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Policy Dialogue on Aligning Priorities in the Western Balkans







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Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future

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Our Vision

Policy Dialogue on Aligning Priorities in the Western Balkans The DUT Partnership steps up the game to tackle urban challenges. Through R&I funding and capacity building we enable local authorities and municipalities, business and citizens to **make global strategies into local action**. We develop the skills and tools to make urban change happen and boost the urgently needed urban transformations.





Our Partners

Driving Urban

Transitions

- ✓ A public-public partnership, co-funded by 28 European countries and the European Commission
- ✓ DUT consists of 60+ partners
 - ✓ National and regional R&I funders
 - ✓ National or regional authorities and agencies dealing with urban policy
 - ✓ Research performing and other organisations as strategic partners

✓ approx. 450 M EUR indicative budget for 2022-2028

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DUT contributing to EU and global policies

- ✓ The European Cities Mission aims to deliver 112 climate-neutral cities by 2030, acting as innovation hubs with the goal of enabling all European cities to follow suit by 2050.
- ✓ The global Urban Transitions Mission of Mission Innovation offers an eco-system for cities globally

DUT approaches for urban transitions to meet our mission

✓ Sustainable Development Goals & European Green Deal

- ✓ Mission-oriented Research and Innovation putting cities center stage
- Co-create evidence and experimentation for urban transitions with all stakeholder groups and considering technological, social, economic, cultural, planning and governance aspects
- Provide an environment for experimentation and foster science-policy cooperation to mainstream research and innovation outputs

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What do we offer to our stakeholders?

Addressing key areas of urban transition

Engaging in a longer-term partnership of national funders to advance research and innovation systems

Providing good practice cases and evidence for action

Offering an eco-system and network for (mission) cities

Mobilising researchers, local stakeholders and key actors for the cities mission

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DUT Thematic Priorities

The DUT Transition Pathways

integrated approaches for urban transformations and entry points towards urban climate neutrality and sustainability



Positive Energy Districts and Neighbourhoods transforming the urban energy system



Circular Urban Economies

an integrated approach for urban greening and circularity transitions



15-minute Cities rethinking the urban mobility system and space



Our activities

Further info available in the DUT Roadmap



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THE 15-MINUTE CITY (15MC) TRANSITION PATHWAY

We seek to create comprehensive and strategic frameworks to connect, integrate, and balance all modes of transport in a people-centred manner, and to support cities in shaping their mobility and transport policies.



THE POSITIVE ENERGY DISTRICTS (PED) TRANSITION PATHWAY

PEDs are energy-efficient and energy-flexible urban areas that generate net zero emissions while managing renewable energy. Our PED TP aims to develop innovative solutions to initialize 100 PEDs in Europe by 2025.





Join the DUT Community!



Engage in the **City Panels** and jointly set priorities for urban transitions



Join forces, co-design solutions and build capacities through **R&I projects**



Share and learn from experiences across Europe and be part of an **inspirational** European community



Benefit from **good practices** and help bringing innovative approaches into our cities



Upcoming events that you can join - AGORA Dialogues

✓ stakeholder mobilisation and engagement platform
 ✓ interactive and co-creative open events
 ✓ urban actors from different backgrounds

Upcoming AGORA Thematic Dialogues:

- Critical Issues of the 15-minute City
 2 October 2023 register here
- Quo Vadis, PED?
- 19 October 2023 <u>register here</u>
 CUE

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23 October 2023 – register here

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Contact us for further information!

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