

Call of Proposals: Local Authorities: Partnerships for sustainable cities

Objectives and priorities (page 7-8)

The global objective of this Call for Proposals is to **promote integrated urban development** through partnerships build among local authorities of the European Union and of partner countries. Partnerships will support local authorities from partner countries to address sustainable urban development through **capacity building and service-delivery**.

Specific objectives:

- Strengthen urban governance
- Ensure social inclusiveness of cities
- Improve resilience and greening cities
- Improve prosperity and innovation in cities

The proposed partnerships must address the first specific objective at least one of the three remaining.

The Call contains **four lots** divided into geographical areas: **Sub-Saharan Africa** (Lot 1); **Asia and the Pacific** (Lot 2); **Latin America, Central America and the Caribbean** (Lot 3); and **Neighbourhood South and East** (Lot 4).

In the concept notes, the proposals must clearly indicate how they address all following **priorities**:

- Contribution to the achievement of SDG 11
- Promotion of peer-to-peer learning and/or exchanges and/or short-term deployment of public officials' expertise at subnational level towards sustainable urban development – twining/decentralised cooperation.
- Promote multi-stakeholder and multi-sector approaches.

In addition, the inclusion of **at least one** of the following priorities will be considered as an added-value:

- Triangular cooperation (North – South – South)
- Smart cities
- Job creation

Eligibility (page 11-23)

- Lead applicant must:
 - Be a Local Authority or an Association of Local Authorities
 - Be established in EU Member State or a partner country
 - Be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
- Co-applicant(s) must:
 - Be a Local Authority, an Association of Local authorities, a public or semi-public body/agency, or a University or Research centre
 - Be established in EU Member State or a Developing country and territories.

According to the Call, *“Actions could support the building of new partnerships or contribute to upscale long-lasting partnerships and cooperation relations.”* This means that both existing partnerships and new partnerships are eligible.

The Action must:

- Have a duration between 24 and 60 months
- Take place in only one of the eligible countries and territories identified under each lot.

Grant size and Co-financing (pages 9-10)

EU requested contribution should be between €2,000,000.00 and €5,000,000.00.

In terms of co-financing, EU contribution should cover a minimum of 50% of the total eligible costs of the action and a maximum of 95%. In exceptional circumstances, the applicants can request 100% of financing, it is however not possible to request between 95% and 100%.

Procedure to apply and deadline (page 24-30)

- Applicants must send a concept note by the **6th of December 2018** in English, French, Spanish or Portuguese (in the language most commonly used by the target population in the country in which the action takes place).
- Questions may be sent by email to EuropeAid-161146@ec.europa.eu
- After the concept note phase, selected lead applicants will be invited to submit a full application. The deadline for submitting a full application will be indicated in the letter sent to the lead applicants whose application has been pre-selected.

Additional information

All the guidelines of the call and relevant annexes can be found in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

The European Commission organised an information session on this call which was recorded. The recording can be found [here](#).