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Online info session:
Exchange and learning
during the network
journey

14 February 2023
10:00 - 11:00 CET

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The flow of the session & the interaction principles

10' - Introduction (with poll)

20' - Focus on Exchange and learning (with poll)

20' - Q&A (via Q&A window and direct responses)

10' - Final conclusions (with poll)

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We would like to know…

Who is with us?

- ❑ **Candidate lead partner**

- ❑ **Candidate project partner**

- ❑ **Possible expert candidate**

- ❑ **Other**

European territorial cooperation programme co-funded by ERDF

Since 2002

Over
1000 cities involved

more than
150 networks

Promoting sustainable urban development in cities

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Why apply?

- To get inspired by other cities across Europe
- To develop & implement actions in response to your local challenges
- To strengthen your skills in participatory & integrated policy-making
- To make a difference in your city

✓ **OPEN TO ALL THEMES/ POLICY CHALLENGES in line with EU Cohesion policy objectives**

+ Cross – cutting aspects to be tackled during the journey: Digital transformation, Gender, Green transition

Learning & exchange with peers

Network composition

Mainly cities from:

& Switzerland, Norway
Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina,
Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia

8-10 Partners

Lead Partner

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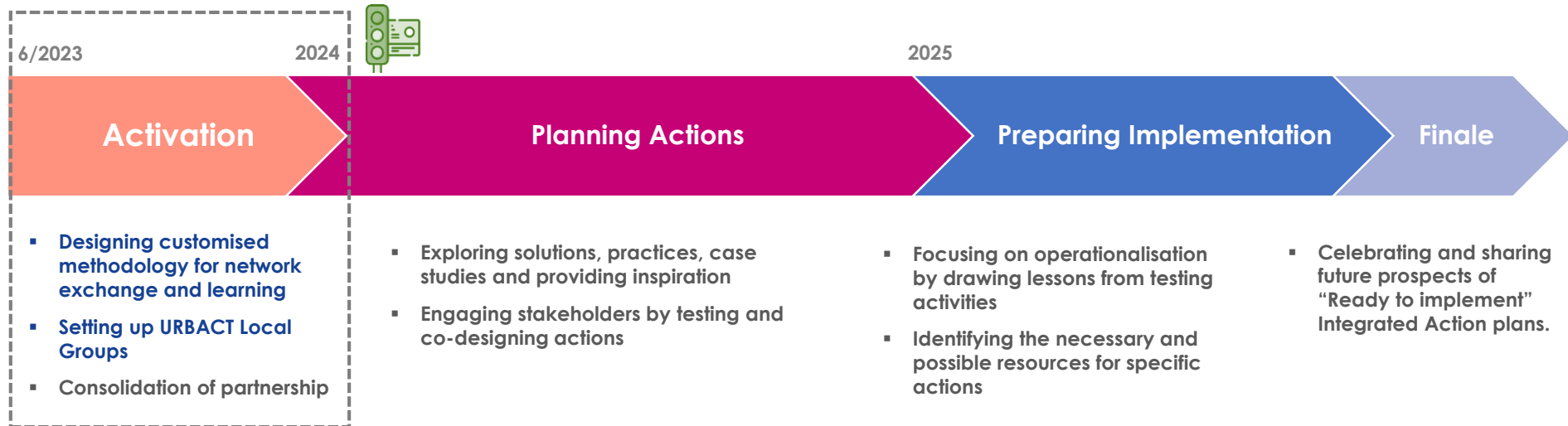Interreg

Key expected result

Integrated Action Plan (IAP)

An IAP offers cities a **concrete response** to their policy challenge. The IAP follows an **intervention logic** which aims to **design** and implement **actions based on testing**. The IAP will link the cities actions to the broader **Cohesion Policy funds** to support **long term implementation** and lasting change.

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How?

