

# **RESILIENCE IN ACTION:**

How the European Union is Shaping Livable Urban Spaces

20 november 2024









#### **AGENDA**

10:15 - EU support for sustainable urban development

10:30 - Belgium at the forefront of urban innovation

12:00 - URBACT & EUI opportunities

12:30 – Lunch

13:30 – Breakout sessions (Housing & Green Cities)

15:30 - Closure







#### **TEAM**

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## **Alain Van Raek DG REGIO**



# Belgium at the forefront of urban innovation

- · La Louvière Silvana Russo & Justine Colson
- Antwerp Birgit Soetewey
- Community Land Trust Brussels Thibault Leroy

# Questions?





# **URBACT & EUI opportunities**



### **URBACT & European Urban Initiative**

Launched in 2002

# **URBACT**

**Networks** 

**Capacity-Building** 

Communication Knowledge-sharing



Innovative actions

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Communication Knowledge-sharing



Close collaboration & common national contact point

#### Timeline 2025



**Peer Reviews Call** 

#### City to city exchange permanent Call

**Transfer Network Call** 

URBACT City Festival Focused
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#### What is a Peer Review?



- WHAT: An activity aimed at helping cities to design/improve their Sustainable
   Urban Development strategies
- ➤ HOW (method): throughout exchange and joint work with peers around Europe
- > WHO, 2 possible roles: City under Review or Peer Reviewer
- ▶ Main milestone: 2-day event that brings together 3 Cities under Review, each with their group of 6 Peer Reviewers
- ▷ It's a process, goes beyond the actual event

More details: About EUI Peer Reviews | EUI (urban-initiative.eu)

# EUI City-to-city exchange

- Brings together a city facing a specific problem related to sustainable urban development ('the applicant')
- And another 1-2 cities from a different EU Member State with expertise to help tackle this challenge ('the peer')
- ➤ Simple application form, quickly implemented visit (between 2 and 5 days)
- Depends entirely on city needs and the challenge they wish to put forward!
- Dopen to all cities (in category DEGURBA 1 or 2)
- Ongoing Call Apply when you need.







More: <a href="https://www.urban-initiative.eu/capacity-building/pilot-call-c2c-exchanges">https://www.urban-initiative.eu/capacity-building/pilot-call-c2c-exchanges</a>

#### **URBACT Transfer Network Call**



#### 116 good practices selected

Get the opportunity to test one good practice in your local context

- 5 to 8 partners
- 2,5 years

The call opens in April 2025



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- <u>Subscribe</u> to our newsletter
- Have a look at our national webpages
  - EUI webpage
  - URBACT Belgique
  - URBACT België
- Fill in the « my project » form (in <u>fr</u> and <u>nl</u>)
- Portico <u>Urban Matchmaker</u>
- Meet us at the stand EUI & URBACT

#### Vos projets

Dîtes nous en plus sur vos projets afin que nous puissions vous relayer les meilleures opport

- \* Obligatoire
- 1. Nom \*

Entrez votre réponse

2. Prénom \*

Entrez votre réponse

3. Organisation/Ville \*

Entrez votre réponse



# Thanks for your attention!

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