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Urban Innovative Actions 2017 call

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Call & reference	Urban Innovative Actions 2017 call
Funding programme	European Regional and Development Fund - Urban Innovative Actions
EC Service	Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy
Deadline	30 March 2018
Objectives	The main objective of UIA is to provide urban authorities throughout Europe with space and resources to experiment new innovative answers to the interconnected and complex local challenges. Through this new Initiative, urban authorities have the possibility to test how new and unproven solutions work in practice and how they respond to the complexity of real life. The Initiative has a total ERDF budget of around EUR 372 million.
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation to climate change • Air quality • Housing • Jobs & skills in the local economy <p>Applying urban authorities are requested to to select only one of the topics proposed.</p>
Examples eligible activities	<p>The UIA Initiative supports projects that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative: Projects should be new, bold, creative and experimental. Urban authorities should propose projects that would not have been financed under a mainstream Programme and that are not merely part of normal local activities. • Of good quality: Projects should meet key quality standards such as clear and logical interrelation of objectives/activities/outputs, evidence of preparatory work, realistic ambitions, effective management structures and procedures, good value for money. • Participative: Urban authorities should seek to benefit from sources of external expertise such as universities, NGOs, businesses, citizens and other levels of government both in the design and in the implementation of the project. • Measurable: Urban authorities should be able to clearly explain what the

	<p>changes are that they want to achieve in the local context as a result of their projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transferable: Solutions developed in the framework of the projects should be applicable and replicable by other organisations throughout Europe.
Total budget for this call	EUR 80 to 100 million
Max. EC co-funding rate	80%
Contribution per project	Up to EUR 5 million
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urban authority comprising at least 50 000 inhabitants • Any association or grouping of urban authorities of local administrative where the total population is at least 50 000 inhabitants; this can include cross-border associations or groupings, associations or groupings in different regions and/or Member States • From EU Member States
How should a partner consortium be composed?	<p>Proposals can be submitted by a single organisation without transnational partners.</p> <p>Projects must involve a strong local partnership such as universities, NGOs, private companies or other levels of government.</p> <p>Delivery Partners are institutions, agencies, organisations, private sector partners, associations that will have an active role in the implementation of the project. They will be responsible for the delivery of specific activities and the production of the related deliverables/outputs.</p>
How can cities participate?	As lead or project partner.
Other conditions for projects	Projects should not last longer than 3 years.
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovativeness (40%) • Quality (20%) • Partnership (15%) • Measurability (15%) of the results • Transferability (10%)
Further information	<p>Link to the UIA Guidance.</p> <p>Link to the call for proposals.</p>

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