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***Cohesion policy
support for capacity
building in integrated
urban transitions***

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Reinforced urban dimension of cohesion policy 2021-2027

ERDF Art. 11 – Sustainable Urban Development

Min. 8% of the national ERDF allocation shall be directed towards integrated territorial development focused on urban areas

- To more effectively tackle **the economic, environmental, climate, demographic and social challenges** affecting urban areas, with special attention to **green and digital transition** and **functional urban areas**

Policy Objective 5 ‘A Europe Closer to citizens’

Dedicated Specific objective 5.1 - Foster economic, social, and environmental sustainability and resilience in the urban context

- Cross-cutting territorial policy objective
- Integrated approach, wide coverage of thematic areas

Minimum requirements for investments in integrated territorial development



Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies

<https://urban.jrc.ec.europa.eu/#/en/urbanstrategies>

STRAT-Board Mapping Tool:

<https://urban.jrc.ec.europa.eu/strat-board/#/where>

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European Urban Initiative



Strand A. Support of Innovative Actions

- Testing of new solutions to urban challenges of EU relevance
- Spreading of innovation - scaling-up and transfer of tested solutions, in particular, to Cohesion Policy



Strand B. Support of Capacity and Knowledge Building, Territorial Impact Assessments, Policy Development and Communication

- Capacity building of cities designing and implementing integrated sustainable urban development strategies – peer learning, space for exchange
- Access to thematic & horizontal knowledge and know-how – Knowledge Sharing Platform, capitalization (Policy Labs, Thematic Reviews for Policy), Urban Contact Points
- **Budget allocation:** EUR 450 million from the ERDF for 2021-2027

Launch of activities: in 2022



Coordination and complementarity with URBACT IV

- Capacity building of cities in sustainable urban development and practices by transnational networking of cities and capitalization activities

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Learn more:

Urban Development Network webinar series in 2021 - Urban Innovative Actions, achievements and perspectives:

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/conferences/udn_uia/

Urban Agenda for the EU webinar series in 2021 - How are urban initiatives and actions supporting Green, Just and Productive Cities in the EU?

<https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/urban-agenda/events/series-webinars-2021-how-are-urban-initiatives-and-actions-supporting-green-just-and-productive>

EU R&I For cities with cities: Yearly urban mapping, June 2021:

<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/1a11dc10-edba-11eb-a71c-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF>

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