By providing a safe space with 31-month step by step journey

6/2023 — 2024 — 2025

Activation

Planning Actions

Preparing Implementation

Finale

- **Designing customised methodology for network exchange and learning**
- **Setting up URBACT Local Groups**
- **Consolidation of partnership**

- Exploring solutions, practices, case studies and providing inspiration
- Engaging stakeholders by testing and co-designing actions

- Focusing on operationalisation by drawing lessons from testing activities
- Identifying the necessary and possible resources for specific actions

- Celebrating and sharing future prospects of "Ready to implement" Integrated Action plans.

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

Network experts

URBACT (University)

URBACT Toolbox

Digital   Gender   Green

URBACT KNOWLEDGE HUB

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FOCUS ON:
Exchange and learning during the network journey

the

« art of networking »

Exchange and learning - Essential aspect of the project proposal

- **Criterion 1: Relevance of the topic/theme/policy issue addressed**

10%

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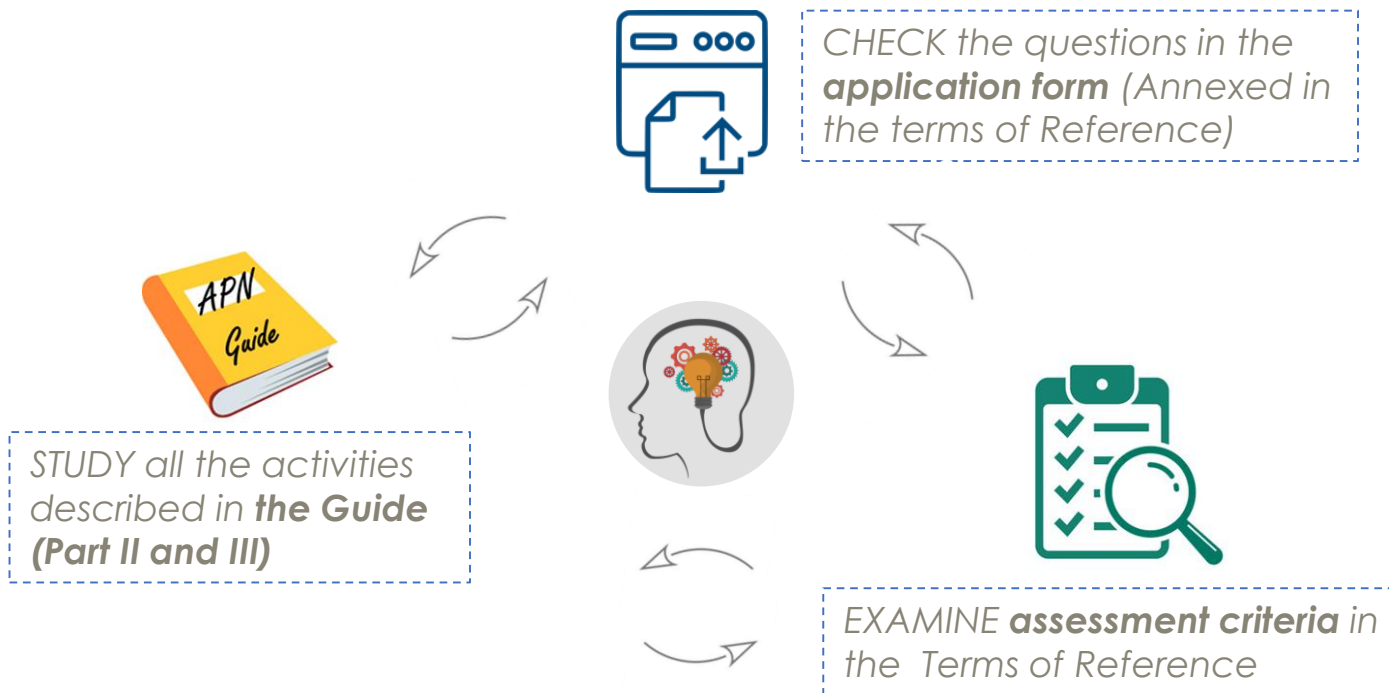**10%**

- **Criterion 6: Budget Proposal**

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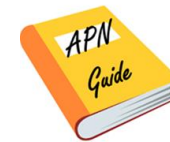Interreg

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Have you already started drafting your project proposals?

