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# FÓRUM PRO MĚSTA

**Tvorba a šíření inovací  
pro zlepšování kvality života ve městech**

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# Driving change for better cities

## Keynote speech

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# Driving change for better cities

What's happening  
in the cities?

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# Population growth





## Resilience to multiple shocks







# Green areas and public spaces





# Proximity and time-based urbanism







# Housing crisis and gentrification







# Civic engagement and collaborative governance





# Urban-rural dynamic







## Rise of medium-sized cities







## Use of EU funds



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# City diplomacy



**Driving  
change  
for better  
cities**

**The urban policies  
of the EU**

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# [ The Leipzig Charter (2007)

Integrated urban development  
and place-based approach to  
strengthen European cities



# [ La ville durable (2008)

Three dimensions of urban sustainability (environmental, economic and social)



# Pact of Amsterdam (2016)

**Better Regulation, Better Funding  
and Better Knowledge**



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# [ The New Leipzig Charter (2020)

The transformative power of cities for common good and the role of multilevel governance



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**EU Tools and  
programs for  
the cities**

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**Action Planning Networks,  
Innovation Transfer  
Networks and Transfer  
Networks for sustainable  
integrated development in  
European cities**

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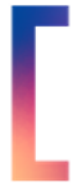
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# From Urban Innovative Action to European Urban Initiative

From the support to disruptive innovation in cities (UIA projects) to a variety of tools for addressing urban challenges (EUI Innovative Actions, SUD Peer Reviews, City-to-City Exchange)



# [ Urban Agenda for the EU

Thematic partnerships collaboration between public authorities and key stakeholders on Action Plans and multilevel dialogue for innovative policies



# From International Urban Cooperation (IUC) to International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC)

Global international cooperation between cities and regions on sustainable urban development





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## Success stories

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# URBACT - 2nd Chance



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# URBACT – BioCanteens







# URBACT – Tourism-Friendly Cities



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# URBACT – Cities After Dark





# URBACT – REMOTE\_IT







## UIA – CartujaQanat (Seville)





## UIA – CLAIRO (Ostrava)



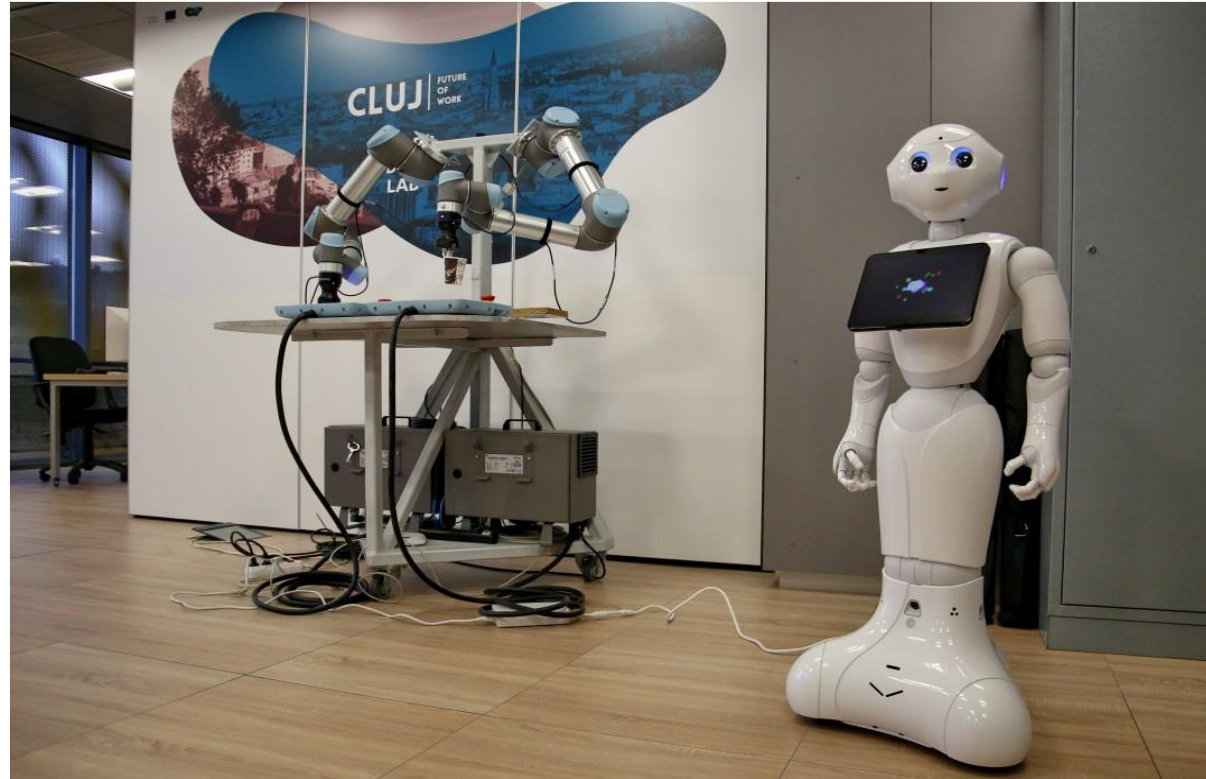
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## UIA – Cluj Future of Work (Cluj-Napoca)





