

**Policy Recommendations**

A concise set of actionable proposals aimed at influencing legislation, policy frameworks, or institutional practices at various governance levels.

Provides guidance on prioritizing key addressing, ongoing or emerging urban policies, or future development.

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**Position Paper**

A concise document outlining a thematic perspective stance on a specific topic, or providing policy recommendations.

Reflects perspectives on prevailing changes in the policy and decision-making at various levels.

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**Position Paper/ Pact/Charter**

A formal, non-binding agreement that expresses shared political commitment among urban stakeholders to pursue common goals or principles.

Provides a common vision and a shared agenda for creating a common reference framework and ensuring policy coherence across governance levels.

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**Strategy**

A structured, long-term plan that outlines a city's or organization's priorities, objectives, and actions to achieve specific urban policy goals.

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**Policy Brief**

A short, focused document that synthesizes key insights, evidence, and policy implications on a specific urban issue for decision-makers or stakeholders at local, national, or EU levels.

Supports evidence-based policymaking by distilling complex policy issues into a concise, accessible format.

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**Policy Mapping**

A structured overview and comparison of existing policies, legal frameworks, and institutional arrangements across different governance levels.

Helps identify overlaps, gaps, and opportunities in urban policy landscape to inform coherent, coordinated, or better planning.

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**Report**

A detailed analytical document that presents findings, evidence, or research insights on a specific urban issue or governance level.

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**Roadmap**

A structured plan that outlines sequential steps, milestones, and responsibilities for achieving a specific urban policy objective over time.

Provides a common vision and a shared agenda for creating a common reference framework and ensuring policy coherence across governance levels.

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**Feasibility Study**

An analytical document assessing the viability, risks, benefits, and implementation requirements of a proposed urban policy action, program, or initiative.

Supports evidence-based decision-making by evaluating whether a specific urban initiative is technically, financially, socially, and environmentally feasible.

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**Code of Good Practices**

A curated set of agreed principles, methods, and examples that inform and guide urban policy or implementation.

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**Guidance Document**

A practical, task-oriented document offering step-by-step advice or procedures to help policymakers and practitioners implement specific tools, methods, or regulations in urban contexts.

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**Handbook**

A comprehensive reference document designed to support strategic planning by compiling policy concepts, governance models, and real-world applications on a specific urban topic.

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**Manual**

A practical guide that explains how to apply a specific tool, method, or policy instrument through step-by-step instructions, definitions, and examples.

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**Guidebook**

A structured resource that explains policy objectives, procedures, and tools, offering direction for their application in planning, assessment, or regulatory contexts.

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**Toolkit**

A practical collection of methods, examples, and templates to support implementation of urban policy objectives.

Provides clear and accessible guidance on how to implement specific urban policy objectives.

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**Training Program/ Curriculum**

A structured educational program designed to build knowledge and skills among urban stakeholders on specific policy issues, tools, or practices.

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**Governance Model**

A proposed structure or framework that defines how multiple actors, organizations, institutions, and stakeholders collaborate to implement urban policy or urban development across governance levels.

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**Set of Common Indicators**

A harmonized set of metrics designed to provide a shared reference framework for measuring and comparing key aspects of urban development across governance levels.

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**Measurement & Evaluation Tool**

A structured framework or tool designed to provide a shared reference framework for measuring and comparing key aspects of urban development across governance levels.

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**Online Repository**

An online tool or interface that collects, organizes, and shares knowledge, data, good practices, or resources to support urban policy and practice.

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**Database of Practices**

A curated collection of examples, case studies, or models that illustrate how cities implement specific urban policy objectives.

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**Funding Guide**

A resource that maps available funding instruments and financial mechanisms to support cities in implementing specific urban policy objectives.

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**Advisory Board**

A structured group of independent or community-based experts that provides strategic guidance, feedback, and advice to inform policymaking, program design, and implementation.

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**Pilot Project**

A small-scale, early implementation of a policy idea, method, or service to test its feasibility, relevance, and impact, and assess its potential for broader replication.

