JPI Urban Europe

THE KNOWLEDGE HUB FOR URBAN TRANSITIONS

SUPPORT EUROPE’S CITIES IN THEIR TRANSITION TOWARDS A SMART URBAN FUTURE

20 COUNTRIES ACTIVELY SUPPORT JPI URBAN EUROPE AND PARTICIPATE IN ITS ACTIVITIES

The joint programming initiative (JPI) Urban Europe was established in 2010 to address the global urban challenges of today with the ambition to develop a European research and innovation hub on urban matters and create European solutions by means of coordinated research. As of today, 20 European countries engage in JPI Urban Europe and targeted efforts are being made to reach out to new countries in Europe as well as internationally.

JPI Urban Europe welcomes anyone with a drive and concern to improve 21st century urban life. Our mission is to develop knowledge, tools and platforms for dialogue on urban transitions. Our task is to connect public authorities, civil society, scientists, innovators, business and industry to provide a new environment for urban research and innovation. We offer experimental zones and long-term research infrastructures in a broad sense.

- JPI Urban Europe
  Members: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom
  Observers: Estonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkey

- China
  Joint call under development, relationships with various organisations established (funding agencies, research organisations, urban planning organisations)

- Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, Qatar, USA, South Africa, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei
  Joint call related to Belmont Forum and SUGI

- New Zealand, India, Canada
  Exploration of cooperation opportunities
Since 2012, JPI Urban Europe has launched annual calls addressing specific areas and priorities in the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, until today more than 70 projects have been funded and 80 Mill EUR granted. The number of national funding agencies supporting the calls and allocated budgets has continually increased over time. The call “Making Cities work” launched in 2017 piloted and realised a challenge driven approach with cities as main stakeholders. Cities were involved already in the process of developing the call and as active partners in the projects, ensuring the relevance of the outcomes.

To date, approximately 450 project partners across Europe and beyond are involved in projects funded by JPI Urban Europe calls. Partners include universities, research organisations, city administrations, business and non profit organisations. Implementation of new solutions can often be hindered by institutional and cultural barriers but by facilitating co-creation and science-policy cooperation across national borders in projects, the introduction of new urban practices is enabled and behaviour changes triggered.

ENSCC = ERA-NET Cofound Smart Cities and Communities, ENSUF = ERA-NET Cofound Smart Urban Futures, SUGI = Sustainable Urbanisation Global Initiative, MCW = Making Cities Work
30 + URBAN LIVING LABS, 20 + EVENTS AND SEMINARS SINCE 2015, 3400 NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

PROVIDING EXPERIMENTAL ZONES AND DIALOGUE FORUMS

Nearly half of the 73 JPI Urban Europe funded projects apply urban living labs approaches. Urban living labs are arenas for experimentation, innovation and transformation, while providing test grounds in a real-world environment. Urban living labs address various issues including urban governance, water management, e-participation, mobility management, interethnic coexistence, stakeholder involvement, etc.

30+ URBAN LIVING LABS ACROSS EUROPE

THE AGORA – TEAMING UP ACROSS SECTORS

AGORA - The JPI Urban Europe Stakeholder Platform is the place for urban administration, business and societal actors to engage together with researchers with the aim to exchange research needs, discuss research results and promote good practice and reflect future R&I priorities and strategies. Events of different sizes and formats are organized regularly, from thematic workshops to elaborate recommendations for future calls or pressing urban issues up to a symposium series to continuously drive the discussion on urban transition and conferences with high visibility in Brussels.

For more visit: www.jpi-urbaneurope.eu/agora.
The Urban Europe Research Alliance (UERA) is a network of research performing organisations that strives to build critical mass and strengthen research and innovation capabilities. Until mid 2018, 43 organisations have joined the network. Among these, about 50% are universities, 40% are public research organisations and 10% are other public or private organisations.