The EU's International Urban & Regional Cooperation (IURC) Programme

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Sustainable Urban development is an EU priority: the EU's Urban Agenda

12 PRIORITY THEMES

PARTNERSHIPS WHICH ALREADY STARTED

- INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES
- AIR QUALITY
- HOUSING
- URBAN POVERTY
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY
- CLIMATE ADAPTATION
- ENERGY TRANSITION
- URBAN MOBILITY
- DIGITAL TRANSITION
- PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
- JOBS & SKILLS IN LOCAL ECONOMY
- SUTAINABLE USE OF LAND AND NATURE-BASED

Culture/Cultural Heritage
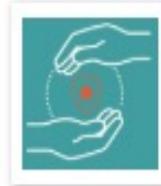
Security in Public Spaces

New for 2021-27: European Urban Initiative for EU 27

Objectives

❖ Strengthen integrated and participatory approach to sustainable urban development

❖ Provide stronger link to EU policies, in particular to cohesion policy

Overall ambition: address fragmentation and diversity of support & tools offered to cities under cohesion policy

Beneficiaries

All EU urban areas; shall support Urban Agenda for the EU; upon request of Member States, support for inter-governmental cooperation on urban matters

Strands of activities

A. Support of Innovative Actions

B. Support of Capacity and Knowledge Building, Territorial Impact Assessments, Policy Development and Communication

ERDF budget allocation: EUR 400 million

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A new IURC programme across the world

IURC
INTERNATIONAL URBAN AND REGIONAL COOPERATION
European Union

A European Union
Programme

Region's population: 2+ billion

IURC Countries: 9

IURC cities: 84

Focus: City to city cooperation & cluster activities

Indicative topics: Circular economy, smart city, urban planning, mobility, tourism, culture, education, etc.

Process: Events, meetings, visits, thematic clusters, workshops, etc.

Source: Based on Gapminder World
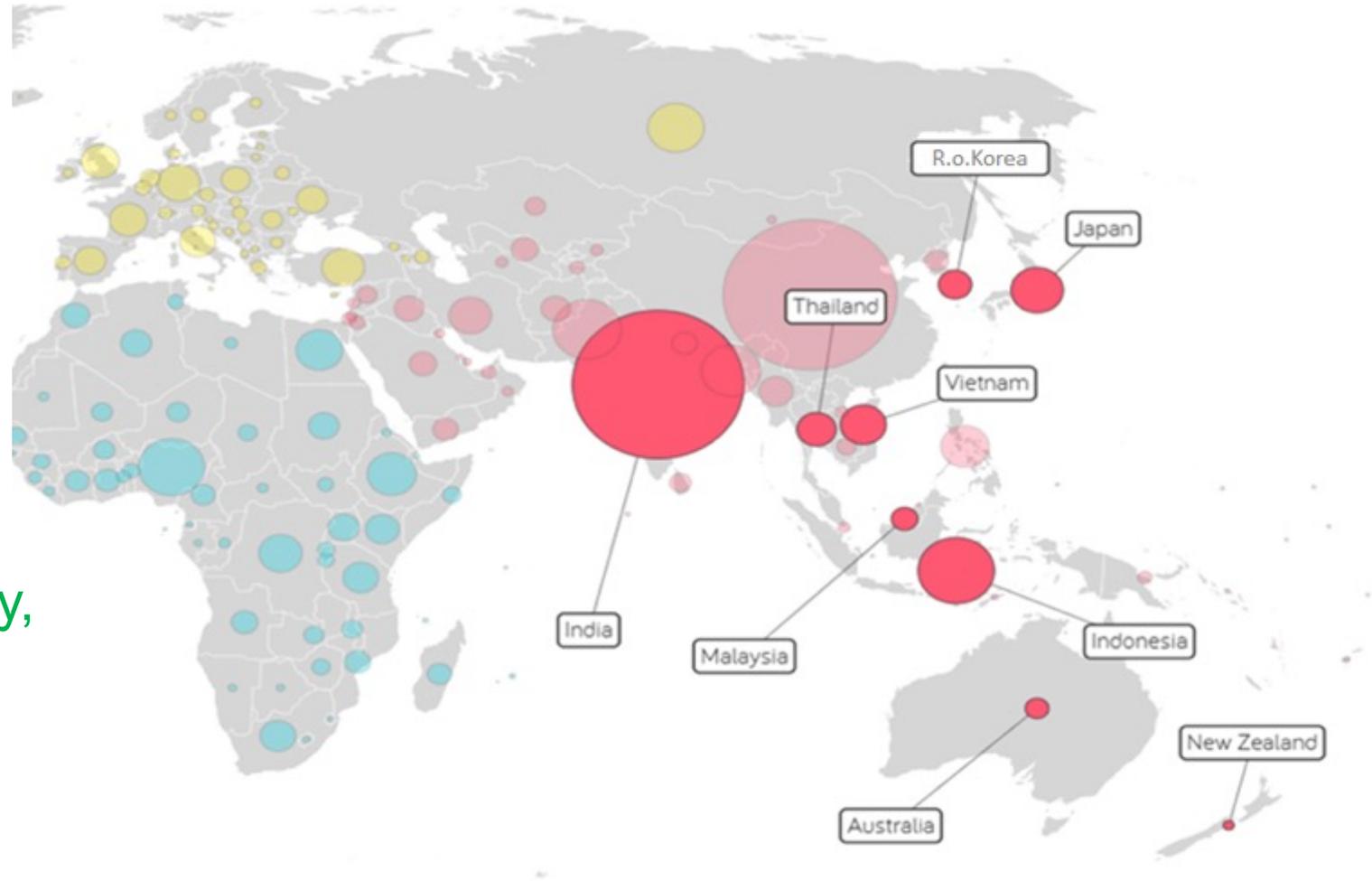
India-EU: partners on urban development issues

