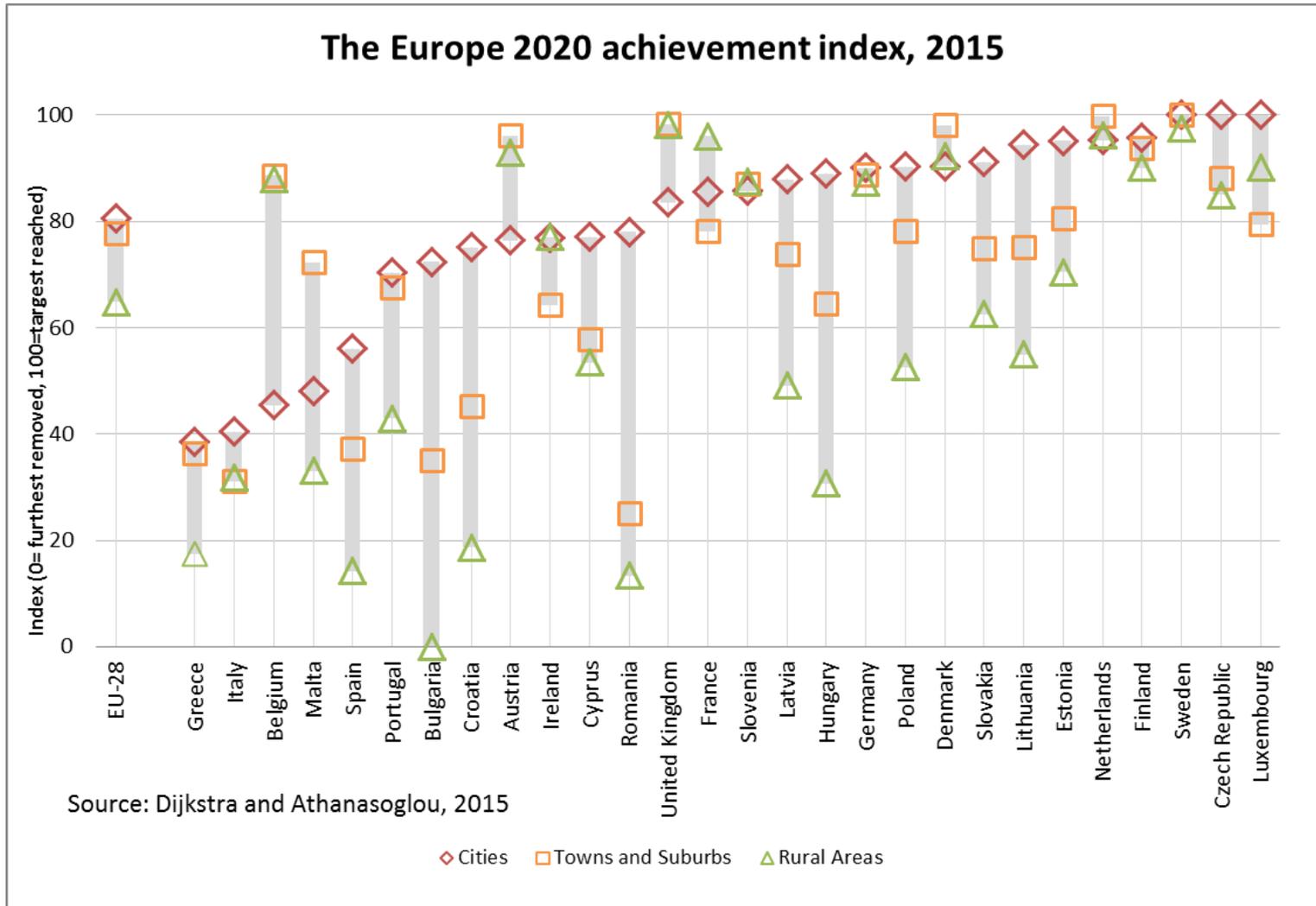




European Urban Initiative

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Cities are closest to the EU2020 targets



Number and intensity of the city challenges will be more pressing in the future

- **Unemployment and poverty**
- **Climate changes**
- **Smart cities – connectivity (datas and connected objects)**
- **Migration**
- **Demography, depopulation and ageing**
- **Globalisation**
- **Housing**
- **Security**
- **Health**
- **Culture**
- ...