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**Policy Lab**

A structured, participatory workshop format that brings together stakeholders to co-create, test, and refine policy approaches in response to complex urban challenges.

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**Seminar/Webinar**

A structured, time-bound knowledge-sharing event—online or in-person—that presents urban policy insights, case studies, or project outcomes to urban stakeholders and facilitates discussion among stakeholders.

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**Awareness Raising Campaign**

A coordinated communication effort aimed at raising public or stakeholder awareness, understanding, interest, or support for specific urban issues, policies, or solutions.

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**E-learning Environment**

An online educational environment designed to deliver structured learning to urban stakeholders on specific urban policy issues, policies, or solutions.

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**Video Animation**

A short, visually engaging animated video that communicates the goals, objectives, or results of a policy, project, or program in an accessible format.

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**Podcast**

An audio series or episode featuring interviews, expert insights, and perspectives on specific urban policy issues, policies, or project experiences.

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**Brochure**

A concise, visually engaging publication designed to communicate key messages, insights, or project results to a broad audience, often in support of awareness-raising or advocacy efforts.

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## Capacity Building & Knowledge Capitalisation Activities




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### City-to-City Exchange

A peer-learning format that enables one city to receive tailored advice from other urban authorities across Europe, focusing on shared challenges and concrete implementation support.

*Fosters mutual learning and knowledge transfer between cities by facilitating short, targeted exchanges around real-life urban policy issues and solutions.*



 [Exchange between Tampere \(FI\) and Cascais \(PT\)](#)

*This exchange focused on developing a city-wide strategy for climate adaptation. Tampere sought support from Cascais, which shared practices on mainstreaming nature-based solutions, stakeholder engagement, and integrating adaptation plans into urban planning. The visit resulted in concrete steps for Tampere to strengthen its climate resilience and strategy implementation.*



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### Peer Reviews

Structured, expert-facilitated learning sessions where a city receives constructive feedback and tailored advice from peers on a specific urban development challenge.

*Supports cities to reflect on their practices, identify gaps and opportunities, and improve the design and implementation of their local policies and strategies.*



 [Peer Review in Sömland, Sweden \(May 2025\)](#)

*From 26–28 May 2025, delegations from Örebro (SE), Solna (SE), and Sömland (SE) came together in Sweden for a Peer Review hosted by the European Urban Initiative. The session focused on strengthening Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) strategies, using the S4-4500 self-assessment tool and peer-to-peer learning with experts from over 50 countries.*



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### Capacity Building Events

Workshops, seminars, and multi-day gatherings designed to strengthen cities' capacity to design and implement integrated Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) strategies.

*Facilitates experiential learning, peer exchange, and expert guidance through hands-on sessions, case studies, and innovation labs, empowering urban authorities to lead sustainable transitions.*



 [Leveraging Innovation Ecosystems for Sustainable Cities - Tampere, Finland \(May 2025\)](#)

*Held in Tampere (May 2024), this two-day event brought together around 100 participants from across Europe to explore the role of innovation ecosystems in advancing urban sustainability. Through keynote panels, city-led case workshops, deep dives, and study visits, cities exchanged practices on digital transitions, circular economy, funding strategies, and collaborative governance.*



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### Policy Labs

Multi-day immersive events that gather urban authorities, experts, and EU stakeholders to explore complex urban topics, exchange practices, and co-develop policy knowledge on sustainable urban development.

*Provides a platform for evidence-based dialogue and peer learning by showcasing local experiments and generating actionable insights that inform urban policy and practice.*



 [Leveraging Culture for Positive Urban Change - Chalandri, Greece \(EUI Policy Lab\)](#)

*Held in September 2024, this lab explored the role of culture and cultural heritage in sustainable urban development. Through site visits, interactive workshops, and discussions with practitioners from over 12 EU cities, participants examined how culture can drive community resilience, regeneration, and environmental sustainability.*