

Urban Innovative Actions Initiative (UIA) – 3rd Call

European Union - ERDF

Budget:	between EUR 80-100 million	Submission deadline:	30/03/2018, 14h00 CET
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01. Beneficiaries

- **Any urban authority** of a local administrative unit defined according to the degree of urbanisation as city, town or suburb comprising **at least 50 000 inhabitants**
 - **Any association or grouping of urban authorities of local administrative units** defined according to the degree of urbanisation as city, town or suburb **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
- However, in order to articulate an eligible project, it is **compulsory to establish an UIA Partnership**. The partnership needs to include two more kind of partners:
- **Delivery Partners:** being any organisation with the exception of urban authorities, seen as relevant for the successful delivery of the project. Delivery Partners (institutions, agencies - even if fully owned by municipalities/city councils, higher education institutes, private sector partners, associations, NGOs etc.). These partners are beneficiaries and so **they will have a share of the project budget** and will report the costs incurred for the delivery of the activities.
 - **Wider group of stakeholders:** including for example local, regional, national and EU institutions, agencies, organisations and associations, and will not have a direct role in the project implementation. They will therefore **not have a specific budget allocated** neither explicit responsibilities in the project implementation but are considered as relevant to ensure a smooth and effective delivery of the project.

02. Abstract

UIA can support pilot **projects that are too risky to be funded by traditional sources of funding provided that they are highly innovative and experimental**.

The Commission's desire is to see projects proposed that bring forth **creative, innovative and durable solutions to address the various challenges identified** (see thematic coverage down here).

- **Projects thematic coverage** ([check this document for deepening into those thematic coverage, pages 9 to 20](#)):
 - Adaptation to Climate Change
 - Air quality
 - Housing
 - Jobs and Skills in the local economy
- **Projects duration:** up to 3 years
- **Projects budget:** from € 1 to € 5 million
- **Funding intensity:** 80% of the eligible costs, the rest has to be funded by own funds.
- **Payments:** 50% within 90 days form grant signature, 30% after approval of an interim progress report and project expenditure verified by the First Level Controller, 20% after the submission and approval of the Final Progress Report.

- **Application process:** the application process is 100% paperless through the use of UIA's Electronic Exchange Platform (EEP).
- **Application documents:** application form and a scanned signed Confirmation sheet
- **Indicative Resolution date:** 10/2018
- **Indicative start date of the projects:** 11/2018

Link with the **application pack and the electronic submission system:** <http://www.uia-initiative.eu/en/call-proposals>

04. Eligible expenditure

- Staff
- Office and administration
- Travel and accommodation
- External expertise and services
- Equipment
- Infrastructure and construction works

04. Evaluation criteria

- **Innovativeness** (40% of weighting) – To what extent is the applicant able to demonstrate that the project proposal is new (not been previously tested and implemented on the ground in the urban area concerned and elsewhere in EU) and that has a clear potential to add value?
- **Partnership** (15% of weighting) – To what extent is the involvement of key stakeholders (Associated Urban Authorities if any, Delivery Partners and Wider group of stakeholders) relevant for the implementation of the project?
- **Measurability** (15% of weighting) – To what extent will the project deliver measurable results?
- **Transferability** (10% of weighting) - To what extent will the project be transferable to other urban areas across Europe?
- **Quality of the proposal** (20% of weighting) - The feasibility, consistency and coherence of the work plan, quality of the management structures proposed, coherence and proportionality of the budget, quality of the communication activities proposed.