Tackling such challenges would require...

- **Inventive and innovative solutions**
- **Increased cooperation**
- **Capitalise on experiences**
- **Scale-up successful experiences and practices**
- **Disseminate innovative solutions**
- **Assist cities to perform better on sustainable urban development – Cohesion Policy**
- **Comparable data between cities**
- **Provide relevant bottom-up input for policy making that are of city concerns**
- **Link practitioners with research and knowledge**
- **...**

The offer 2014-2020 is fragmented

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... and could create more synergies for the benefit of the cities

- **Capitalise together the results**
 - **Link better funding (in particular ESI Funds) with experiences – innovation and knowledge**
 - **Align priority topics**
 - **Rationalise national contact points**
 - **Link practice with policy making**
 - **Common approach towards the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda**
 - **Common reporting and monitoring (lean structure)**
- ... Apply the integrated approach to our own policy**

CPR and ERDF proposed Regulation

CPR Article 104

5. EUR 500 000 000 of the resources for the Investment for jobs and growth goal shall be allocated to the European Urban Initiative under direct or indirect management by the Commission.

ERDF Article 10 European Urban Initiative

1. The ERDF shall also support the European Urban Initiative, implemented by the Commission in direct and indirect management. This initiative shall cover **all** urban areas and shall support the Urban Agenda of the Union.

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ERDF proposed Regulation

Article 10 European Urban Initiative

2. The European Urban Initiative shall consist of the following three strands, all with regard to sustainable urban development:

- (a) support of capacity-building;
- (b) support of innovative actions;
- (c) support of knowledge, policy development and communication.

Upon request from one or more Member States, the European Urban Initiative may also support inter-governmental cooperation on urban matters.

(a) support of capacity-building

- Supporting urban practitioners and local stakeholders to improve their capacity to develop and implement sustainable integrated urban strategies and actions:
 - **Cooperation networks**
 - **Good practises and transferability**
 - **Trainings and support**

Based on the Urbact methodology, approach and experience

- Correlation with the UN/EU 2030 agenda - capacity building activities
- Focus on cities implementing ERDF (CLLD, ITI, PO5 and earmarking) and innovative actions cities
- It includes urban-rural linkages and functional urban areas

It aims to build on the experience with URBACT, UDN and other pilot initiatives launched during the current programming period.

(b) support of innovative actions

Urban experimentation:

- Support innovative actions in the area of sustainable urban development.
- Innovative projects to identify and test new solutions, which address issues that are related to sustainable urban development and are of relevance at Union level.

It aims to build on the experience of the UIA and other Union programmes.

(c) support of knowledge, policy development and communication

Urban knowledge & communication:

- support the deepening and evidence based demonstration of urban facts and policies
- capitalising of results of experiences and expertise “from the ground” and from the knowledge providers (ESPON, JRC, JPI Europe,...) - knowledge platform.
- website, National Contact Points and European events that contributes to the dissemination of the knowledge.
- Help framing urban Policy developments within the EU and bridge with other EU programmes
- Sustain the international dimension of the urban agenda

In cooperation and with the agreement of the Member States, support the further development of the urban agenda for the EU post 2020.

Governance

- Mobilisation of the different stakeholders (namely the EU institutions, Member States, Regions, city representatives and organisations, sectoral organisations and private sector).
- The EUI could act, upon request of the Member States, as secretariat for the intergovernmental cooperation in the urban matters by gathering and supporting the Urban Development Group (UDG) - Director General for Urban Matters (DGUM) and previous URBACT steering committee under a common agenda and common forum.
- An advisory board will be set-up to advice the Commission in order to benefit of input from other EU Institutions, Member States, and Cities representatives.



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Thank you