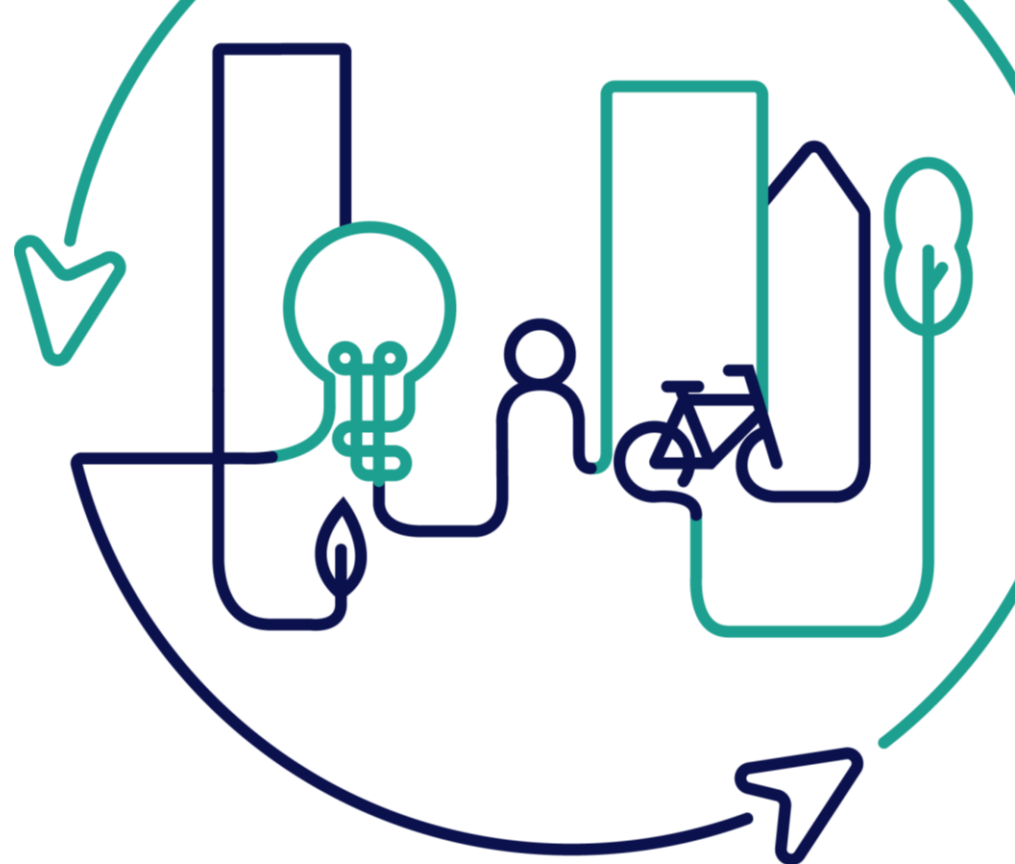
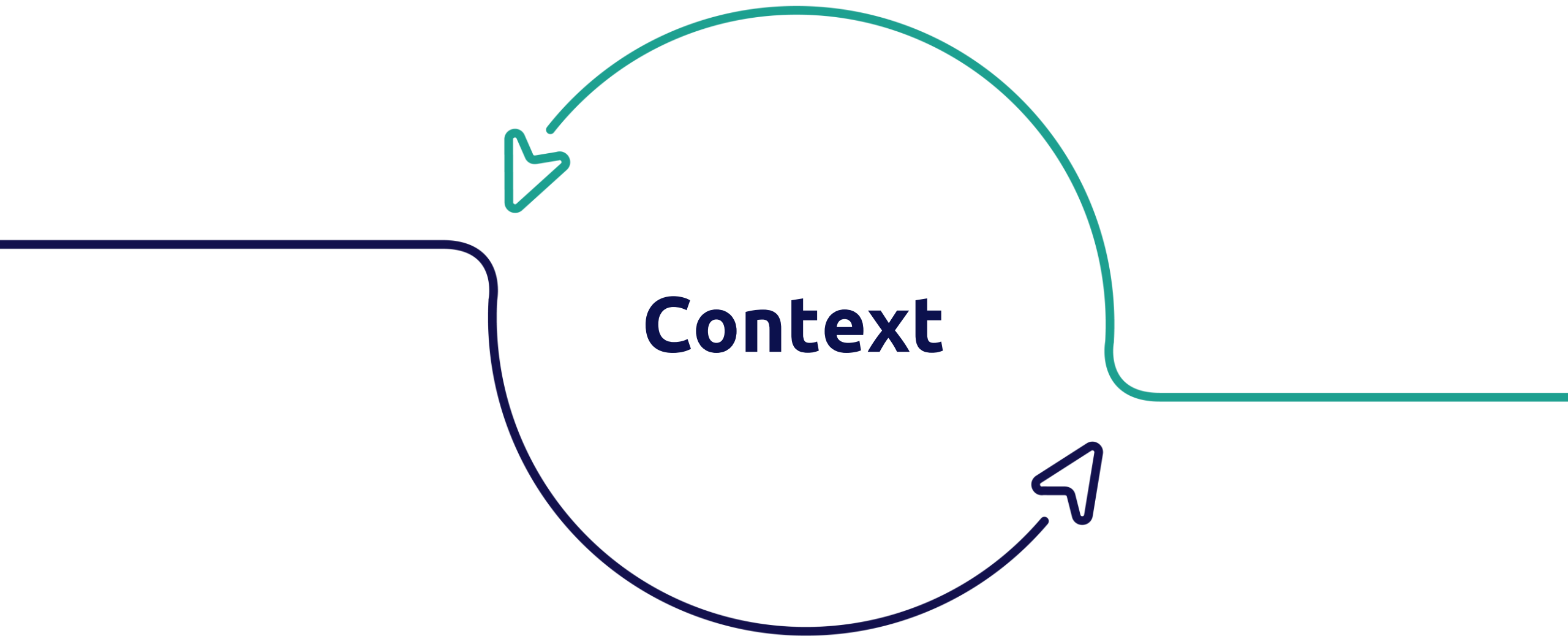