- ❑ We are finalising it
- ❑ Still trying to understand all the requirements
- ❑ Just started
- ❑ Not yet started

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Developing your proposals around exchange and learning activities

CHECK the questions in the *application form* (Annexed in the terms of Reference)

STUDY all the activities described in *the Guide (Part II and III)*

EXAMINE *assessment criteria* in the Terms of Reference
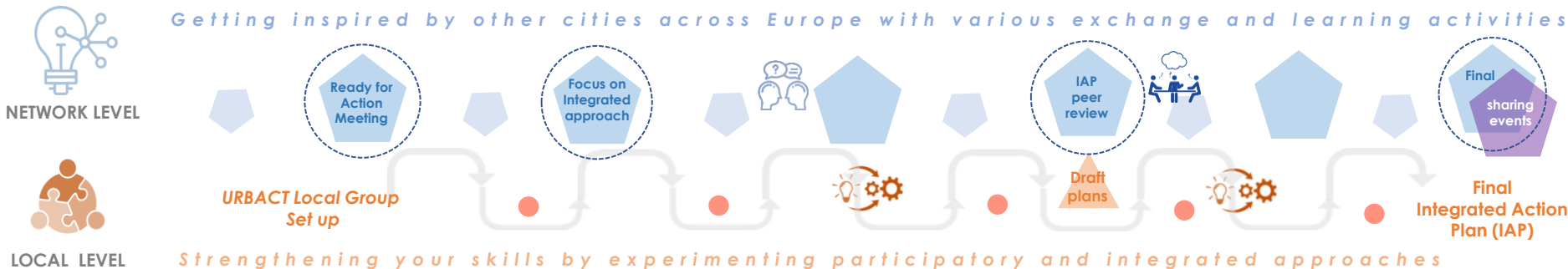
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Designing your tailor-made exchange and learning jounrey

- The proposed set and focus of standard activities is required in all proposals
- Describe possible topics in line with policy challenges tackled in the network
- Customise it by providing ideas and principles around the design of these activities
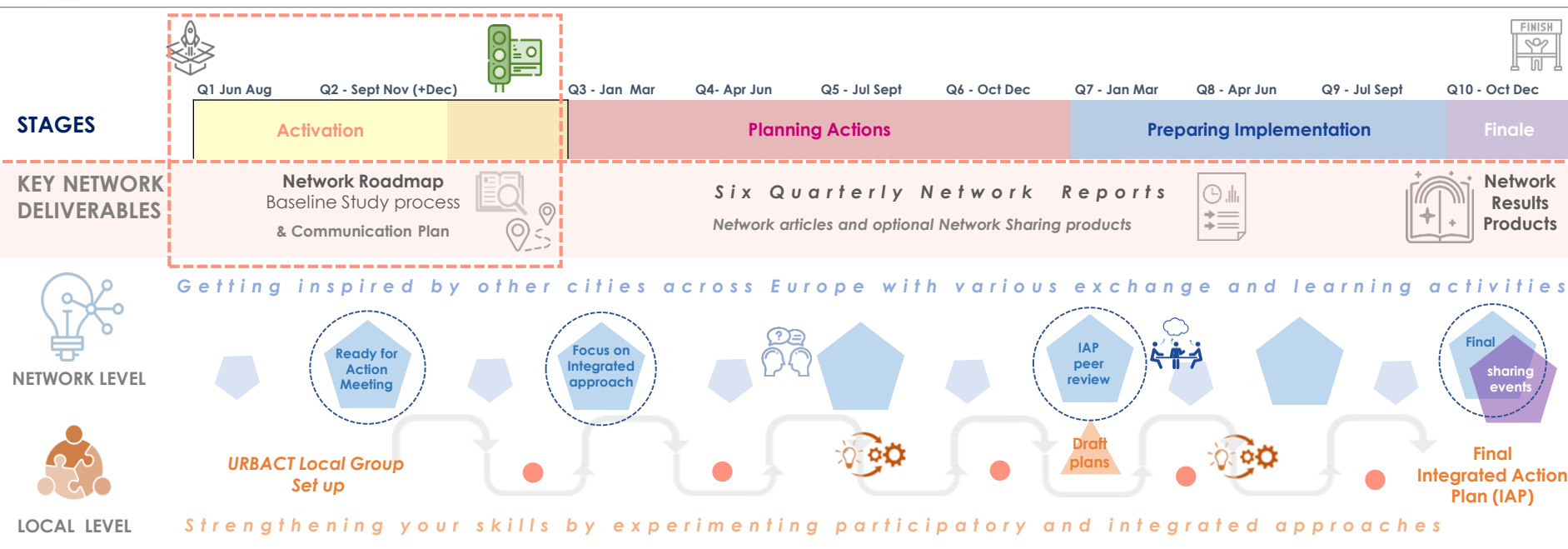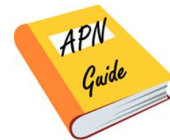- Propose any additional (customised) network level activities

