

# European Urban Initiative – Innovative Actions – Fourth Call for Proposals 2026

European Urban Initiative

SCOPE	LOCATION
International	Europe
STATUS	PROGRAM
Closing Soon	European Urban Initiative
CURATED BY	GENERATED AT
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## Financial Details

SUPPORT TYPE	MAXIMUM FUNDING RATE
Non-Refundable	80%
BUDGET	ELIGIBLE PROJECT VALUE
60M€	Up to 2M€

## Dates & Deadlines

PUBLICATION DATE	OPENING DATE
Not defined	February 25, 2026

## Application Phases

- Deadline: June 15, 2026 at 01:00 PM (8 days left)

## Objectives

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This incentive under the European Urban Initiative – Innovative Actions (EUI-IA) aims to provide urban authorities across EU Member States with resources to pilot and implement innovative solutions to complex and interconnected urban challenges. Eligible are urban authorities (cities, towns, suburbs) with at least 25,000 inhabitants, recognised groups of such authorities, or legally established groupings (e.g., organised agglomerations and associations). Only eligible urban authorities can submit applications as Main Urban Authority (MUA) or Associated Urban Authority (AUA).

Delivery Partners, including public and private organizations (except eligible urban authorities), may also participate. Applications must focus on solutions not yet adopted in the local context, with the aim of testing, demonstrating, and scaling up innovative responses relevant to EU urban policy objectives.

### **Financing**

The total ERDF budget for this call is EUR 60 million. Each project can receive up to EUR 2 million in ERDF support, covering up to 80% of total eligible expenses, with at least 20% co-financing required by beneficiaries. The co-financing applies to all partners benefiting from ERDF funds. Eligible costs operate under a total costs principle with pre-financing and periodic reimbursement modalities. All payments and budget usage are subject to strict validation and audit procedures. Lump sums are allocated for project preparation and closure phases.

### **Constraints**

The maximum project duration is 24 months for implementation, plus three months each for initiation and closure phases (total up to 30 months). Proposals must comply with ERDF/CF Regulation, population and eligibility definitions, and partnership rules set out in the Call documentation. Projects should be experimental in the local context and embedded in relevant urban strategies. Selection criteria will assess eligibility, project quality (including innovation, partnership, and integration), operational capacity, and contribution to EU policy objectives. Output and result indicators must be defined following the guidance, with credible monitoring plans. Re-submission by previously supported authorities (under EUI-IA) is restricted.

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## **Eligible Expenses**

- Personnel costs
- Equipment
- External services
- Lump sums for preparation and closure
- Travel and Subsistence
- Infrastructure
- Administrative

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## **Bonuses & Majorations**

- Bonus points for small and medium-sized cities
- • Bonus points for cities located in less developed and transition regions

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## **Eligibility**

### **Eligible Sectors**

- Industry
- Energy & Environment
- ICT & Software
- Tourism
- Health & Life Sciences
- Mobility & Transport
- Construction
- Culture & Creative

- Education & Training
- Commerce & Retail
- Social Economy
- Other

### Company Sizes

- Micro
- Sme
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

### Action Types

- Pilot and demonstration projects
- Urban policy experimentation
- Implementation of innovative solutions
- Stakeholder engagement activities
- Integrated planning and delivery

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## EU Programme Details

#### CALL ID

Fourth EUI-IA Call for Proposals 2026

#### SUBMISSION MODE

Single-stage

#### EU CONTRIBUTION

Max EUR 2 million per project (ERDF)

#### EXPECTED PROJECTS

30

#### FUNDING RATE RULE

Up to 80% of eligible costs by ERDF, minimum 20% co-financing by project partners

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## Official Links

Official Regulation:

[https://www.urban-initiative.eu/sites/default/files/2026-02/00\\_EN\\_ToR\\_4th%20EUI-IA%20Call%20for%20Proposals.pdf](https://www.urban-initiative.eu/sites/default/files/2026-02/00_EN_ToR_4th%20EUI-IA%20Call%20for%20Proposals.pdf)

Grantavia page: <https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/european-urban-initiative-innovative-actions-fourth-call-for-proposals-2026>

Information Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCpA6-sMF-Y>

Schedule a meeting: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>