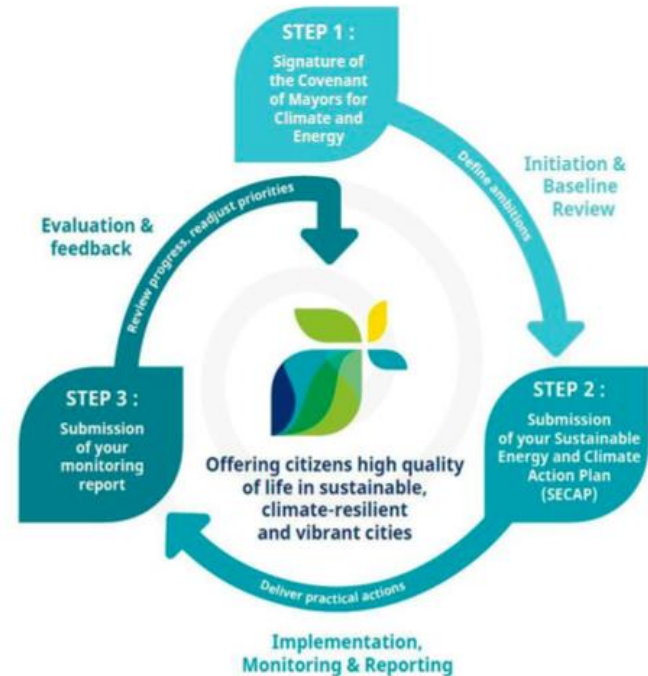
KEY STEPS

Beyond a shared vision for 2050 and core principles, Regional Covenants must be adjusted to the specificities of their respective regions, leverage existing opportunities and involve local stakeholders to maximize their impact

- **Adjusting the Political Commitment Document to the regional context**
- **Setting-up a political Board to steer the initiative in the region**
- **Setting up a framework for continuous consultation & stakeholder engagement**
- **Offering tailor-made capacity-building to the CoM-munity**
- **Benefiting from platform for global outreach**

KEY (METHODOLOGICAL) PRINCIPLES

- National specificity
- Voluntary commitment
- A robust, consistent and transparent data compilation and reporting and monitoring framework
- Recognition and high visibility of the efforts undertaken
- Evaluation of the data reported by signatories



7,100+ CITIES

REPRESENTING

600 MILLION
PEOPLE

8% OF TOTAL
GLOBAL
POPULATION

IN OTHER
WORDS
THE WORLD'S LARGEST
COALITION OF CITIES
FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE



The joining of these two forces will create the broadest global coalition committed to climate leadership, building on the commitment of 7, 100+ cities from six continents and 119 countries representing more than 600 million residents

VISION & MISSION



“We envision a world where committed mayors and local governments - in alliance with partners - accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris agreement objectives.”

“The Global Covenant of Mayors serves cities and local governments by mobilizing and supporting ambitious, measurable, planned climate and energy action in their communities by working with city/regional networks, national governments and other partners to achieve our vision”

ONGOING SUPPORT



Coordination

Help Desk

Governance and resources
(including online knowledge sharing platform -coming soon)

Communication

Promotion and visibility

NEXT STEPS:

- Knowledge-sharing platform
- Regional/national websites
- Resources & help desk: collect & respond to needs
- Showcase action:
 - City-to-city event (10 November, Brussels)
 - GCoM Day @COP23 (13 November, Bonn)

QUESTIONS?

We look forward to exchanging with you!

THANK YOU!

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