STAGES

KEY NETWORK DELIVERABLES

Baseline Study process & Communication Plan

Six Quarterly Network Reports

Network articles and optional Network Sharing products

Network Results Products

NETWORK LEVEL

Getting inspired by other cities across Europe with various exchange and learning activities

- Ready for Action Meeting
- Focus on Integrated approach
- IAP peer review
- Final sharing events

LOCAL LEVEL

URBACT Local Group Set up

Draft plans

Final Integrated Action Plan (IAP)

Strengthening your skills by experimenting participatory and integrated approaches

- Think about in-person versus on-line activities (what best serves the specific purpose)
- Provide ideas around methodological approaches – meeting format, types of sessions…
- Make links between transnational and local activities
- Consider specific expertise needs and inputs

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

Capacity building activities, knowledge uptake and visibility activities, support with policy advocacy by national URBACT points

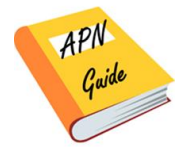# Standard and customised activities & outputs

STAGES

Q1 Jun Aug	Q2 - Sept Nov (+Dec)	Q3 - Jan Mar	Q4- Apr Jun	Q5 - Jul Sept	Q6 - Oct Dec	Q7 - Jan Mar	Q8 - Apr Jun	Q9 - Jul Sept	Q10 - Oct Dec
Activation		Planning Actions				Preparing Implementation			Finale

KEY NETWORK DELIVERABLES

Network Roadmap
Baseline Study process
& Communication Plan

Six Quarterly Network Reports
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The principles and ideas defined **in the application form** will be further developed and elaborated during the activation stage based on the Baseline Study process and duly described in the **Network Roadmaps**.

This process will be supported by network Lead experts.

The organisation of key activities and outputs

The activities in URBACT networks are always structured around 3 Work Packages (WPs):

- WP1 — Network Management

- WP2 — Network Level (Transnational) Activities

- WP3 — Local Level Activities

All work packages shall be considered the project proposal

Summary of network outputs (organised within work packages)