EUI Monitoring System

IT Tools and Monitoring Systems Network
INTERACT Online Event



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Context

European Urban Initiative (EUI) was established in the context of the EU **Cohesion policy legislative package for 2021-2027**

To support cities of all size

To build capacity and knowledge

To support innovation

To develop transferable and scalable innovative solutions to urban challenges in EU

Implementation was delegated to **Région Hauts de France (Lille)**

450 mil. EUR of ERDF

Operations and activities funded

- Strand A: Innovative Actions projects
- Strand B1 - Capacity Building activities
 - City-to-city exchanges
 - Peer reviews
 - EUI Capacity Building Events
- Strand B2: Knowledge and Communication activities
 - Urban Agenda intergovernmental partnerships
 - Urban Contact Points

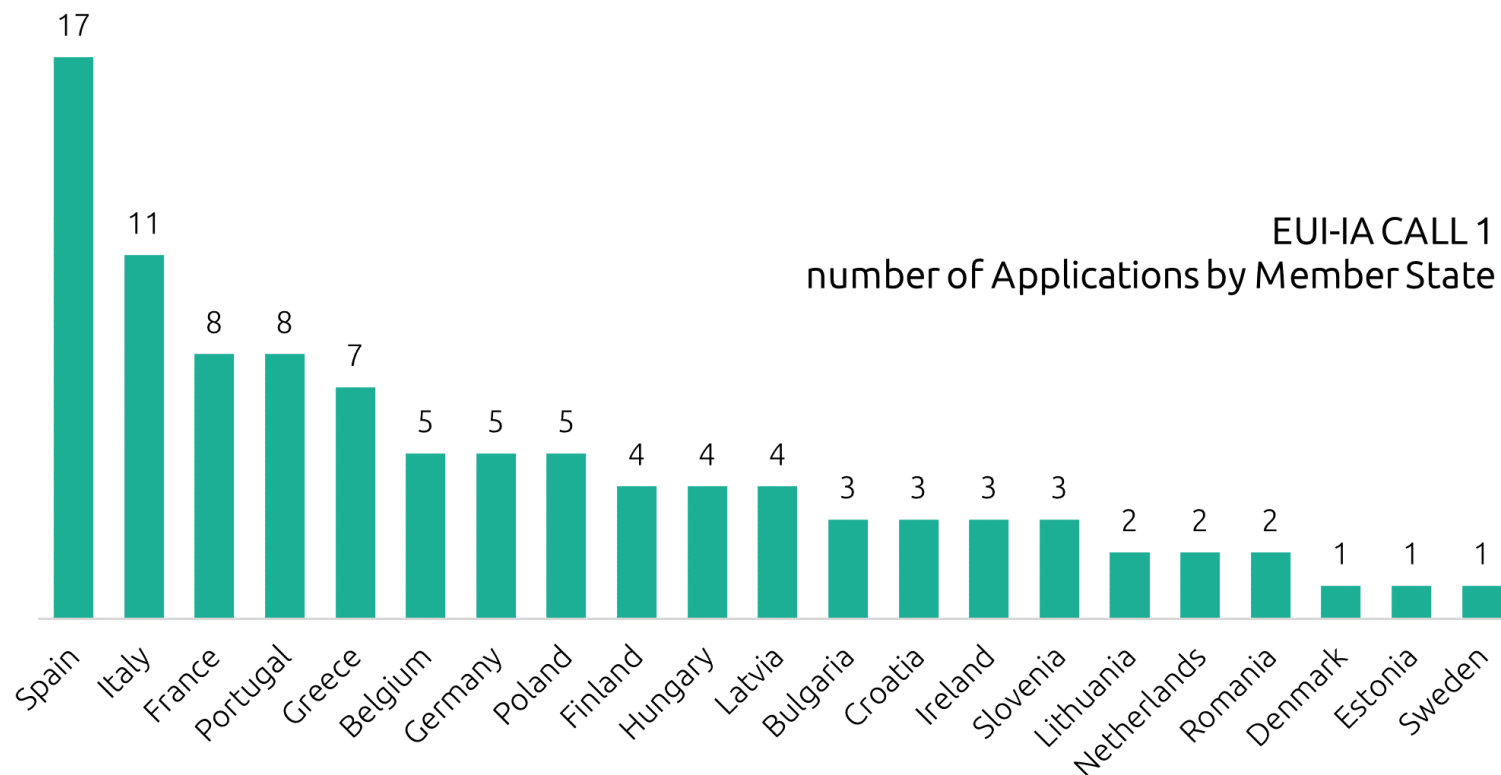


EUI – INNOVATIVE ACTIONS

OCTOBER 2022 : FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The first EUI-IA Call for Proposals was launched on **10th October 2022** and closed on **19th January 2023**. It was dedicated to the topic: EUI Call for Proposals in support to the New European Bauhaus demonstrators

- 50M€ Allocated budget
- 99 applications from 21 Member States
- 125 Urban Authorities
- 76% of small and medium size cities





EUI – CAPACITY BUILDING

APRIL 2023: FIRST CALL FOR CITY-TO-CITY EXCHANGES AND PEER REVIEWS

The first EUI-CB Calls for City-to-city exchanges and Cities under review were launched on **5th April 2023** and will be assessed on the rolling basis.

- EU Survey Application Forms
- Excel budget to be uploaded with the AF
