



RU:RBAN Second Wave #6th Quarterly Network Report

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THE TRANSFER JOURNEY IS FINISHED

RU:RBAN SECOND WAVE ...

The management model of Roman Urban Gardens travelled for the last time through Rome, Italy ...

The Finale Phase is over ...

This 6th Quarterly Report is to briefly present some highlights from the FINALE phase of the project, that disseminated its results to a wide audience ...

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Introduction

The 6th Quarterly Report aim is to report all interesting **disseminating activities** of the FINALE Phase of RU:RBAN 2nd Wave.

For this purpose, it is uploaded in the networks' webpage.

RU:RBAN 2nd Wave finalised its journey at the end of December 2022, having visited all **newcomer** cities around Europe, the LP city, as also 3 **lighthouse cities** that showcased their urban gardens' management good practises.

These 3 months final activities followed the projects methodology and the programs' framework, while the final event took place with a big number of partners and ULG members (being in person in Rome, Italy) ...



Chapter 1 – The Finale Phase

The last trimester for RU:RBAN 2nd Wave (October to December 2022), was an opportunity to successfully finalise the transfer journey, to conclude on its results per partner, as also to share the learning and Good Practice transfer experience more widely.

During this period, the National URBACT Points promoted with the transfer partners the events that shared the key lessons with a wider audience of cities in national level.

RU:RBANeers focused on their Final Transfer Report capturing the key learning points emerging from the overall good practice transfer experience.

The record of each partners' learning journey provides an overview of the transformation that has taken place and fed the Final Network Results Product, that is produced by the Lead Expert for the network inputs.



**During the 4th trimester of 2022 in
RU:RBAN 2nd Wave, the Lead Expert
organised the final steps of the exchange
experience between the partners,
according the projects' transfer
methodology and the final partners needs**

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**Hands-on learning and sharing events
were organised, structured around the
URBACT principles of participation and
interactivity ...**

The last project TNM took place in Rome, Italy (November 2022)

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Chapter 2 – The partners Final Transfer Reports

1. Are drawn upon other products of the learning journey and reflect an overview of the transformation that has taken place in the city.
- 2 Are inspired by the GP, while every city has put in place new practices and processes. They include concrete examples of actions and tools, successes and failures.
- 3 Describe the city's starting point and ambitions, the progress made in adapting and transferring the GP, comparison with initial expectations, what supported/obstructed the process, and finally, what can be learnt from this.
- 4 Are clearly including the learning and transformation that have taken place on different levels:
 - Individual
 - Institutional
 - City level

The Lead Expert worked bilaterally with the 4 transfer partners and finalized all the FTRs at the end of October 2022. The index of each one of the FTR is the following:

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- Intro about the FTR
- Chapter 1 - Quantitative Evaluation of the Transfer Journey
- Chapter 2 – Qualitive Evaluation of the Transfer Journey
- Chapter 3 – The city’s starting point and ambitions
- Chapter 4 – Progress made in adapting and transferring the Good Practice
- Chapter 5 – Comparison with initial expectations
- Chapter 6 – What supported/obstructed the process
- Chapter 7 – What can be learnt from the process
- Chapter 8 – The transfer results in the 3 Elements - Indicators
- Chapter 9 – Successes, Hardships and Next Steps
- Chapter 10 – Final Comments – Thoughts
- Chapter 11 – Epilogue



Chapter 3 – The final transfer results and the lessons learnt during this transfer process

The main transfer results are included in a friendly rolling presentation (called Final Network Results Product - FNRP) prepared by the Lead Expert and introduced to wider audience in Rome, on the 10th of Nov 2022.

The FNRP relies on the most relevant outputs from the 2nd Wave transnational exchange and learning experience.

FNRP includes the following elements that are considered of interest for other cities:

- **Introducing** the Good Practice and the network partners in their diversity
- **Demonstrating** the added value of working in a transnational URBACT network
- **Presenting** the highlights of the journey and the main learnings from partners (successes and hardships, why and how the transfer took place and, why it did not happen etc.)
- **Suggesting** next steps for the network partners



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Outputs from the 2nd wave transnational
exchange & learning experience ...

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A. INTRODUCING THE GP AND THE NETWORK PARTNERS IN THEIR DIVERSITY ...



During the 2nd Wave we managed to meet and ‘promote’ the policy topic to all transfer cities mayors!



B. DEMONSTRATING THE ADDED VALUE OF WORKING IN AN URBACT NETWORK ...



POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE GOOD PRACTICE TO 4 CITIES RELEVANT POLICIES:

- PROMOTE URBAN AGRICULTURE ON A HOUSEHOLD LEVEL
 - DEVELOP AND SUPPORT SMALL COMMUNITY GARDENS
 - BETTER ORGANISE THE GREEN SPACES
 - PROMOTE SOCIAL INTEGRATION
- RAISE CAPACITY BUILDING IN URBAN GARDENS MANAGEMENT OF ITS ULG PARTICIPANTS
 - RAISE SKILLS OF GARDENISERS
- TO APPROVE A LOCAL REGULATION FOR URBAN GARDENS
 - MAKE POLICY MAKERS TO REALIZE THE BENEFITS OF UG
 - ESTABLISH NEW URBAN GARDENS
- BRING PROJECT RESULTS TO A LONG-LASTING LOCAL INTERVENTION



C. PRESENTING THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOURNEY AND THE MAIN LEARNINGS FROM PARTNERS ...



The Carlow Experience ...



We managed to improve the capacity building in all 3 topics:

how to plan an urban garden establishment?

how to attract - influence citizens to participate
in the gardens plots?

how to organise or reorganize an urban garden?



GARDEN MANAGEMENT

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Successes and hardships of the 4 transferring partners ...



