

WHAT WE ARE DOING

The **CSI Europe** partners all share a common objective: to have financial instruments operating in their area that support the city's strategic priorities for urban development.

The aim of CSI Europe is to build on the different experiences of the partners in relation to financial instruments and urban investment. By working together we will seek to:

- Identify common issues that affect financial instruments and work together to identify solutions
- Work at a local level to translate our experience to the delivery of projects and
- Act as a voice for cities in the development of future investment models at both a local and EU level.

The key themes that the network will seek to explore are: Governance, State Aid, Technical Assistance and Regulation and through this work we will seek to identify new models for investment through financial instruments.

The URBACT II Operational programme will support the partners' work over the next three years, providing a framework for joint working and supporting the partners' local

activities. The partners will work together through:

- Thematic partnerships where two or more partners will work together to explore, in depth, a key theme
- Transnational conferences where all the partners will come together to consider the key themes, share experiences, celebrate success and exchange ideas and
- URBACT Local Support Groups established in each city, bringing together key public and private sector stakeholders to deliver a Local Action Plan reflecting the city's priorities for the network

The network will also seek to develop links with the European Commission, Managing Authorities and other organisations who will help shape the role of financial instruments in the next Structural Fund programme. This may allow CSI Europe to play a constructive role in the development of financial instruments for the future support of urban development across the EU area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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WHO WE ARE

CSI Europe is a network of cities supported by the URBACT programme



The partners in the CSI Europe network



CSI EUROPE - THE KEY THEMES

GOVERNANCE

Aligning Urban Development Fund and City Investment Strategies

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Financial support to build capacity and deliver projects

STATE AID

Notifiable models to provide a clear framework

REGULATION

Clear rules at EU and national level



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FUTURE MODELS FOR INVESTMENT