

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

European Urban Initiative

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Internazionale	Europa
STATO	PROGRAMMA
Aperto	European Urban Initiative
CURATO DA	GENERATO IL
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Descrizione

Objectives

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.

Project Types

Projects must address one or more of the following thematic areas: (1) Competitiveness, digitalisation, innovation and investment; (2) Social inclusion and equality; (3) Security, public space safety, and preparedness; (4) Affordable, sustainable, and inclusive housing; (5) Climate action, environment, and clean energy; (6) Mobility. Eligible expenses include activities linked to piloting, implementing, and evaluating city-level innovations, staffing, equipment, procurement of services, communication and dissemination, and administrative support. Projects must demonstrate added value in addressing integrated urban development and should involve stakeholders such as local communities, businesses, NGOs, and other beneficiaries.

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.

Date e Scadenze

DATA DI PUBBLICAZIONE

Non definita

DATA DI APERTURA

25 febbraio 2026

Fasi di Candidatura

- Deadline: 15 giugno 2026 alle ore 13:00 (48 giorni rimanenti)
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Dettagli Finanziari

TIPO DI SUPPORTO

Contributo a Fondo Perduto

TASSO MASSIMO DI FINANZIAMENTO

80%

BUDGET

60M€

VALORE DI PROGETTO AMMISSIBILE

Up to 2M€

Criteri e Documenti

Spese Ammissibili

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

Condizioni di Accesso

- Projects must be led by an eligible urban authority (MUA) located in an EU Member State
- Minimum 25,000 inhabitants in relevant urban areas
- Not already recipient of EUI-IA funding under previous calls
- Compliance with exclusion criteria (financial/legal status)

Criteri di Selezione

- Eligibility check for applicant/partnership
 - Quality of the proposal (innovation, relevance, integration)
 - Operational capacity and partnership effectiveness
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- Financial and project management capacity
- Expected impact and monitoring plan
- Contribution to Cohesion Policy and EU urban objectives
- Geographical and thematic balance

Informazioni Obbligatorie

- Completed Application Form
- Evidence of population and administrative boundaries
- Legal status documents for urban authorities and partners

Bonus e Maggiorazioni

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

Indicatori di Risultato

- Number of new solutions piloted
- Indicators in 'Monitoring and Evaluation – Result Indicators and Output Indicators definitions' (customized as per project)
- Urban innovation capacity increase
- Sustainable urban development impact

Dettagli Programma UE

ID BANDO

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CONTRIBUTO UE

Max EUR 2 million per project (ERDF)

REGOLA DEL TASSO DI FINANZIAMENTO

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

MODALITÀ DI PRESENTAZIONE

Single-stage

PROGETTI PREVISTI

30

Idoneità

Settori Idonei

- Industria
- ICT e Software
- Turismo
- Energia e Ambiente
- Salute e Life Sciences
- Mobilità e Trasporti
- Cultura e Creatività
- Edilizia
- Economia Sociale
- Commercio e Retail

- Istruzione e Formazione
- Altro

Dimensioni Aziendali

- Micro
- PMI
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Grande
- Enti privati non profit
- Enti pubblici

Tipi di Azione

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

Link Ufficiali

Regolamento Ufficiale:

https://www.urban-initiative.eu/sites/default/files/2026-02/00_EN_ToR_4th%20EUI-IA%20Call%20for%20Proposals.pdf

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

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

Prenota un incontro: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>