- Focus on the smaller size cities from less developed EU regions (prioritised assessment)
- Fast track re-application option under certain conditions



**Our
support**

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OVERALL PHILOSOPHY

Let's not reinvent the wheel (but let's improve it).

- Outsourced (external) service provider (continuation from UIA)
- Reuse of the source code (cost and time saving) of the previous UIA monitoring system
- 2 systems, 1 purpose
 - Electronic Exchange Platform
 - Programme Monitoring System
- Higher security with regular and automatic synchronization (before manual)
- Development of new monitoring processes and tools for all EUI strands



MONITORING SYSTEM STATE OF PLAY

➤ 2 systems online

Electronic Exchange Platform (EEP)

- Space for applicants
- Project progress report
- Financial claims and partners expenditures

Programme Monitoring System (PMS)

- Programme and project monitoring
- Project statistics
- Administrative modules

EEP (Application forms)

➤ 1 application form available (Innovative Actions) + soon 1 Short form (Capacity building)

Innovative Actions
Application form
(Based on HIT template)

COMING SOON

City-to-city Exchanges
Application form
(Simplified form from
Strand A)



FROM UIA TOWARDS EUI


INNOVATIVE ACTIONS SPECIFICS

- Innovative Actions projects - Application module, Implementation monitoring and partially modification and reporting embedded in the MS
- Different phases/modules:
 - **initiation phase & closure** (6 months preceding implementation and 3 months following implementation)
 - **project implementation** (covering 3,5 years implementation period)
- Up to 5 Mio EUR ERDF budget (based largely on SCOs)




