Overview of 2019 EU Funding Opportunities
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The following is a global overview of the current funding opportunities relating to transport under the 2014-2020 European agenda. Any boroughs interested in participating in a funding opportunity should contact LEPT with any queries, expressions of interest or project ideas.

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Programme	Overview & Priorities	Calls for Proposals	Funding
Horizon 2020 Smart, Green & Integrated Transport	Horizon 2020 is the European Programme for research and innovation for the funding period 2014-2020. It is part of the EU's drive to create growth and new jobs in Europe. Horizon 2020 consists of three priorities, which are implemented through specific programmes and a dedicated financial contribution. • **Excellent science:** Promoting scientific excellence and the European research systems. The budget for the programme is €25 million. • **Industrial leadership:** Increasing and supporting competitiveness and European industrial leadership. The budget for the programme is €17 million • **Societal challenges:** Responding to the major societal challenges Europe is facing by helping to bridge the gap between research and the market. The budget for the programme is €30 million. The programme to address societal challenges particularly	**There are currently 9 open calls for proposals that correspond to Borough priorities.** **Building a low-carbon, climate resilient future: low-carbon and sustainable transport** LC-MG-1-9-2019: Upgrading transport infrastructure in order to monitor noise and emissions LC-MG-1-10-2019: Logistic solutions that deal with requirement of the on-demand economy and for shared-connected and low-emission logistics operations **Safe, integrated and resilient transport systems** MG-2-7-2019: Safety in an evolving road mobility environment MG-2-8-2019: Innovative applications of drones for	The funding coverage varies according to the type of action, the main ones being: **Research and Innovation Action:** 100% of costs, with additional 25% applied to cover partner overheads **Innovation Action:** 70% of costs, with additional 25% applied to cover partner overheads **Coordination and Support Action:** 100% of costs, with additional 25% applied to cover partner overheads

	supports the priorities of local authority partners. The programme covers a wide range of policy areas, including providing €30million to address major concerns such as climate change, developing sustainable transport and mobility, and making renewable energy more affordable. Funding rates vary from 75-100% depending on the project activity.	ensuring safety in transport **Accounting for the people** MG-4-5-2019: An inclusive digitally interconnected transport system meeting citizens' needs MG-4-6-2019: Supporting Joint Actions on sustainable urban accessibility and connectivity **Digitising and transforming European industry and services: automated road transport** DT-ART-03-2019: Human centred design for the new driver role in highly automated vehicles DT-ART-04-2019: Developing and testing shared, connected and cooperative automated vehicles fleets in urban areas for the mobility of all **Building a low-carbon, climate resilient future: Green Vehicles** LC-GV-03-2019: User centric charging infrastructure *A document will be issued shortly by LEPT to detail these calls.*	
Urban Innovation Actions	Urban Innovation Actions (UIA) is an initiative of the European Commission; the programme was launched to identify and test new solutions which address issues related to sustainable urban development and are of relevance at Union level. The main aim of the UIA Initiative is to provide urban authorities across Europe with space and resources to test bold and unproven ideas addressing interconnected challenges and experiment how these respond to the complexity of real life. Projects supported shall be innovative, of good quality, designed	**The fourth call for proposals is currently open – the call opened on 15 October 2018 and will close on 31 January 2019.** The fourth call focuses on four topics: digital transformation, sustainable use of land and nature based solutions, urban poverty and urban security. The first two can be of relevance to transport teams in Boroughs, and more information about them can	The initiative has a total European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) budget of €372 million for 2014-2020. UIA offers a funding rate of 80% and will fund projects up to €5 million. The indicative global budget for this call is between EUR

