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# Overview

- ▶ Established by: **JPI Urban Europe and Horizon 2020**
- ▶ Application: **2-step**
- ▶ Call budget: **Approx. 18.4 M€**
- ▶ Countries: **14 (16 partners)**



# Timeline

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- ▶ **Call opening:** 29 January 2021
  - ▶ **Pre-proposal deadline:** 15 April 2021
  - ▶ **Invitations to submit full proposal:** June 2021
  - ▶ **Full proposal deadline:** 23 September 2021
  - ▶ **Expected evaluation results:** December 2021
  - ▶ **Start of projects:** December 2021 - March 2022
  - ▶ **Projects end:** 2025

# About the call

- ▶ The call welcomes a broad range of research and innovation projects that **enable and support capacity building for urban transformations**.
- ▶ In this call, **‘urban transformation capacities’** is defined as the process of building capacities such as skills, insights, tools, organisational and personal capabilities, working methods and processes, access to experiences and verifiable knowledge.
- ▶ Projects should clearly build upon previous experiences of **building capacity in practice and build upon existing knowledge of transformation capacities** towards urban sustainability, resilience and livability.
- ▶ **Projects should address at least one of the three call topics** but may relate to several call topics if it considers a crosscutting subject or an issue that is at the frontier of several topics.

# Call topics



## 1. Urban Circular Economies:

*This implies functional urban design in support of circular systems, the use of nature-based solutions – that is actions for societal challenges that are inspired by processes and functioning of nature – and for supporting circularity in resource use and waste management strategies, business models and smart city developments for the common good.*



## 2. Community-based Developments and Urban Innovation Ecosystems:

*This implies innovative neighbourhoods which enable social innovation and local entrepreneurs, inhabitant engagement, co-creation and co-design to support liveable, just, inclusive and attractive neighbourhoods.*



## 3. Robust and Resilient Urban Infrastructure and Built Environment:

*This implies an urban infrastructure and a built environment that can resist natural, environmental, social, economic and technological threats on smaller and larger scales based on efficient use of resources. It also implies fair access to urban infrastructure and the built environment.*

# Types of research and innovation supported

This call is open for proposals referring to a broad range of project types:

- ▶ **Strategic Urban Research:**

- ▶ Advance towards answering the question: “How do cities really function?”, in a way that can be generalised and add to the universal body of knowledge about cities and serve as a foundation for future research.

- ▶ **Applied Urban Research:**

- ▶ Advance towards answering the questions: “How do cities really function?” in a way that can be generalised and add to the universal body of knowledge about cities and serve as a foundation for future research. “What works, when attempting to improve cities?” in a way that can be generalised enough to serve as useful knowledge for decision makers and practitioners.

- ▶ **Urban Innovation and Implementation:**

- ▶ Advance towards the development, implementation, demonstration, testing, evaluation, and uptake of approaches for new products, services, policies, practices, and processes, with potential for improving sustainability in cities.

# Aims, approaches and recommendations for proposals

- ▶ *Projects resulting from this call are expected to:*
- ▶ **Support integrated approaches and solutions** for sustainable urban development, based on cutting edge transformative change
- ▶ Focus on **capacity building for a sustainable urban transformation** and **connect to earlier** transnational, European, national and regional research and innovation actions
- ▶ Include **trans-sectoral and transdisciplinary research and/or innovation and holistic approaches** which make clear progress in tackling urban challenges and finding human-centred solutions
- ▶ **Include diversity** (including gender dimension) or specific populations' considerations
- ▶ Involve **relevant urban stakeholders**: be cross-sectional involving actors from the public sector, private sector, academia and civil society
- ▶ Meet **existing priorities, needs and challenges of urban government authorities**



# Who can apply?

- ▶ Research organisations
- ▶ Urban government authorities
- ▶ Companies and commercial organisations
- ▶ Consumers
- ▶ Civil society \*

- ▶ ...and other **stakeholders dedicated to the development of European urban areas**
- ▶ Project consortium consisting of at **least three eligible applicants** from at least **three participative countries**
- ▶ Consortia must consist primarily of eligible fundable applicants **active in different parts** of the research and innovation system
- ▶ Consortia must include at least one urban government authority partner, and preferably at least one representative from companies and commercial organisations, consumers or civil society\*\*

\*Please note that a specific funding agency may not fund each type of organisation. For further information see Annex A in [the call text](#).