FROM UIA TOWARDS EUI INNOVATIVE ACTIONS - APPLICATION


- Similar form structure to our predecessor UIA (based on HIT templates)
- Investments are now embedded in Thematic Work packages (Implementation work packages)
- New concept: Transfer Work package
 - Mandatory 3 transfer partners – can be added in the initiation phase (before contracting)
 - Use of lump sums (up to €150k for each partner)
 - Predefined activities
 - Start of activities up to 1 year after project implementation start date

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✓ A - Summary	✓ B - Partners	✓ C - Description	✓ D - Workplan	✓ E - Project Budget
✓ F - Partners Contribution	✓ G - Risk Management	✓ H - Confirmation	I - Annex	Overview
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PROJECT DASHBOARD


INNOVATIVE ACTIONS





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Project Data

Title	Version	Last Update
Annual Progress Report 3	1	
Annual Progress Report 2	1	
Annual Progress Report 1	1	
Management team and bank details	1	
Application Form	5	
Confirmation sheet and annexes	1	

Latest Notifications

[» All Notifications](#)

Description
Call ends on
Application Form Version 1 submitted
Application Form Version 1 reverted
Application Form Version 1 submitted

1 2 3 > ... 3

Partner Claims

Claim code	Status	Last Update
FC1-PP1		
FC1-PP2		
FC2-PP1		
FC2-PP2		

Consolidated Claims

Claim code	Status	Last Update
UIA01-004_FinancialClaim1		
UIA01-004_FinancialClaim2		

Project Users

Number	Name of organisation in original language	Email	Status
MUA			
DP 2			
DP 3			

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Figure 8. Reporting periods and reporting deadlines

➤ Reporting on 3 levels

- 3 Annual Progress,
 - 2(3) Financial Claims,
 - 1 Final Qualitative Report.
- Financial payments don't consistently follow the progress of implementation (2 advance payment tranches)

Reporting period	Reporting deadlines		
	Annual Progress Report (APR)	Financial Claim (FC)	Final Qualitative Report (FQR)
First day of month 1 project Implementation phase - Last day of month 12 project Implementation phase	APR1: Last day of month 13	FC1: when reported expenditures are above 35% of the project budget	-
First day of month 13 project Implementation phase - Last day of month 24 project Implementation phase	APR2: Last day of month 25		-
First day of month 25 project Implementation phase - Last day of month 36 project Implementation phase	APR3: Last day of month 37		-
First day of month 37 project Implementation phase - Last day of month 42 project Implementation phase	APR4: latest 1 month after the end of the project Implementation phase		-
First day of month 1 project Implementation phase - Last day of month 42 project Implementation phase	-	FC2: latest 3 months after the end of the project Implementation phase (at the end of the Administrative Closure phase)	FQR: latest 3 months after the end of the project Implementation phase (at the end of the Administrative Closure phase)



STRAND B

CAPACITY BUILDING

- **City-to-city exchanges (out of the system at this moment)**
 - up to **5 months** implementation
 - **assessment on the rolling basis** with prioritisation criteria and fast track assessment type
 - **budget calculation fully automated** (based on entry of basic data on number of events / participants / distances for travels) and total amount contracted as maximum allocation
 - **no interim reporting / no modifications** – in final report Applicant confirming the actually incurred basic data (with only participants list as a verification source)
 - EUI PS evaluating and approving (or sending for correction) and processing payments (no CA/Accounting Function! involvement)



STRAND B

LIGHT APPLICATION FORM

City-to-City Exchanges (pilot phase)

Application timeline

Applications to be submitted on a rolling basis

Partnership

1 Main Beneficiary + 2 peers max

Foreseen structure (2 – 3 questions each Part)

Part A Summary

Part B Partnership

Part C Description

Part D Workplan (Up to 3 Exchanges)

Part E Endorsement

Budget calculation

Lump sums (Staff costs, Travel costs & Per diem)

New features

Travel and Per diem costs calculated based on geo localisation of partners and events

