

Driving change for better cities

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Since
2002



Over
1000
cities
involved



more than
150
networks

- ✓ Promoting sustainable urban development in cities
- ✓ Building the capacity of “city” administrations, staff and stakeholders

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...safe space for making the change happen



Three strands of activities

Capacity building activities & tools



- Summer University & e-University
- National Campus
- URBACT Toolbox
- Online courses



Knowledge uptake and sharing

- URBACT knowledge hub
- URBACT City Festival
- Urban policy labs
- Thematic reports
- Online courses



Networks of European cities

4 types of networks



Cities and local stakeholders co-produce an Integrated Action Plan to tackle their common policy challenges.



Cities share and adapt a successful Good Practice that has already been implemented in their Network's lead city.



Cities adapt the experience of a successful Urban Innovative Actions' project and develop an investment plan to implement it.



Cities develop actions to implement their already existing strategy



Action Planning Networks partners in Italy

Cenesa (in 2 networks)

Treviso

Siena

Isernia

Lepida ScpA

Alghero

Genoa

Unione della Romagna Faentina

Torino

Messina

Quarto d'Altino

Lampedusa

Salerno

Campobasso

Perugia

Cento

Milano

Verona

Brindisi

Mantova

Parma

Arezzo (in 2 networks)

Cinisello Balsamo

Ferrara

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Action Planning Networks

APN closure survey: 20 responses received from Italian partners

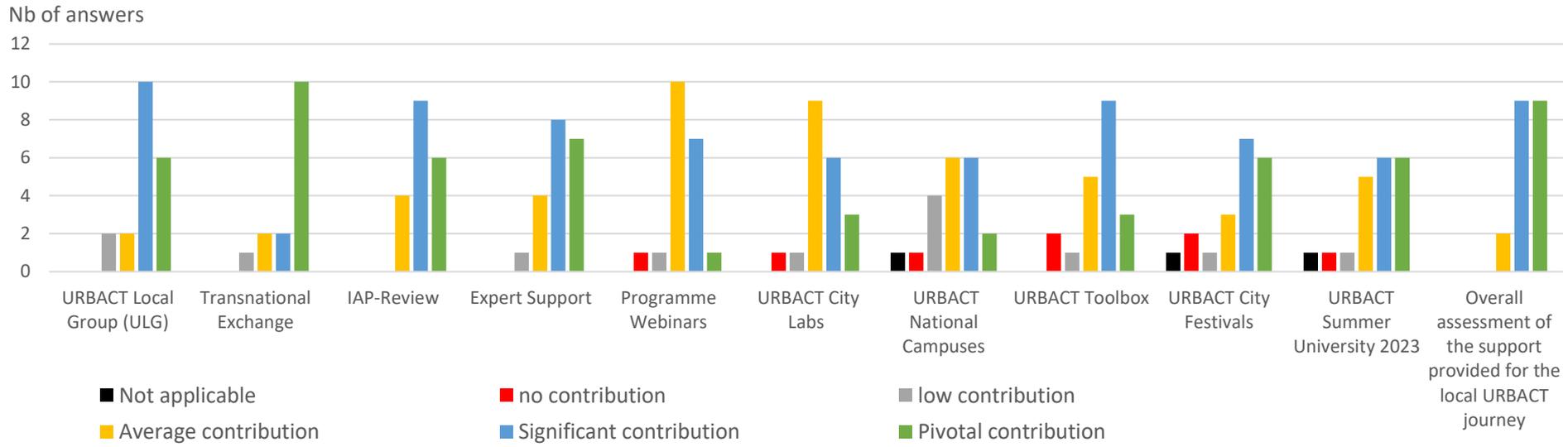
Effectiveness, usefulness and added value of Transnational Exchange and Transnational Co-Learning

Rated 4,5/5

Benefit of the URBACT Method for the municipality

Rated 4,1/5

To what extent the following URBACT measures contributed to increase the capacity of Italian cities in integrated action planning and participatory approaches ?





State of play of the Integrated Action Plans of Italian partners

Don't know if it will be approved / endorsed in its current form	2
It is currently in process of approval /endorsement	6
Not approved yet but will be approved/endorsed in near future	5
Unlikely that it will be approved / endorsed in its current form	1
Fully approved/endorsed	6