WP	\<Standard network outputs\> as required in application submission system synergie CTE			Customised Outputs to be developed by the network during the Activation stage	
	Type of Output	Quantity	When	Type of output	when
2	Network roadmap (Baseline study)	One per network	At the end of Activation stage		
2	Network communication plan	One per network	At the end of Activation stage		
2	Transnational Network meetings (Core network in-person meetings)	At least 6 (4 with pre-defined specific focus in each stage)	1 in Activation stage, 2 in Planning actions, 2 in Preparing implementation, 1 in Network Finale (with optional back to back final event)	Customised set of exchange and learning activities (in-person or online)	Notably during the Planning actions and preparing implementation stage
2	Quarterly Network Reports	6 per network	To be shared in Quarters 4 - 9	Optional set of sharing products to be foreseen by each network based on the communication plan	To be defined in communication plan
2	Network articles	At least 3 per network	1st at the end of Activation stage 2nd at the end of Planning Actions 3rd in network Finale		
2	Network Results Product/s	1 set per network	In Network Finale		
3	URBACT Local Group (contact list)	1 per partner	At the end of Activation stage (and later depending on updates)		
3	Integrated Action Plan	1 per partner	Lead Partner (with LE and PP inputs)		

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Initial principles and ideas around possible customised activities will be appreciated

Please don't forget about other activities (within 3 work packages)

Extract of the application form

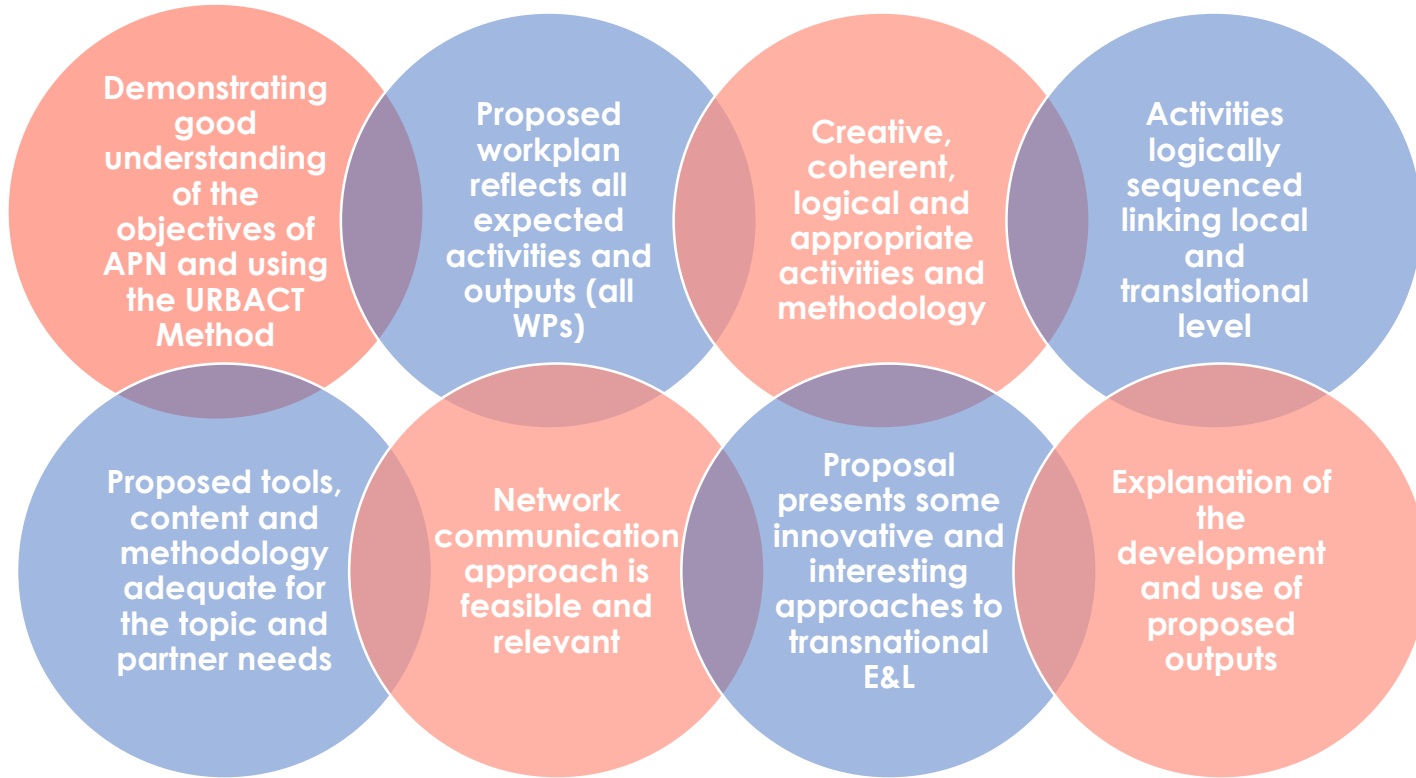| 1. ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS |
| --- |
| **4.1.   Description of Work Package 1 - Network management** |
| 4.1.1. Organisation of the project coordination |
| 4.1.2. Activities to be implemented under WP1 |
| **4.2.   Description of Work Package 2 – Network Level Activities** |
| 4.2.1. General framework for Network Level Activities |
| 4.2.2. Proposed approach to network communication |
| 4.2.3. Proposed content, tools and methods for the transnational exchange and learning activities |
| 4.2.4. Expected outputs under WP2 |
| **4.3   Description of Work Package 3 – Local Level Activities** |
| 4.3.1   General framework for Local Level Activities |
| 4.3.2   Short description of the principles for linking transnational activities under WP 2 and local activities WP3 |
| 4.3.3   Proposed approach to local level communication |
| 4.3.4   Expected outputs under WP3 |