	and implemented with the involvement of key stakeholders, result oriented and transferable. The topics that urban authorities can address in the framework of the UIA Initiative relate to the 12 topics that Member States, representatives of local authorities, NGOs, European and national associations of cities, as well as experts and the Commission, have identified within the frame of the European Urban Agenda. Topics of interest include: Air Quality, Climate Adaptation and Urban Mobility. For each call for Proposals, the Commission will define a limited number of topics that will be announced on the UIA website.	be found by visiting the links above.	80-100 million.
Interreg NWE	The Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) Programme is a transnational European Territorial Cooperation Programme funded by the European Union. The programme has identified three thematic priorities: innovation, low carbon and resource and material efficiency. The three priorities cover a range of policy areas, including transport and mobility, renewable energy, climate change and resource efficiency. The three thematic priorities are sub-divided into one or more specific objectives. Thematic priority two, low carbon, and objectives three and four are especially suited to local authority partners. **Low Carbon:** Addresses the challenge of finding ways to reduce Greenhouse gases (GHGs) to meet climate change goals. **Specific Objective 3:** To facilitate the uptake of low carbon technologies, products, processes and services in sectors with high energy saving potential, to reduce GHG emissions in NWE.	**The eight call for proposals is coming to an end. The firsts stage deadline was on 11 June 2018 and the second is on 22 November 2018.** Interreg NWE is a two-stage application process. The programme targets member states in NWE – Belgium, Netherlands, UK, Ireland, Luxembourg, France and Germany. Non-Member State Switzerland are also eligible. Participating project partners can be any public or private organisation that is a legal entity. *Please be aware that as first stage submission having already passed, Boroughs could only join a proposal already submitted where respondents would be looking for partners.*	The programme has a budget of €372 million to co-finance projects at a rate of 60%.

	Specific Objective 4: To facilitate the implementation of transnational low-carbon solutions in transport systems to reduce GHG-emissions in NWE.		
URBACT	The URBACT funding programme is jointly financed by the European Regional Development Fund and EU Member States. URBACT does not directly invest in urban development. Instead the programme facilitates the sharing of knowledge and good practice between cities and other levels of government, with the aim to improve the quality of planning and implementation of integrated urban plans and programmes in cities. The call priorities are based on the thematic areas of the EU cohesion policy for 2014-2020 of which four will be of particular interest to borough priorities: • **Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors (TO4)** • **Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency (T06)** • **Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management (TO5)** • **Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures (TO7)**	**There is one upcoming call.** 07 January 2019: Call for the creation of Action-Planning Networks	The programme is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF); the total budget for 2014-2020 is €74 million, including €68 million dedicated to projects promoting sustainable urban development. The ERDF will provide funding of 70% for cities from more developed regions and 85% for less-developed and transition regions.
Interreg Europe	The Interreg Europe programme aim is to improve the drafting and implementation of regional policies and programmes. The programme identifies four thematic objectives which are addressed in two supported actions. **Specific objectives:** • Strengthening research, technological development and innovation • Enhancing the competiveness of SMEs • Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors • Protecting the environment and promoting resource	**There are currently no open call for proposals.**	The total budget for the programme is €359 million. For Interregional Cooperation Projects a budget of €322 million is available. The co-financing rate for partners in the United Kingdom will be 75%. The Policy Learning Platforms will be financed at 100% with a

	efficiency. **Supported Actions:** • Projects • Platforms		budget of €15.3 million available.
Connect Europe Facility	The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) supports sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks and infrastructures in the sectors of transport, telecommunications and energy. The programme objective is to contribute to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth within three thematic areas: • **Energy** • **Transport** • **Telecommunications**	**There are currently no open call for proposals.**	The overall budget for the programme is €50 billion with €9.1 billion dedicated to energy infrastructure, €9.2 billion for broadband infrastructure and €31.7 billion for transport infrastructure. The co-financing rate for grants for studies is up to 50% with grants for works varying between 20-75%.
LIFE	The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action. To reflect the importance of climate-related action, the LIFE Programme 2014-2020 includes a dedicated sub-programme for climate action. The LIFE programme for the Environment and Climate Change 2014-2020 is divided into two sub-programmes: 1. **LIFE Environment:** • Environment and Resource Efficiency • Nature & Biodiversity • Environment Governance & Information 2. **LIFE Climate Action:** • Mitigation • Adaptation • Governance and information	**There are currently no open call for proposals.**	There is a proposed allocation of €3.4 million for the LIFE Programme over the period 2014-2020. This will be divided as follows: • Environment - €2.6 million • Climate Action - €900 million Funding rates vary from 55-100% depending on the project activity.

| ERDF | The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is one of three main funds that have been set up under EU regional policy. The ERDF aims to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the European Union by correcting imbalances between member states. The ERDF supports projects covering a range of policy areas, including climate change and environment, energy and transport infrastructures, health, social inclusion and sustainable urban development. Projects under the ERDF will be concentrated on four thematic priorities: innovation and research, the digital agenda, support for SME's and the low-carbon economy. | **There are currently no open call for proposals.** | The programme will provide funds of £3.6 billion to support local growth across England, of which at least £605 million will support the shift to a low-carbon economy (energy efficiency and renewable energies). The percentage of funds dedicated to each sector depends on the economic development of regions. The maximum EU co-financing rate for more developed regions will be 50%. |