2016: EU-India Agenda for Action-2020

2017: EU-India Joint Declaration on a Partnership for Smart and Sustainable Urbanisation

2020: EU-India Strategic Partnership: A Roadmap to 2025
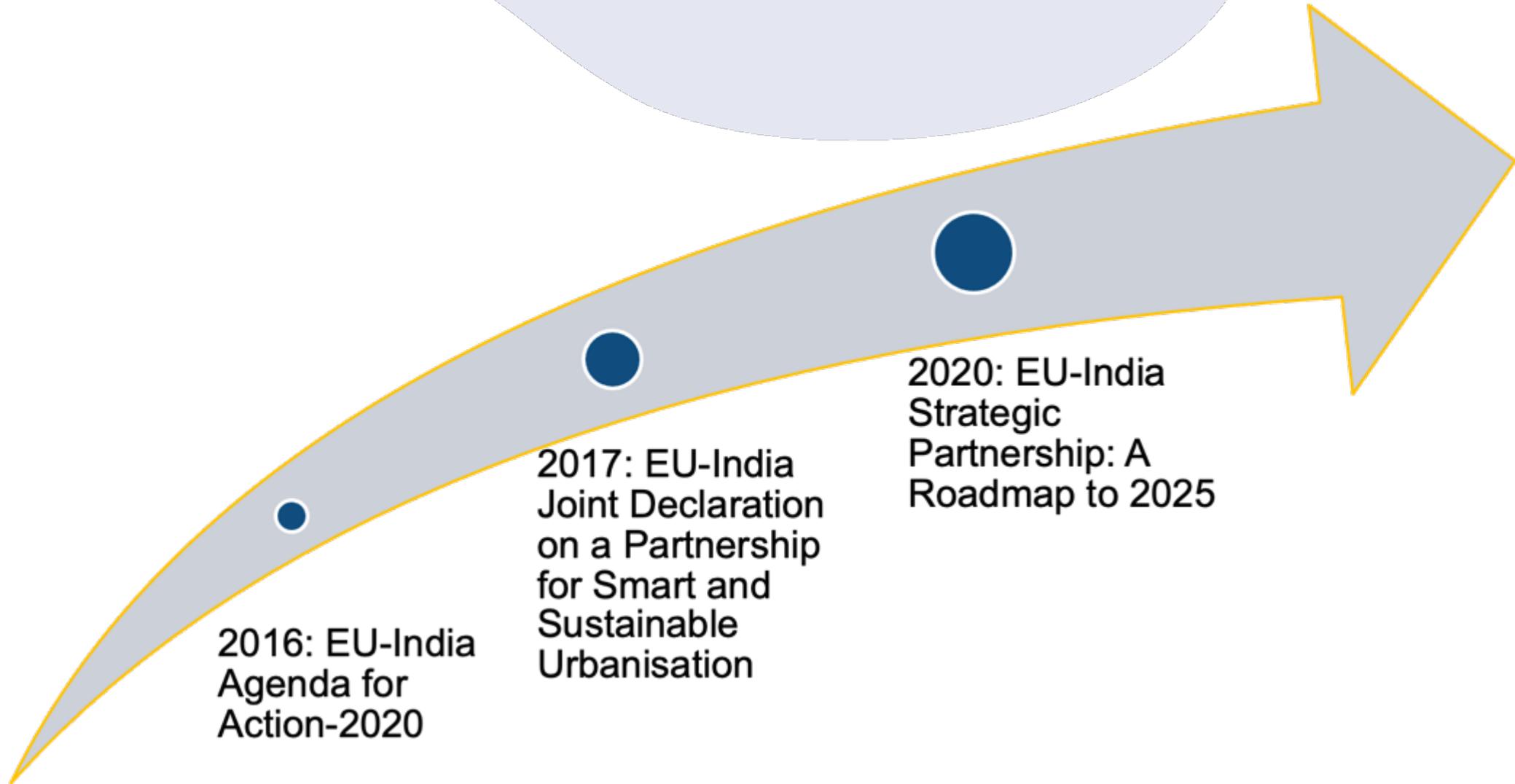
Global Thematic Concentration for Cooperation

