



## PARTNER SEARCH

<b>Provisional project title: TOLD - Transport Oriented Local Development</b>	
<b>Funding Programme</b>	<b>URBACT III Programma Operativo (2014-2020)</b>
<b>Call for proposal</b>	Call for proposal for the creation of 20 Action-Planning Networks (deadline 16 June 2015)
<b>Applicant</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Comune di Palermo</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief description of the municipality</b></p> <p>The Municipality of Palermo, the capital of Sicily, is a public body at local level. The mission of the city of Palermo consists in recognizing, identifying and responding to the demands of citizens related to the social, cultural, economic and urban land.</p> <p>The structure of the Municipality of Palermo is composed of 17 specific areas related to the activities of the macroareas. The Municipality of Palermo has great experiences in raising funds for implementing projects included in several European Funding Programmes such as URBAN, LIFE, URBACT, Italy – Malta, INTERREG, HORIZON 2020 and so on.</p> <p>In particular, as objective 1 region, it used structural funds (ERDF and ESF) by Operative Programmes managed by Sicilian Region on different programming periods 1994-1999, 2000-2006, 2007-2013 and 2014-2020, to finance several projects of the City in the field of urban regeneration, infrastructure and services for citizens.</p> <p>The macro-area involved in the coordination of the structural funds is The Urban Renewal and Infrastructure Area - Extramunicipal Funds Office. The main tasks of the Extramunicipal Funds Office, within the area of reference mentioned above, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To inform different sectors of the Municipality of Palermo on the publication of calls and tenders financed directly from national and regional resources or from European funds managed by our Regional Authority, as well as the European funds managed directly by Brussels;</li><li>• To coordinate, monitor and follow the steps to get to the financing of a project;</li><li>• To coordinate various stages of implementation of projects approved for funding;</li><li>• To start and run, for each funded project, a system of monitoring and evaluation in order to achieve the objectives and expected results;</li><li>• To activate contacts with partners from other EU member states and non-EU countries;</li><li>• To participate, representing the city of Palermo, at meetings at European and international level, involving issues concerning the activities of the municipal administration;</li><li>• To treat and monitor the relevant part of the compilation, entry and processing of</li></ul>

documentation generally requests for access to non-municipal funds.

- To manage European Networks

#### **Previous EU projects**

**URBACT II NETWORK:** CoNet Exploring current approaches to strengthen social cohesion in neighbourhoods

**European network for the promotion of the Covenant of Mayors (ENPCOM)** – DCC n. 35 06/05/2013.

**PON METRO Palermo – DGM n. 253 30/12/2014:** the Italian Ministry of Economic Development, through the Department for Development and Economic Cohesion, launched the National Program Metropolitan Cities 2014/2020 (PON Metropolitan Cities), funded by ERDF and ESF, with the objective of concentrating the effort of its policies to promote services for citizens, social inclusion and promote the city as an engine of development, in some urban areas that may play a greater role in strengthening the competitiveness and ability to innovation in the country.

**Programma Integrato di Sviluppo Urbano (PISU) and Programma Integrato di Sviluppo Territoriale (PIST) – PO FESR 2006 – 2013 – DGM n. 141 del 19/07/2010.** Municipality of Palermo managed, together with the neighboring municipalities of Villabate and Ustica and the Province of Palermo, the a.m. urban and territorial development programmes. They were financed for a total amount of about 12 millions, under “ERDF Sicilian Operative Programme 2006 – 2013”, Axis VI “Sustainable Urban Development”. The a.m. programmes included a series of projects relating to the restructuring of schools, social issues, public education, ICT and other topics, with the aim to transform Palermo in a more attractive area and to ensure social, economic and cultural development under a metropolitan logic.

**Pan European Local Authority Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EURO-EMAS):** The Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) is a management tool designed to help businesses and municipal and city authorities monitor and improve their environmental performance, and integrate sustainable development aims into all policies and measures. The EURO-EMAS project aimed to demonstrate the value of EMAS for European local authorities to improve their environmental performance by 33%. The EURO-EMAS project was co-funded under the European LIFE Programme.

**Mobility Services for Urban Sustainability (MOSES):** Moses aimed at developing further and extending the concept of Car-Sharing to all Europe, including the EU candidate countries. A special emphasis was put on the integration of Car-Sharing into urban planning and development. This project had an objective to define a set of technical and non-technical (e.g. financial, regulatory) incentives to foster the diffusion of Car-Sharing. MOSES was co-funded under the European 5th Framework Programme.

