



Urban Agenda Platform

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Sustainable and Circular Re-use of Spaces and Buildings

Region	Europe and Central Asia
Themes	Climate Change Environmental Resilience Resilience & Risk Reduction
Geographic scope	Global
Sustainable Development Goals	Goal 11 - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
New Urban Agenda Commitments	Sustainable Urban Development for Social Inclusion and Ending Poverty Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Prosperity and Opportunities for All Environmentally Sustainable and Resilient Urban Development

Summary

The Sustainable Use of Land and Nature based Solutions Partnership. This Partnership has defined its focus as being to: “ensure the efficient and sustainable use of land and natural resources to help create compact, liveable and inclusive European cities for everyone”. This general focus is underpinned by two objectives agreed by the Partnership: 1) to promote a liveable compactness city model and 2) to mainstream and promote Nature-Based Solutions as a tool for building sustainable and liveable urban spaces.

Background and Objective

Catalonia has been a member of one of the Urban Agenda Partnerships of the European Union, in the Sustainable Use of Land and Nature based Solutions Partnership. This Partnership has defined its focus as being to: “ensure the efficient and sustainable use of land and natural resources to help create compact, liveable and inclusive European cities for everyone”. This general focus is underpinned by two objectives agreed by the Partnership: 1) to promote a liveable compactness city model and 2) to mainstream and promote Nature-Based Solutions as a tool for building sustainable and liveable urban spaces.

A wide range of topics have been explored in the context of the Partnership, all related to the sustainable use and management of space land and other natural resources in urban development.

Outline of activities over the last four years

Being the leader of an Action, in that case the number 3, called “Identification and management of under used land and buildings”, which gave us the opportunity to join our partnership with the Circular Economy one, and elaborate a Handbook, called ” Sustainable and Circular Re-use of Spaces and Buildings”.

Outcomes and Impacts

The first key milestones in the life of the Partnership was the production of the Orientation Paper, this process was supported by the production of Scoping Fiches, following a period of Action area scoping, the next main milestone of the Partnership was the production of its Action Plan, following the presentation of the Action Plan, the Partnership embarked upon the implementation phase. The implementation of each Action has been led by an Action Leader, along with a working group of involved Partners. The implementation of Actions progressed between meetings, supported by communication amongst the small working group and the Partnership as a whole

Achievements



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The possibility to take part of a multilevel governance partnership to debate the different points of views.

- Elaboration of a Handbook, called "Sustainable and Circular Re-use of Spaces and Buildings".
- Be experts through looking for examples around Europe about this matter.
- Implement the results of the Partnership and be conscious of the necessity of the SDGs implementation.
- Align INCASÒL's activity through the SDGs

Partners

For the Handbook:

- Prato's Municipality and others, members of the partnership.

In the partnership:

- Member States: Poland (Coordinator), Italy, Cyprus, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Portugal, Slovenia;
- Cities: Bologna (IT, Coordinator), Antwerp (BE), Cork (IE), Lille (FR), Stavanger (NO), Stuttgart (DE), Zagreb (HR), Lisbon and Tagus Valley (PT, represented by CCDRLVT, Lisbon Regional Coordination and Development Commission);
- European Institutions: European Commission (DG REGIO, DG ENV, DG R&I, Joint Research Centre – JRC), European Investment Bank (EIB);
- Stakeholders: INCASÒL, EUROCITIES, ICLEI, European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN);
- Observers: URBACT, The Netherlands.