TH-NW. 1 – ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION- GREEN DEAL
A Greener Future for Cities in Europe and Asia / Australasia

CIRCULAR ECONOMY
Waste Management

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
Nature Based Solutions
Water Management

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
Food systems, Urban Gardens

TH.NW. 2 – URBAN & REGIONAL RENEWAL & SOCIAL COHESION
A Sustainable Future for Cities in Europe and Asia / Australasia

URBAN AGENDA/PLANNING
SUD Strategies,
Public Space,
Urban Model: 15 min. Vision

MOBILITY & TRANSPORT
Street 4 people - Superblocks – Metropolitan Connections

TH.NW.3 – INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABLE & CARBON NEUTRAL ECOSYSTEMS & STRATEGIC SECTORS
A Smarter Future for Cities in Europe and Asia / Australasia

TOURISM & CULTURE

HEALTH,LIFE SCIENCE, ELDERY BIOECONOMY

EDUCATION, JOBS & SKILLS,
Clusters, Innovation Centres

CROSS CUTTING
OVERALL CHALLENGES

POST COVID RECOVERY IN CITIES

CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY TRANSITION

SMART CITY & DIGITAL TRANSITION

Creating Shared Value

- Building partnerships and strengthening networks during Covid-19
  - Pilot projects, engage in research in solving pressing city problems

- Knowledge exchange
  - Grow city champions to accelerate urban innovation combining EU expertise and India's local knowledge on the ground

- EU best practices
  - Thematic study visits to EU to witness challenges and best practices in action

- India's best practices
  - Thematic study visits to India to witness challenges and best practices as well as opportunities for collaboration

- Global knowledge platform
  - EU-India case studies and U-CAPs as replication models
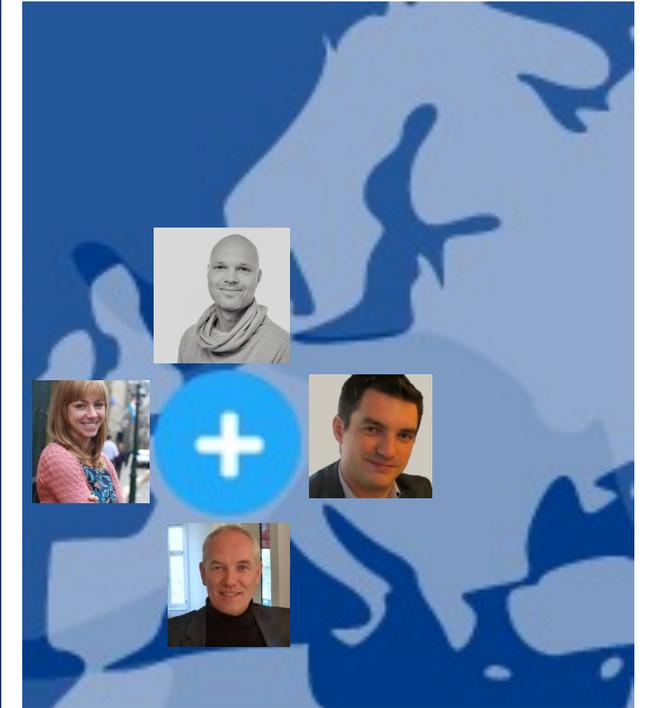
EU-based Management Team and Cross Country Thematic Experts

Where can I obtain further information?

www.iurc.eu

www.ec.europa.eu/inforegio

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/international/index_en.cfm

https://urban.jrc.ec.europa.eu/strat-board/#/home

www.iuc.eu

www.world-cities.eu