Urban Innovative Actions

Monitoring Systems Network Meeting

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Once upon the time… UIA

Art.8 ERDF: "…*To identify and test new solutions which address issues related to sustainable urban development and are of relevance at Union level.*"

- To provide urban authorities with resources to test how new and unproven solutions work in practice and how they respond to the complexity of real life

- To draw lessons and share knowledge with other urban authorities across Europe

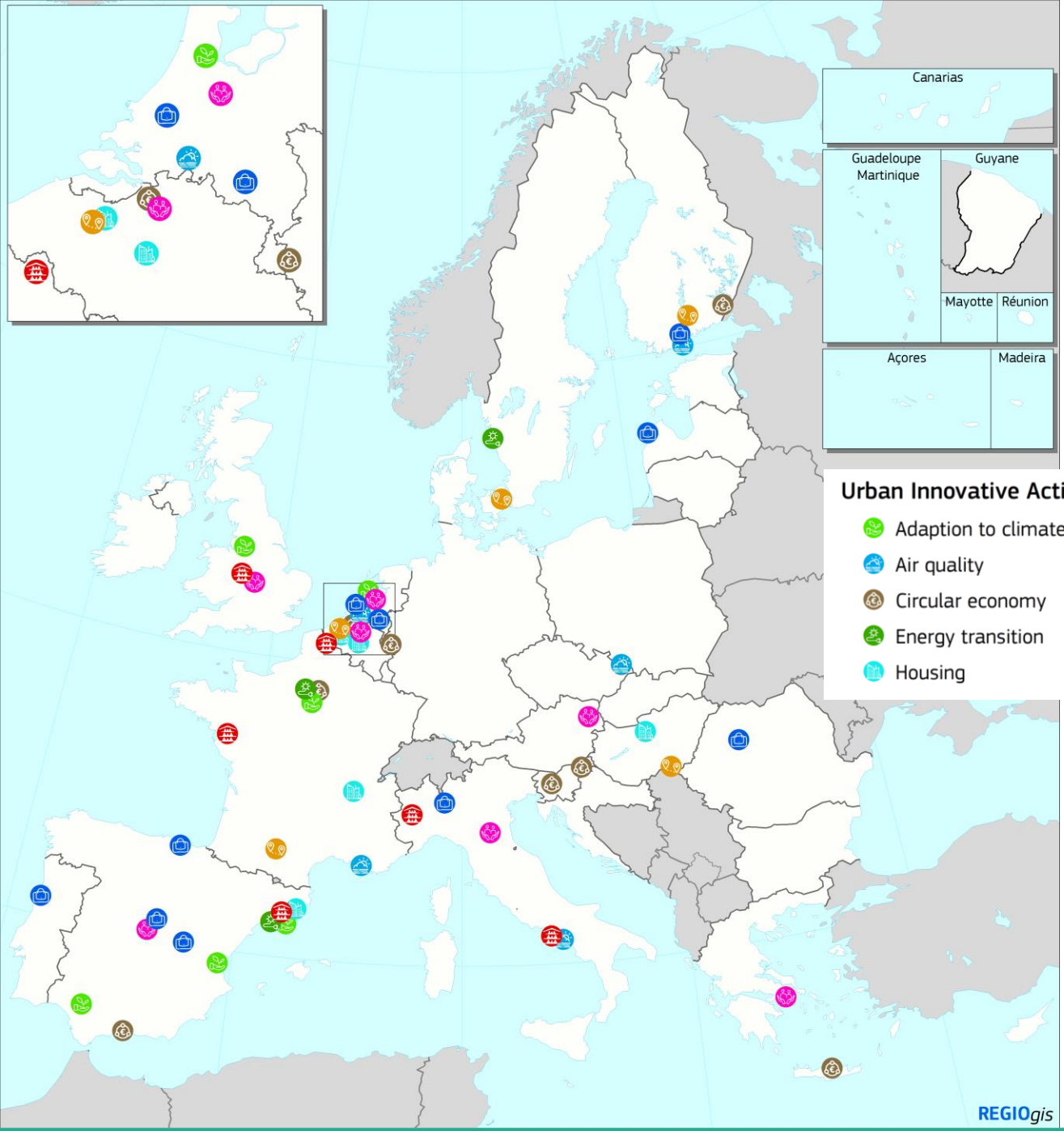
Key figures

UIA budget:	EUR 372 Mio ERDF
ERDF per project:	max. EUR 5 Mio ERDF
ERDF rate:	max. 80%
Partner contribution: *private/public* *in-kind/in cash* *own resources or not*	min. 20%
Project duration:	max. 3 years (+1)
ERDF advance payment:	50% on signature of the subsidy contract 30% when expenses reach 35% of budget 20% max. after closure (= pre-financing)

Where are we at the moment?

- ✓ 3 Calls for Proposals finalised, showing great interest from cities

  - **768 projects submitted** from **26 Member States**
  - 9 topics of the EU Urban Agenda addressed
  - **EUR 231 Mio ERDF** committed
  - **55 approved projects** from **17 Member States**
  - 17 Call 1 projects delivering their first results!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Urban Innovative Actions: Approved projects
Adaption to climate change
Air quality
Circular economy
Energy transition
Housing
Integration of migrants and refugees
Jobs and skills in the local economy
Urban mobility
Urban poverty
REGIOgis

Interreg – UIA: same same but…

- Overal organisation inspired by Interreg
- Use of HIT
- Similar eligibility rules
- Similar project partners, similar type of activities
- FLC & SLC
- Lead Partner principle

Interreg – UIA: … but different

- No Member States (Indirect management)
- No Territorial Cooperation
- Substantial advance payments to projects (50%)
- Progress reports not synchronous with financial claims
- Less regulations
- Centralised FLC
- No Audit Authority
- Strategic assessment of proposals by external experts
- No SFC

UIA MS « philosophy »

- **Don’t reinvent the wheel (being late = advantage)**
  - Systems checked: Alpine Space (eMS), North West Europe (eMS), Interreg Europe, 2Seas and Baltic Sea Region
  - Previous experience with Monitoring Systems
- **Aim right, correct later if necessary**
  - Quick decisions had to be made
- **Simple & sufficient rather than complete & complex**
  - Focus on decisions
  - “Dead wood” out or uploaded
- **Creativity and experience of provider: welcome**
  - Simple design and explanation by UIA
  - Suggestions from the provider

UIA MS - likes & dislikes

❖ Likes

- Incredibly fast setup of the Application Form
- Users satisfaction
- Guidance in all EU languages (system in English)
- User management transferred to projects
- Fully electronic process
- Reliable
- Few integrated checklists (less development/testing/costs – more flexibility)
- Small but effective internal working group
- FLC corrections
- Notifications

UIA MS - likes & dislikes

❖ Dislikes

- Double platform = double development = double maintenance
- workflow integration is still very basic
- Investment work package artificially connected to others
- Still missing: control module and better statistics

UIA MS – future?

- Keep the system?
- Merge both platforms
- Reinforce workflow

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