Quotes from Italian cities ending their journey with URBACT

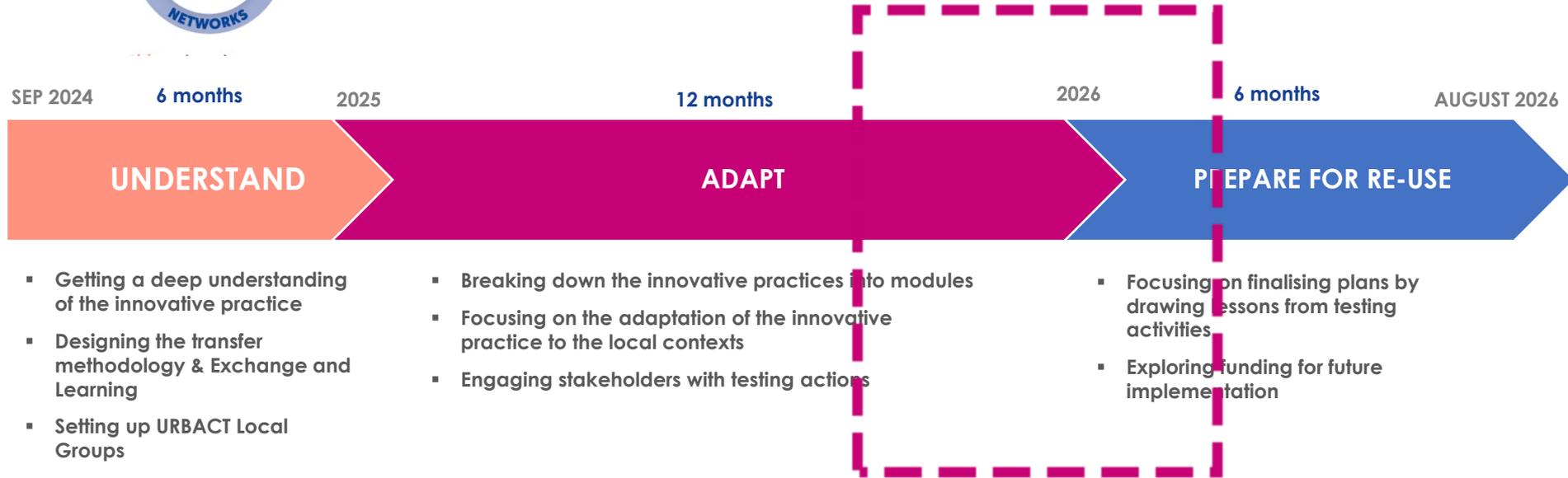
“URBACT provided a structured space to test pilot actions, align stakeholders through the ULG, and transform digital inclusion from isolated initiatives into a shared environment.”

“URBACT helped us transferring gender-responsive procurement from a theoretical notion to a tangible, operational instrument within municipal practice.”

“We have highlighted the importance of working consistently with local communities.”



Innovation Transfer Networks



a 24-month, 3-stage journey



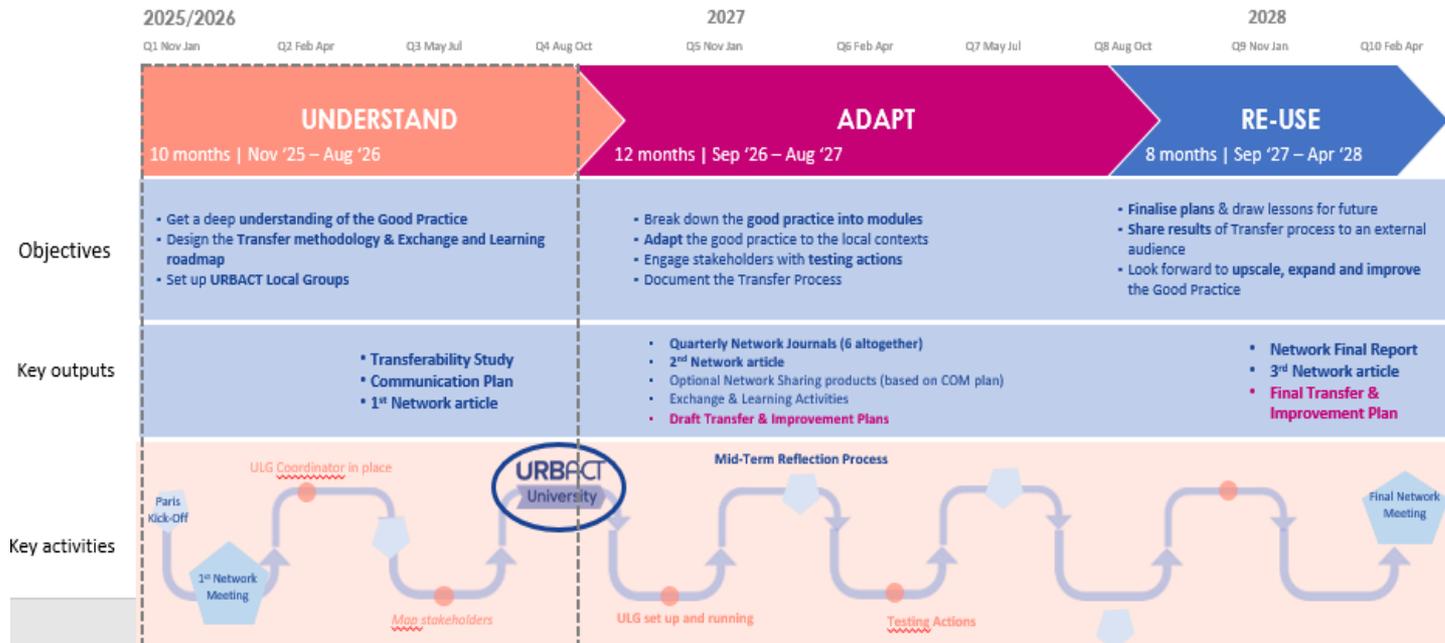
Innovation Transfer Networks partners in Italy

- **Torino:** 2nite
- **Naples:** CITISENSE and CO-CALICO
- **Ravenna:** DARING CITIES
- **Roma:** H² CU.RE.N.T.
- **Milano:** WISH CITIES



Transfer Networks

A 30-month 3-stage journey





Transfer Networks partners in Italy

San Lucido

Alghero

Borgomanero

Colle di Val d'Elsa

Brindisi

Cagliari

Ferrara

Perugia (2 networks)

Jonadi

NCI Nuovo Circondario Imolese

Milano

Alessandria

Vicenza Pescara Forli

Get involved in an URBACT network

Next call for Action Networks
17 March - 17 June 2026



2026 URBACT City Festival

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Let's go to Cork!

URBACT University
25-27 August 2026

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