\*\*Either as a Main Applicant, Co-applicant, or Cooperation Partner, depending on the national eligibility criteria outlined in Annex A.



# Participating countries and partners

Country	Partner
Austria	FFG
Belgium	FWO Innoviris
Bulgaria	BNSF
Estonia	FTAg
France	ANR
Latvia	VIAA
Lithuania	RCL
The Netherlands	NWO Regieorgaan SIA

Country	Partner
Norway	RCN
Poland	NCN
Portugal	FRCT
Romania	UEFISCDI
Spain	AEI
Sweden	Formas SWEA

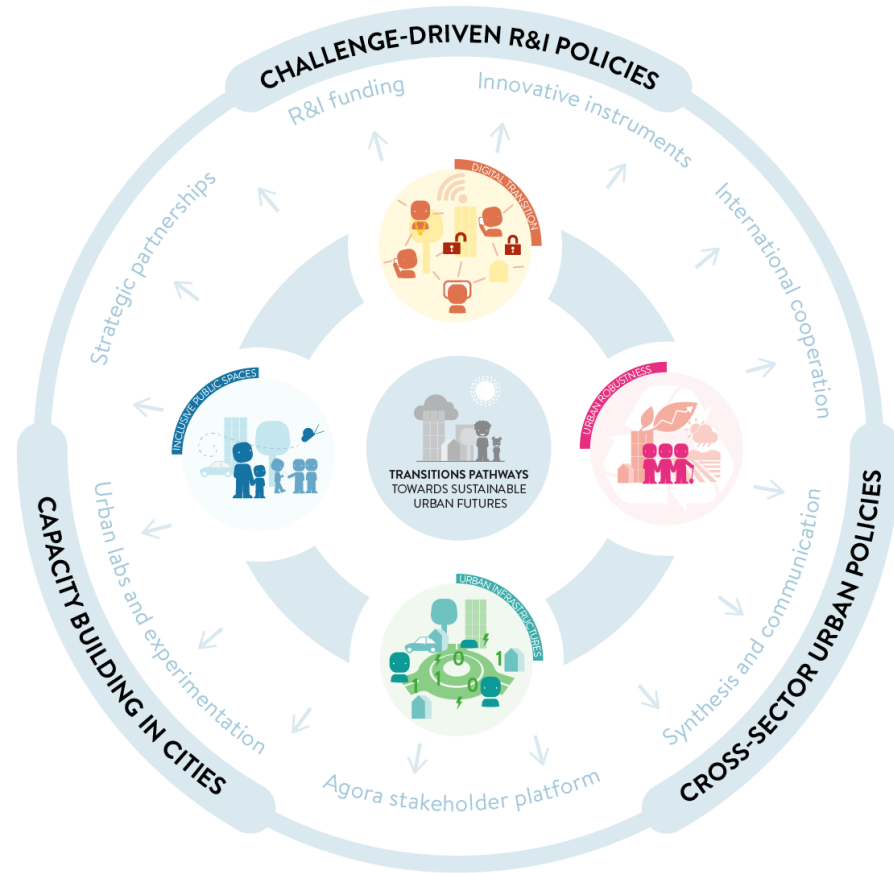
# Become a member of the JPI Urban Europe Community

## Network access

- ▶ Researchers
- ▶ Practitioners
- ▶ Stakeholders
- ▶ Experts in urban development
- ▶ Etc.

## Programme activities

- ▶ Programme seminars
- ▶ Dissemination of results
- ▶ A central programme website
- ▶ Etc.



# Upcoming call activities

## Information webinar for applicants

- ▶ 18 February, 13.00-14.30 CET, online

## Matchmaking webinar

- ▶ 9 March 10.00-12.00 CET, online

## LinkedIn group

- ▶ For self-organised matchmaking and networking

# More information

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