D. NEXT STEPS FOR THE NETWORK PARTNERS ...



Chapter 4 – RU:RBAN 2nd Wave Network Final Event Rome, Italy

The most important thing in RU:RBAN 2nd Wave was that the project methodology was realistic, clearly explained and had a logical rationale, considering the policy issues addressed, as well as the needs and the experience of all partners.

In addition, the methodological approach generated a continuous flow of knowledge between the transnational and the local level for the appropriate transfer of the Good Practice.



During the Final Network Event in Rome, on the 10th of November, partners, ULG members and other interested parts followed the agenda and participated in a really interesting event, that concluded in many different aspects regarding the policy topic of Urban Gardening and urban Agriculture.



Day 2 – November 10 th , 2022 “Casa del Giardinaggio”, via Ardeatina 610, Rome	
09.30 - 10.00	Registrations & Welcome coffee
10.00 –10.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction of the Agenda and the Participants</p> <p>Tamara Lucarelli, Strategic Planning and National Recovery and Resilience Plan Department of Roma Capitale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">URBACT Secretariat</p> <p>Cèline Ethuin – From URBACT III to URBACT IV</p>
10.30 – 12.15 (incl. coffee break)	<p style="text-align: center;">Lighthouse Cities - Showcase of the urban agriculture experiences</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Auður Ottosen, Petra Stefánsdóttir, Steinunn Garðarsdóttir - Reykjavik experience</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Janne Laensipuro - Helsinki experience</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tore Faller - Oslo experience</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Round Table</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Silvia Cioli, Moderator</p>
12.15 – 12.40	<p style="text-align: center;">RU:RBAN 2nd Wave Final Network Results Product</p> <p>Kostas Karamarkos, RU:RBAN Lead Expert</p>
12.40 – 13.30	<p style="text-align: center;">RU:RBAN 2nd Wave Highlights: Representatives/ULG Coordinators of Alexandroupolis, Algeciras, Carlow and Split</p>
13.30 –15.00	Lunch break
15.00 –15.20	<p style="text-align: center;">The Italian cities during URBACT 3</p> <p>Simone D’Antonio, Italian National URBACT Contact Point</p>
15.20 – 16.00	

	URBACT IV & Urban Gardens – Agriculture as a policy tool – Round table discussion Moderator: Claudio Bordi
16.00 – 16.15	Conclusions – Lead Partner Representatives

No Transfer ?



No Success !



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Some of the results discussed and communicated during the different sessions:

- The Good Practice in both waves **contributed to the "Improvement of the governance processes"** by connecting different competencies and municipal offices such as social, environment, urban planning and innovation departments.
- During the 2nd Wave, **we managed to meet and 'promote' the policy topic** to all transfer cities mayors!



- Partners were asked to evaluate their transfer journey from 1 to 10 in terms of: success, methodology tools, policy instrument improvement in the city level (urban gardening) and networking with peers from other cities → **The average result is 9,2!**
- According the partners contributions **the project has clearly met their expectations** and has been key to defining a long-term policy in urban gardens



- **Networking** is considered as the most successful aspect of the **project**, followed by the introduction in the Gardenisers training
- Strong **exchanges** in policy topic governance level are achieved
- A number of core ULG members **raised** their capacity in managing U.G.
- A big number of ULG members **are introduced** in the Gardeniser training



- City officers **deep dived** into green spaces aspects
- **There was strong involvement** of local associations in TNMs and ULG meetings
- In RU:RBAN **we managed to follow our mission**, that was: Working with Citizens, With Active Community Members & Practitioners



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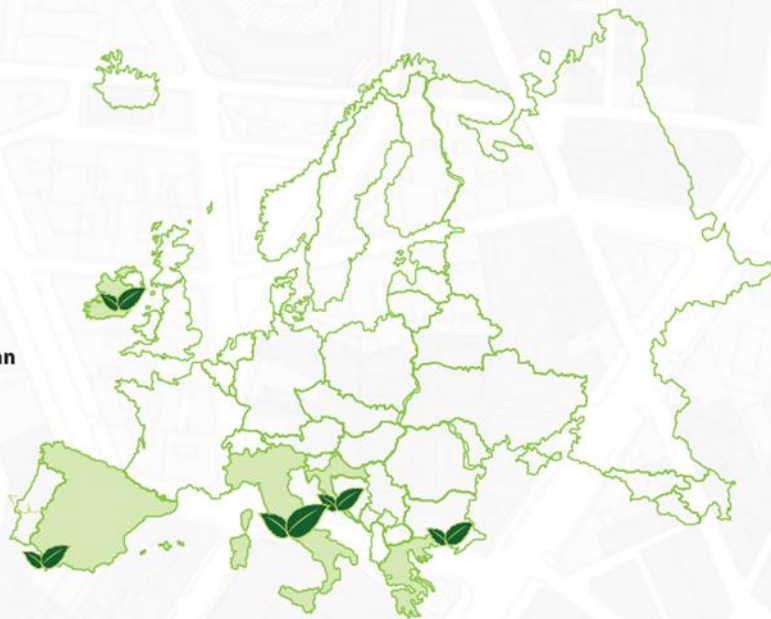
explore how the knowledge and experience of identified Good Practice Cities
can be shared with and implemented by other cities
across the European Union
to encourage a more integrated and sustainable urban development

The transfer components (TC) of the Good Practice are
the **Capacity building** in organizing urban gardens
the **Training** of people in managing urban gardens
the **Governance** of urban gardens

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is led by Rome,
Good Practice City
for the Network

The Good Practice is
**the management model of urban
gardens in Rome**
to be transferred to
Alexandroupolis, Algeciras,
Carlow and Split
to ensure sharing
of experience
and to enhance
the capacities
of local governance





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The RU:RBAN bus has come to its final destination !

