



# European frameworks for urban sustainable development

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on urban sustainable development,  
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# **1 - What makes cities particularly important for SD?**

# Shared European visions & principles of urban development

- *Places of advanced social progress*
- *Platforms for democracy, cultural dialogue and diversity*
- *Places of green, ecological or environmental regeneration*
- *Places of attraction and engines of economic growth*

**(Leipzig Charter and Toledo declaration)**

1. Size of the  
economic base

2. Income  
distribution

Economic decline  
or stagnation

Decoupling of economic growth  
and social development

Increasing income disparities

Conflicts between communities

Shrinking/ageing cities

Resource inefficiency /  
Urban sprawl

3. Cultural  
diversity

4. Age  
composition

5. Environmental pressure

Regional &  
Urban Policy

**SD at risk**

## **2 - What does DG Regional and Urban Policy offer for cities in order to achieve urban SD?**

# A large share of the ERDF funding goes to cities

- *Obligation to every Member State to devote at least 5% of total investments under ERDF to integrated sustainable urban development*
- *Estimation of nearly half of future funding spent in urban areas in one way or another*
- *50 and 80 percent of their European Regional Development fund (ERDF) investments on ICT, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and the low-carbon economy.*

# A link to the urban dimension of EU policies

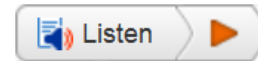
DG/ Agency	Policy/ Regulation	Targeting Cities/ local	Local projects	Studies/ research	Tools
CLIMA	X	X		X	X
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EMPL	X	X	X		
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MOVE	X	X	X		X
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## Urban Issues at stake

Green cities

Open cities

Resilience in cities

Innovative cities

Creative cities

Urban dimension of cohesion policy

Cooperation and exchange of experience between cities

Support for cities

International cooperation

Urban platforms and initiatives

Reports, studies, surveys, data collection

## Urban Issues at stake

Under the series of themes below, you will find an **inventory of the various programmes and in which are funded by the European Commission and which have an urban dimension**. A link relevant web addresses on Europa or beyond is provided under each entry. In addition, some recommendations are provided to European associations or research consortia.

### Green cities

### Sustainable mobility in cities

- ▶ The urban dimension of the EU transport policy
- ▶ ELTIS: the main European portal on Urban mobility
- ▶ CIVITAS

### Environmentally-friendly cities

- ▶ The urban dimension of the EU environmental policy



# Reference Framework for European Sustainable Cities

- An interactive web-tool designed for cities created by Member States (led by France) with support of Commission
- To facilitate integrated and sustainable urban development through better dialogue and tools:
  - to develop a sustainable urban strategy or project;
  - to check the integrated approach of an urban strategy or project;
  - to monitor the progress over time.



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**3 - How to achieve  
a good collaboration  
between the different political  
levels for urban SD/sustainable  
cities?**

1. Size of the  
economic base

2. Income  
distribution

Future orientation

Living with change

*'Relevant excellence'*

Inclusive society & economy

Diversity as an asset

Resource efficiency and resilience

3. Cultural  
diversity

4. Age  
composition

**Sustainable  
cities**

5. Environmental  
pressure

## *We need to **invest in our cities...***

...but not just question of levels of investment

- *We need adopt an **integrated territorial approach***
- *within **new governance frameworks***
- *with new ways of **working across sectoral boundaries***
- *with a **wider set of partners**, including citizens*
- *focusing on **long-term shared diagnosis and objectives***



# Thank you for your attention!

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