**MedClima Life Programme** (Life 02/ENV/GR/362) –D.G. Environment) on policies to reduce Co2 emissions in the atmosphere in European cities. Project partners include the cities of Athens, Municipality of Holargos- Palermo- Bistrika, Slovenia – Climate Alliance Vienna.

	<p><b>Zero-Emission Neighborhoods (ZEN).</b>The project, involving the cities of Palermo, London and Athens, provides research and implementation of innovative technological systems that take advantage of renewable energy resources.</p> <p><b>OASIS.</b> Our proposal of restoration of Palermo’s East coast is based on fulfilling eco-compatible interventions, taking as landscape model the numerous seaside oasis located in the Mediterranean coasts. Palermo counted upon a big date palm grove, from 10th century up to 1316. <b>OBJECTIVES:</b> create a Bioremediation model, applicable throughout the Mediterranean Basin seaside, by working on the remediation of news formation strands for both public use and enjoyment; capitalize its inherent resources to the heritage of historic/naturalistic memory, for training of specialized workers in the sector; use of sewage water to irrigate the flora to be planted.</p> <p><b>Anci Start City.</b> ANCI, in collaboration with The European House - Ambrosetti (TEH-A) is implementing the project "Start City" with the aim of: 1. Provide metropolitan cities Italian elements of content and guidance for the implementation of an economic development path that allows the improvement of employment levels and income populations. 2. Collect and process a set of local information useful to the implementation of a vision of metropolitan development in the direction of the transformation and urban innovation. 3. Promote constructive dialogue among stakeholders (local, central and international) helping to create a shared vision on the most topical issues for the success of the metropolitan cities in Italy. 4. Create a public moment of great visibility on the recurring theme of metropolitan cities designed to spread the scope of the topics covered and their relevance primarily for modernizing and improving the national economy.</p>
<p><b>Topics of interest</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sustainable Urban Development</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Urban regeneration</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sustainable mobility</b></p>
<p><b>Description of the project</b></p>	<p><b>The aim of the project is creating a framework for cooperation between cities which are developing – or have recently carried out – significant investments for the reshaping of their local transport system.</b> The future Action Planning Network will explore, particularly, the synergies between infrastructural change and urban regeneration processes, with a particular focus on the neighbourhoods characterised by spatial and social marginality.</p> <p>The conceptual perspective of the project is that, in an increasingly mobile society, transport projects can pursue more extensive development objectives than simply responding to people’s demand of moving. The increased accessibility provided by new transport networks, in fact, can activate in urban areas a series of more complex development processes such as functional reorganisation, change in the economic pattern, social revitalisation, as well as processes of place-making and creation of new public space. From this methodological point of view, the nodes and corridors created by new infrastructures can be perceived not only as mobility hubs but also as epicentres of urban regeneration processes for the involved neighbourhoods. One of the challenges of contemporary urban policy, therefore, is to capture the intrinsic potential of mobility projects within community-led and highly</p>

	<p>integrated planning practices. The exchange of experience promoted by the project will be based on the partners' activities in terms of analysis, visioning, participatory action planning with the overall objective of increasing local knowledge and stimulate innovation in policy-making in order to overcome the sectorial approach that generally characterizes transport planning in the cities' government.</p> <p>The local Integrated Action Plans will be the result of a participatory and community-led planning process and are addressed to achieve a series of policy objectives both for the target areas and the city as a whole, including: (a) for the target areas the identification of strategies, policies and projects in order to maximize the impact of future transport nodes and corridors in terms of urban regeneration, social revitalisation, creation of new centralities and accessible public space; (b) for the city, an increased capacity of understanding and monitoring the shifts in the functional pattern of central areas as a result of changes in the transport system, encourage a more effective integration between transport planning, land-use planning and regeneration policy, raise awareness on the advantage of public transport sustainable mobility.</p> <p>The provisional project title is: <b>TOLD - Transport Oriented Local Development</b></p>
<b>Partner sought</b>	<p>The preferential partners will be cities with comparable size (250,000&gt;1,000,000 inh.) and functional profile to the Lead Partner (City of Palermo) where the impact of new infrastructures on the local scale can be analysed from different perspectives (spatial, social, economic) or the upcoming completion of new transport networks can be the occasion for innovating planning processes and urban policy. A particular attention will be given to cities from More Developed Regions.</p>
<b>Deadline of the call for proposal</b>	<b>16 June 2015</b>
<b>Deadline for receiving declaration of interest</b>	<b>30 May 2015</b>
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