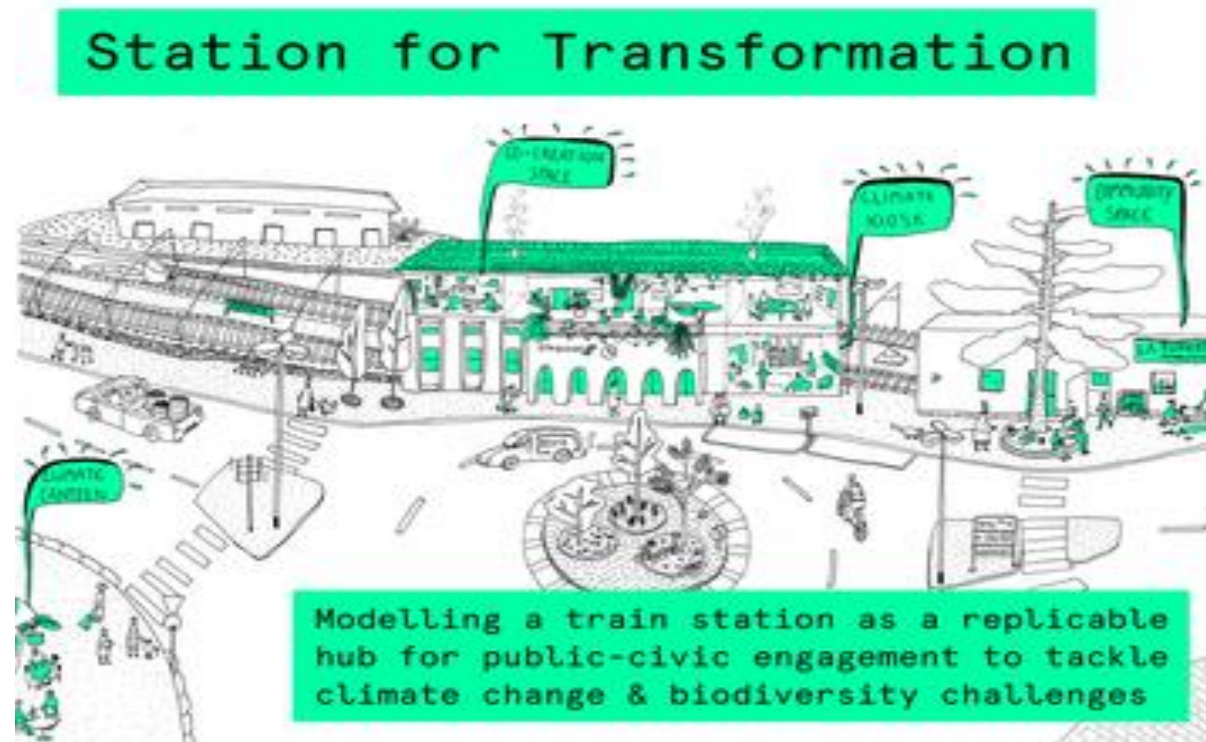


# UIA – Co-City – URBACT – Co4Cities (Turin)





## EUI - S4T Station 4 Transformation (Rovereto)





# EUI – City-to-City Exchange Lille Metropole-Turin







## IURC – Rome-Barranquilla





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**Next steps and  
opportunities**

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# URBACT Call for Good Practices

Participatory, integrated, relevant and transferable good practices that will receive visibility at European level and can lead URBACT Transfer Networks (2025)



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 **BECOME AN URBACT GOOD PRACTICE CITY!**

 Call for Good Practices  
15 April-30 June 2024

What are we looking for?

# EUI Call for Innovative Actions

Energy Transition and Technology in Cities are the main topics of the call for 3.5 years projects funded for maximum €5 million (ERDF) for testing innovative actions and transferring innovative approaches to other cities



# EUI City-to-City Exchanges

A capacity building activity promoting bilateral or trilateral visits and online meetings on common urban challenges







**THANKS!**

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