URBAN EUROPE

AN OVERVIEW OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

By projects in ERA-NET Cofund Smart Urban Futures

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ABOUT

JPI Urban Europe funds research and innovation that aims for concrete positive and evidence-based impact on policymaking in urban areas. Many of the supported projects bring forward policy recommendations as a means for impact and long-term effect of their project's findings. The transnational research- and innovation projects funded in ERA-NET Cofund Smart Urban Futures call (ENSUF) set out in 2017 to work on urgent and long-term urban challenges through co-creation and multi-stakeholder methods.

Since then, stakeholders in over 65 cities and 20 countries have been involved in the 15 projects and the three call topics: 1) Concepts and strategies for smart urban transformation, growth and shrinkage 2) New dynamics of public services and 3) Inclusive, vibrant and accessible urban communities.

The following is an overview of some of the projects policy recommendations for smart and sustainable urban futures, grouped into three policy arenas:

1. URBAN GROWTH AND DECLINE

About #ShrinkingCities, #IndustrialTowns, #Migration and #UrbanManufacturing

2. FLOOD RESILIENT CITIES

About #FloodPrevention, #FloodGovernance and #CitizenScience

3. IMPROVING URBAN NEIGHBOURHOODS

About #SocialHousing, #UrbanIntermediaries, #PublicSpace and #Libraries

The policy recommendations have been promoted via a variety of channels, from the Urban Lunch Talks, to the results catalogue, in social media and at a wide range of conferences throughout the projects duration. You can learn more in ENSUF special edition newsletter.

Some of the following policy recommendations gives access to more than one recommendation when you follow the link provided. Recommendations marked with ∗ are in the format of instruments and tools.

1. URBAN GROWTH AND DECLINE

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Urban Living Labs in the regeneration of large-scale social housing estates - by SOHOLAB

A series of recommendations for policy makers, designers, urbanists, planners, architects and researchers to improve regeneration actions, strategies, policies and plans based on experiences in Brussels, Milan and Paris.

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Addressing the gendered dynamics of asylum seeker and refugee integration provision in urban areas of Italy, Cyprus, Scotland and Sweden: Key findings and recommendations - by GLIMER

Where can governments intervene on gender and displacement? These policy briefs (one brief based on findings in each country) cover issues of evidence-based approached, homelessness, accommodation, educational trainings, labour market access, women's groups and political participation.

Asylum accommodation governance in urban areas of Italy, Cyprus, Scotland and Sweden: Key findings and recommendations - by GLIMER

These policy briefs (one brief based on findings in each country) cover issues of reception and housing management, capacity of third sector associations and the impact on social services, integration and neighbourhoods.

Language training for asylum seekers and newcomers in urban areas of Italy, Cyprus, Scotland and Sweden: Key findings and recommendations - by GLIMER

These policy briefs (one brief based on findings in each country) cover issues of education providers to improve informal barriers, tracking progression, distribution of resources and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages).

Improving access to the labour market for refugees in urban areas of Italy, Cyprus, Scotland and Sweden: Key findings and recommendations - by GLIMER

These policy briefs (one brief based on findings in each country) cover issues of decentralisation of policy-making powers, changes to the legislation governing refugees, indicators, employment services, regulations between stakeholders, re-allocation of funds, gender mainstreaming and more.

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A strategic guide for developing urban policies in industrial towns - by BRIGHT FUTURE

A guide to develop specific policies in (post)industrial small towns with emphasis on fostering social innovations based on industrial culture, featuring detailed policy recommendations for five European towns.

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Smart Shrinkage Solutions: Fostering Resilient Cities in Inner Peripheries of Europe - by 3S RECIPE

A series of policy recommendations about mitigating and reversing urban population decline and to help shrinking cities adapt, transform and thrive.

Coming soon: https://urbanresilience.web.ox.ac.uk

3S RECIPE on Youtube

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Foundries of the Future: A Guide For 21st Century Cities of Making - by Cities of Making

These are 12 policy recommendations about investment in urban manufacturing and the opportunities available for public policy to stimulate the sector.

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2. FLOOD RESILIENT CITIES

About #FloodPrevention, #FloodGovernance and #CitizenScience

✳ Citizens and cities to prepare and respond better to urban pluvial floods - by FloodCitiSense

By using low-cost sensors and web-based technologies, citizens can be actively involved in urban flooding management and help reduce the vulnerability of urban areas, and citizens, to pluvial floods.

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Available in English, French and Dutch.

✳ Flood-resilient cities start at home - by FLOODLABEL

About risk communication, legislative measures, responsibilities, and to coordinate private action and public regulation

PDF In Dutch: https://www.verdus.nl/assets/uploads/2020/10/Beleidssamenvatting-FLOODLABEL.pdf

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✳ = Instruments and tools

3. IMPROVING URBAN NEIGHBOURHOODS [1]

About #SocialHousing, #UrbanIntermediaries, #PublicSpace and #Libraries

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✳ Making the city together: A new way of improving neighbourhoods and cities through learning loops - by LOOPER

The LOOPER model shows how community-based visioning and design can lead to better neighbourhoods and gives examples from Brussels, Manchester and Verona.

Policy recommendations available in English, Italian, French and Dutch.

More policy recommendations in Looper Synthesis Report for policy makers coming soon at: https://looperproject.eu/recommendations

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Social transformation in urban neighbourhoods - Supporting smart urban intermediation - by SmartUrbI

How to support inhabitants and community makers to develop practical, cost-effective solutions that aligns with local circumstances.

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A guide for enhancing the quality of the public realm and how to handle the difficulties on the exploitation of public goods - by C3Places

The C3Places Exploitation plan is backed by the experiences in four European cities and the project is underway with a policy brief about co-creating inclusive public spaces.

Comingsoon: https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/coming-soon-policy-brief-about-co-creating-inclusive-public-spaces/

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✳ A guide for place - and activity-centric digital library services - by PLACED

Learn how dynamic digital services help libraries transform into vibrant urban innovation hubs, by supporting knowledge creation activities among citizens – knowledges that becomes part of the community's ever-growing shared resources.

Coming soon in French and English at: https://placedproject.eu/

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Innovative solutions for neighbourhood transformation: Ecological, qualitative and tailor-made land activation - by CAPA.CITY

These are recommendations for refurbishment and upgrade of existing housing and neighbourhoods, and how to achieve positive outcomes around job creation, the environment and social cohesion in the process.

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[1] *On the topic of "Improving Urban Neighbourhoods" you can learn more from the ENSUF projects Smart Pedestrian Net, Urban Education Live, CAPA.CITY, and SMART-U-GREEN.*

READ MORE

▶ About the ENSUF call and a list of supported projects:

https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/calls/ensuf-call/

▶ Special edition newsletter about ENSUF project results (November 2020):

https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/news/special-edition-newsletter-to-celebrate-15-finalised-projects-in-era-net-cofund-smart-urban-futures-ensuf/

▶ ENSUF projects results catalogue:

https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/app/uploads/2020/09/FINAL_ENSUF-Projects-Results-Catalogue-2020-20200928.pdf