

Getting started on UrSEnE

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OUTLINE

- › **Role of Lead Expert**
- › **The Baseline Study**
- › **EU ‘state of the art’**
- › **Relevant EU policy**
- › **EU funding programmes**
- › **City practice from across Europe**
- › **Conclusions for UrSEnE**
- › **Focusing the project**
- › **For EU ‘added value’**
- › **Action in Cesena**
- › **The URBACT Local Support Group**
- › **The URBACT Local Action Plan**

ROLE OF LEAD EXPERT

- › **Consultant to the project paid by the URBACT programme**

- › **Contract with the URBACT JTS with specified tasks – agreed with Lead Partner**

- › **Main tasks in Development Phase**
 - **Baseline Study – the starting point & to focus the project**
 - **Support Lead Partner & others in their tasks eg partnership, work programme, final application**
 - **Not financial planning, administration, website etc**

BASELINE STUDY – 3 parts

- › **EU ‘state of the art’**
- › **Partner profiles – the ‘state of play’ in each city & non-city partner organisation**
- › **Synthesis – key issues to inform preparation of the work programme in Implementation Phase + Final Application**

EU 'State of the art'

- › **EU policy relevant for sustainable energy work at local level**

- › **Some key issues for local energy planning**
 - **No doubt on need for local action**
 - **Strategies must cover many sectors (eg energy supply, buildings, transport, citizen behaviour) in an integrated way**
 - **Demanding technical expertise, measurement, monitoring – evidence + political leadership & resources**
 - **Guidance & support needed**
 - **Effective partnership is essential**

Summary of EU policy

- › **On urban sustainability (from Aalborg to Leipzig) – but no solid urban policy at EU level**

- › **EU Sustainable Development Strategy (EU-SDS)**
 - **promotes shift to low carbon economy, resource efficiency, sustainable mobility**
 - **initiatives like ETAP & EU Recovery Plan**

- › **EU energy policy**
 - **climate & energy package**
 - **Directives (existing eg AQ, EPBD & new eg National Renewable Energy Action Plans)**
 - **Covenant of Mayors**

Energy in EU Funding Programmes

- › **ELENA**
- › **Intelligent Energy Europe**
- › **Eco-Innovation programme**
- › **CONCERTO & CIVITAS**
- › **LIFE+**
- › **Research (eg FP7, COST actions)**
- › **Structural Funds, including Territorial Cooperation like URBACT & INTERREG**

- › **Rich sources of good practice examples + possible funding to support Cesena local energy actions**

CITY PRACTICE FROM ACROSS EUROPE

- › **City networks are very active & experienced – often using the EU funding programmes**
- › **Many examples of good practice/case studies exist**
- › **In ‘leading’ cities energy work is part of sustainability policy & now often within a climate protection/adaptation policy framework**
- › **Eurocities, ICLEI, CEMR, Energie Cites, Climate Alliance, European Sustainable Cities & Towns Campaign, Federene**

CONCLUSIONS FOR UrSEnE

- › **Very positive EU policy & funding context**
- › **Role of cities is vital but not always reflected at EU & national levels**
- › **Cities need to use all available policy tools – local, regional, national, EU**
- › **A large resource of good practice/case studies exists**
- › **There is already ‘definitive’ guidance for Sustainable Energy Action Plans**
- › **Collaboration between universities & local authorities is an under-used resource ?**

FOCUSING THE PROJECT

- › **Original proposal needs some changes**
- › **UrSEnE is a Working Group – not a Thematic Network**
- › **Project needs to be ‘added value’ at EU level and for all partners**
- › **A possible solution**
 - **city & university partners work together**
 - **review & apply existing guidance in local context**
 - **targeted case studies eg on economic & social aspects of energy planning, use of Structural Funds**
 - **some progress ‘on the ground’**

FOR EU ADDED VALUE

A Working Group has to enhance impact of URBACT programme on policy-making & ‘maximise capitalisation’

- **make strong connections to EU initiatives that promote local action eg Covenant of mayors**
- **link to main city networks working on energy**
- **position the project in relation to work on energy in other EU programmes**
- **include EU institutions in dissemination strategy**
- **participate in EU energy events eg Sustainable Energy Week 2010**

ACTION IN CESENA

- › **Local impacts from the URBACT project must be useful + visible (= the local ‘added value’ of URBACT)**
- › **In Cesena 2 UrSEnE partners work together**
- › **The URBACT Local Support Group**
- › **The Local Action Plan**

The URBACT Local Support Group

- › **Every partner must set one up**
 - **to spread learning to local stakeholders**
 - **to ensure lessons lead to change at local level**

- › **Key local stakeholders follow the project & prepare Local Action Plan (LAP)**

- › **Use an existing group if one exists**

- › **Budget is available for eg capacity-building, translation**

- › **Help to identify needs of the city + what Cesena can offer in the project**

- › **Ideas for LAP objectives**

The URBACT Local Action Plan (LAP)

- › **Every partner must prepare one during the Implementation Phase - BUT**
- › **Ideas on the purpose/topic of the LAP must be in Final Application 24 March**
- › **Use the baseline study (eg partner profiles) & Lead Expert as a resource**
- › **Much flexibility eg**
 - **for whole city or one neighbourhood**
 - **whole SEAP, one aspect or a small set of actions**
 - **non-city partners eg a training programme**
- › **Maximise the benefit for Cesena – BUT this is a Working Group. Don't be over-ambitious.**

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