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In view of the Working Party on Structural Measures on 12 October 2018, delegations will find attached fiche number 7 "European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Article 10 ERDF and CF proposal".



12 October 2018

**WORKING DOCUMENT OF THE COMMISSION SERVICES**

**Subject: European Urban Initiative (EUI) – Article 10 ERDF and CF proposal<sup>1</sup>**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this fiche is to explain the approach and policy considerations behind the provisions on the European Urban Initiative (EUI) (Article 10 of ERDF and CF proposal).

**2. Background**

Building on the range of existing instruments, the ERDF and CF proposal provides for a new instrument, the EUI. This is a support tool for cities that covers all thematic priorities of the Urban Agenda for the EU and all urban areas. The EUI will be a single, coherent instrument for cities supporting their integrated and participative approaches to sustainable urban development.

Its creation stems from the need to integrate the instruments available in the 2014-2020 period (the Urban Development Network (UDN), the Urban Innovative Actions (UIA), the URBACT programme and the Urban Agenda for the EU (cf. Annex).

The EUI builds upon the Pact of Amsterdam in which cities and Member States called upon the Commission to better coordinate and streamline its policies directly or indirectly impacting on urban areas in view of strengthening the urban dimension and providing further opportunities for synergies.

**3. Structure and budget**

The EUI will combine three main strands of activities (Article 10 (2) ERDF and CF proposal):

- a) support for capacity-building - supporting a community of urban practitioners and local stakeholders with a view to developing and implementing sustainable integrated urban strategies  
*(Based on the current URBACT and UDN)*
- b) support for innovative actions - experimentation in the area of sustainable urban development focusing on innovation in governance, strengthening integrated approaches, and participative approaches *(Based on the current UIAs)*
- c) support for knowledge, policy development and communication – enhancing evidence-based urban policies and capitalising on experience and expertise on the ground

According to Article 104(5) CPR proposal, the EUI will be allocated EUR 500 million from ERDF (under the Investments for jobs and growth goal). The indicative allocation per strand is as follows: 20% for strand (a); 60 % for strand (b) and 20% for strand (c).

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<sup>1</sup> COM (2018) 372 final

#### 4. Management

A sound governance structure for this new initiative is key to responding to the needs of the different stakeholders in an efficient and effective manner. The governance model will include the involvement of Member States and city organisations. The three strands will be combined in a single framework implemented under direct or indirect management by the Commission (Article 10(1) ERDF and CF). The proposed approach is similar to 2014-2020 provision which in Article 92(8) of Regulation EU No 1303/2013 refers to innovative actions in the area of sustainable urban development "under direct or indirect management by the Commission". The Commission is in the process of assessing the possible options to determine the appropriate management mode.

#### *Annex – Available instruments in 2014-2020*

<b>Programming period 2014-2020</b>	<b>Urban Innovative Actions</b>	<b>Urbact</b>	<b>Urban Development Network</b>	<b>Urban Agenda for the EU</b>
<b>ERDF budget (current prices)</b>	EUR 372m (excluding project co-financing)	EUR 74m(excluding national and project co-financing)	EUR 3.5m	EUR 4.8m (excluding support by involved partners)
<b>Managing Authority</b>	Hauts-de-France	General Commissariat for Territorial Equality under PM office France	Commission (DG Regional and Urban Policy)	Commission (DG Regional and Urban Policy)
<b>Management mode</b>	Indirect management	Shared management	Direct management	Direct management
<b>TOs</b>	All 11 TOs	1, 4, 6, 8, 9	All 11 TOs	All 11 TOs
<b>Objectives</b>	Innovation, testing (experimenting)	Sharing knowledge and cooperation and building capacity	Sharing knowledge and building capacity	Better regulation, better funding and better knowledge
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	Urban authorities	Urban authorities	Urban authorities	Member States, urban authorities, cities associations, and the Commission