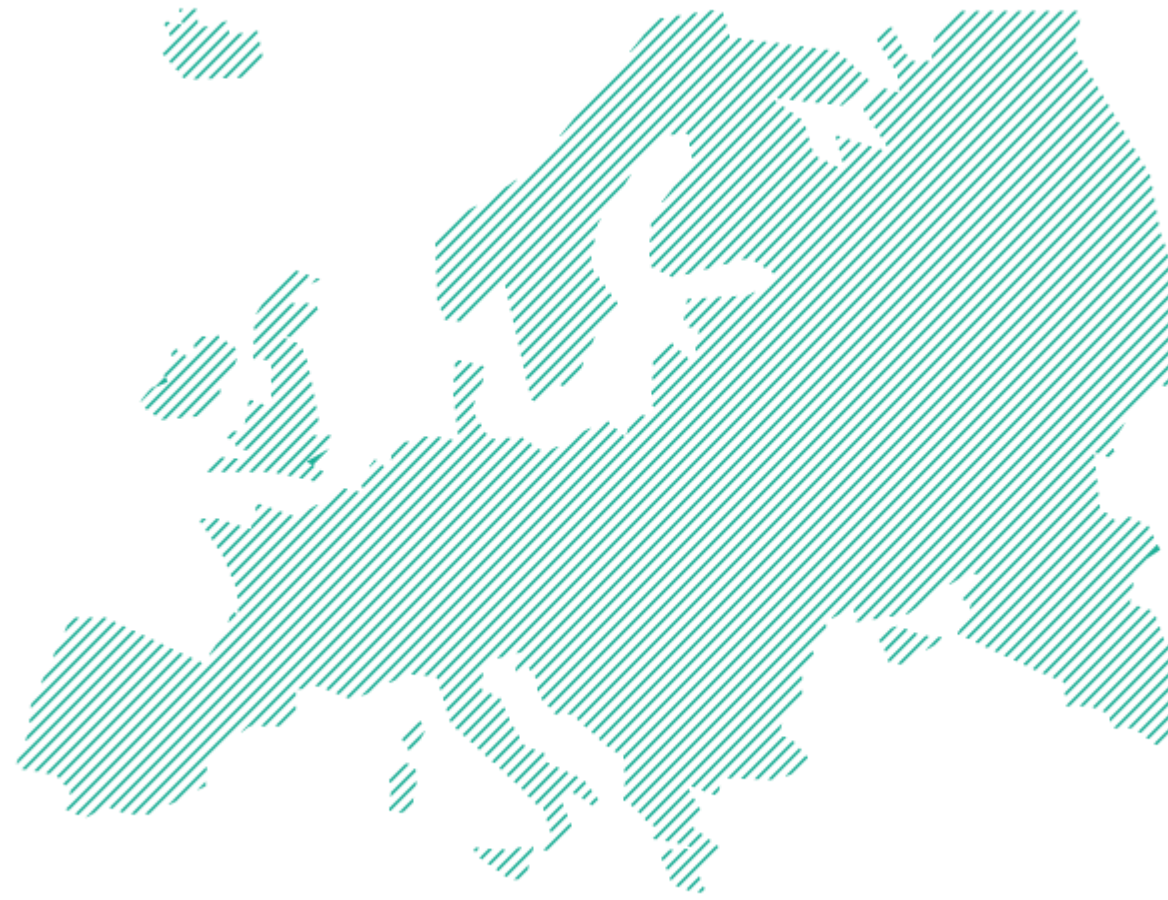


**Next
steps**

AMBITIONS FOR 2021-2017

1. Use of APIs with GIS data to automatise budget calculation

- EUI MS to use APIs (application programming interface — a software intermediary that allows two applications to communicate to each other) for **GIS data extraction** ([EC: Flight / Rail calculator](#)) to calculate distance bands for travel costs
- Number of persons traveling / participating would be the only manual entry by applicants for fully automated calculation of budget lump sums



AMBITIONS FOR 2021-2017

2. Full Integration of project reporting/monitoring modules on the system where possible – verification of project reports (checklists are uploaded at this moment)

3. Automatization of notification system - abolition of parallel channels of communication with users

4. Improving user experience – invest on visual optimization of our interface





TO SUM UP

Overall system

- Interconnection and interoperability with other web platforms
- Focus on user experience
- Continuous development on each strand activities

Strands	Application module	Project modification module	Reporting module
Strand B Innovative Actions	<i>Already developed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Embedding change request form,- Embedding checklist- Communication and notifications with the users on status of their request	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Embedding templates and providing status info on all levels in the Monitoring System
Strand B City-to-city exchanges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reuse and simplification of the Innovative Actions AF)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Embedding templates and providing status info on all levels in the Monitoring System

Thank you!

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