

## International Urban Cooperation (IUC) – City-to-city cooperation Borough Briefing - January 2019

### IUC City-to-city cooperation

[International Urban Cooperation \(IUC\)](#) is a programme funded by the European Union supporting the achievement of bilateral/international urban development and climate change policy goals. One of the three components of the programme is a city-to-city cooperation programme, where EU cities are paired with counterparts from Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean or North America.

Participant cities express the key topics they would like to explore, in alignment with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, the New Urban Agenda for the EU and the 2015 Paris Agreement. 19 topics are listed, including:

- Urban mobility
- Climate Adaptation
- Smart Cities

Once cities have filled their application, they are paired with a matching city and after signing a Partnership Agreement, launch a sharing programme of 18 months. That programme is articulated around the development of multi-stakeholder local action plans with pilot projects based on a common methodology. It also allows cities to showcase their progress internationally. Example of pairings include Manchester and Montreal or Madrid and Buenos Aires. Read the [FAQ](#) for more information.

### Timescale for bidding

- Deadline for applying: 22 February 2019

### Funding and co-financing

The programme does not cover the implementation costs of the local action plans. During the 18 months period, it can cover some incidental costs (travel, accommodation) linked to the exchange aspects of the collaboration. Staff, salaries, co-funding and other costs are not covered, but can be provided by any other funding found by the cities (private sector, financial institutions, external funds etc.)

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