



Urban dimension of the cohesion policy after 2013.

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Cities are:

- Engines of growth
- Places of advanced social progress
- Platforms for democracy, cultural dialogue and diversity
- Places of green, ecological or environmental regeneration
- Places of attraction and engines of economic growth

but also:

... places of problems, conflicts, polarisation, segregation, entrenched neighbourhoods; environmental degradation, unemployment, ...



Strengthening thematic concentration on Europe 2020

- **ERDF support focused on a limited number of thematic objectives further detailed in investment priorities, e.g.**
 - promoting low-carbon strategies for urban areas
 - improving the urban environment
 - promoting sustainable urban mobility
 - regenerating deprived urban areas
- **Earmarking for investment in certain thematic objectives**



Increased focus of ERDF on sustainable urban development

- **Focus on sustainable urban development**
 - At least 5% of the ERDF resources to be allocated to integrated actions for sustainable urban development
 - Cross-financing with ESF – 5%
 - the management of the resources should be delegated to cities wherever possible
 - keep flexible the geographical scale of interventions



Innovative urban actions

- **Subject to a ceiling of 0,2% of the total annual ERDF allocation**
- **to support pilot or demonstration projects which are of European interest.**



Financial instruments for sustainable urban development

- **Building on experiences with JESSICA**



European urban development platform

- to support political dialogue and exchange with cities at European level.
- Forum to discuss:
 - Integrated strategies, innovative urban actions and the integration of European metropolitan areas
 - the implementation of the future urban dimension;



**Thank you very much
for your attention!**



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