Assessment criterion 3

Quality of the proposed methodology and activities (25%)

Demonstrating good understanding of the objectives of APN and using the URBACT Method

Proposed workplan reflects all expected activities and outputs (all WPs)

Creative, coherent, logical and appropriate activities and methodology

Activities logically sequenced linking local and translational level

Proposed tools, content and methodology adequate for the topic and partner needs

Network communication approach is feasible and relevant

Proposal presents some innovative and interesting approaches to transnational E&L

Explanation of the development and use of proposed outputs

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Holistic approach is required

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QUESTIONS TIME

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Key resources for building your application

Main documents:

- ✓ Terms of Reference
- ✓ Guide for applicants
- ✓ Programme Manual

All available at:

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Including the FAQ ;)

Find Partners!

Use the URBACT Partner Search Tool:

- Submit your network idea

- Look for partners

- Find a network idea to join

+ Don't hesitate to reach out to your National URBACT Points
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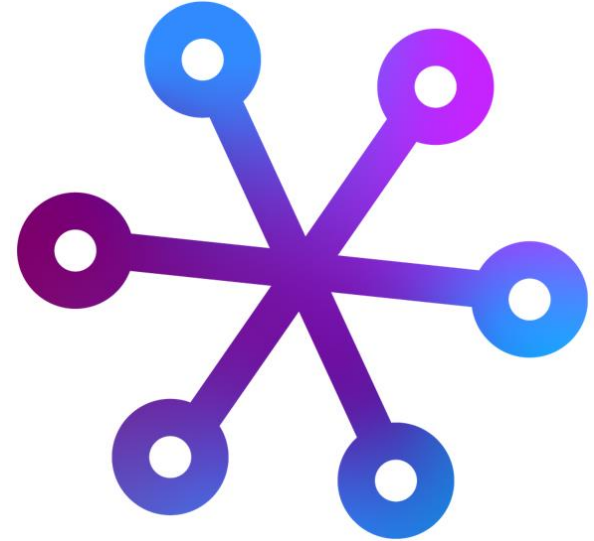Interreg

Digital transition: is your city keeping up?

Webinar on URBACT resources on DIGITAL TRANSITION

on Thursday 9th March at 10.00

Join [u]s to:

> Understand what digital transition means for cities

> Be aware of its potential for cities

> Better consider this challenge in your application

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The last poll for today

Has this info session been useful for you?

- ❑ Yes, everything is clear now
- ❑ I have much better understanding
- ❑ Somehow useful but still with lots of uncertainties
- ❑ This was not useful for me

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