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## ***The URB-AL Programme in brief***

### **Objective:**

To develop a direct and lasting partnership between local participants in Europe and Latin America.

### **Activities:**

- *Eight thematic networks offering an ongoing framework for cooperation and giving rise to joint projects cofinanced by the European Commission.*
- *Two biennial political and technical meetings between mayors and representatives of towns in Europe and Latin America.*

### **Participants:**

*Towns, conurbations and regions in the European Union and Latin America.*

### **Duration:**

*Four years.*

### ***URB-AL's thematic networks***

Network No 1	Drugs and towns
Network No 2	Conservation of historic urban contexts
Network No 3	Democracy in towns
Network No 4	The town as a promoter of economic development
Network No 5	Urban social policies
Network No 6	Urban environment
Network No 7	Management and control of urbanisation
Network No 8	Control of urban mobility

**NEW!**

***Readers' letter***

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 <b>Municipalidad de Santiago</b>	<b>Network No 1 "Drugs and towns"</b>  <b>Coordinator: Municipalidad de Santiago de Chile</b>
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## SUMMARY

<b>Network No 1:</b>	<b>Drugs and towns</b>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	<b>Santiago de Chile</b>
<b>Launching seminar:</b>	<b>10 and 11 November 1997</b>
<b>Number of members:</b>	<b>113:           28 from Europe                   85 from Latin America</b>
<b>Deadline for joint projects:</b>	<b>30 April 1998 30 April 1999 30 April 2000</b>
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## LATEST NEWS

On 30 April the Municipality of Santiago forwarded to the European Commission 15 proposals drawn up by members of Network No 1 and their partners. These 15 projects involve a total of 274 partners in Latin America and Europe. The proposals have been examined by the three bodies concerned: the URB-AL Technical Secretariat has checked their admissibility and the High-Level Technical Committee their content, while Commission DG IB's ad hoc committee has analysed their financial soundness and made the final choice.

### **Joint projects selected by the European Commission for cofinancing**

The Commission has selected eight joint projects for cofinancing. These projects will be the subject of a specific contract between the project coordinator and the Commission.

You will find a list of the projects selected below, together with a summary of their objectives. For further details consult Santiago's Web site at: <http://www.urb-al.cl>.

Each year the network will be able to present new proposals for joint projects. The deadlines are 30 April 1999 and 30 April 2000.

<b>List of projects selected for European Commission cofinancing</b>
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**"Drug information system - SID-URB-AL"**

Objective: To create an information system on research, prevention and treatment of drug addiction for the guidance of local authorities in Latin America and Europe.

Coordinator: Alcaldía de Medellín - Colombia.

Members: 25 - 8 of them in Europe and 17 in Latin America.

**"Integrated prevention of alcohol abuse in the family and society"**

Objective: ♦To identify factors associated with alcohol abuse in the home and the community.  
♦To identify alternatives creating a responsible attitude to alcohol in the home and other areas of social intercourse.  
♦To design an integrated prevention project to foster, develop and strengthen factors associated with responsible use in the home and community.

Coordinator: Alcaldía Mayor de Santa Fe de Bogotá - Colombia.

Members: 25 - 7 of them in Europe and 18 in Latin America.

**"Adjustment of local policies for handling drug addiction"**

Objective: To create a forum for analysing and debating new approaches to treatment and rehabilitation at local level.

Coordinator: Consejo Comarcal de l'Alt Empordà.

Members: 21 - 8 of them in Europe and 13 in Latin America.

**"Sharing experience between towns and developing models for preventing drug abuse"**

Objective: To create opportunities for sharing experience on preventing drug abuse with a view to analysing in depth and systematising methodological experiments to facilitate the drawing-up of prevention programmes by the members of the subnetwork.

Coordinator: Municipalidad de Concepción - Chile.

Members: 23 - 6 of them in Europe and 17 in Latin America.

**"Prevention models targeted at local youth networks"**

Objective: To exchange, back up and train local authority and NGO staff in the building of prevention models targeted at youth networks.

Coordinator: Municipalidad de Lota - Chile.

Members: 20 - 7 of them in Europe and 13 in Latin America.

**"Project to create inter-municipal networks on appropriate schemes"**

Objective: ♦To enhance the capacity of municipal authorities to take an integrated approach to drug problems.

♦To train municipal staff to work effectively with local, regional, national and international institutions and organisations dealing with drugs.

♦To develop inter-municipal networks for action and debate and establish channels for communication and feedback so that local schemes, resources and training can be coordinated and improved.

♦To develop a documentation and analysis process in preparation for a methodological approach.

Coordinator: Municipalidad de La Florida - Chile.

Members: 24 - 7 of them in Europe and 17 in Latin America.

**"Reducing the impact on drug-addicted and/or -dependent women"**

Objective: To create a forum for analysis and discussion on policies to support drug-addicted and/or -dependent women.

Coordinator: Prefeitura Municipal de Santo André - Chile.

Members: 11 - 3 of them in Europe and 8 in Latin America.

**"Exchanging local policies on drug addiction"**

Objective: To create a forum for analysing and debating local authorities' policies on prevention, assistance, social reintegration and grassroots participation in the matter of drug addiction.

Coordinator: Gobierno de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires - Argentina.

Members: 12 - 3 of them in Europe and 9 in Latin America.



## SUMMARY

<b>Network No 2:</b>	<b>Conservation of historic urban contexts</b>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	<b>Provincia de Vicenza</b>
<b>Launching seminar:</b>	<b>15 and 16 May 1998</b>
<b>Number of members:</b>	<b>149: 95 from Europe</b> <b>54 from Latin America</b>
<b>Deadline for joint projects:</b>	<b>31 October 1998</b> <b>31 October 1999</b> <b>31 October 2000</b>
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## LATEST NEWS

In the wake of the launching seminar organised for Network No 2 by the Provincia de Vicenza in May 1998, members drew up proposals for joint projects. Under the procedures laid down in the Programme Guide, they had five months from the launching seminar to do so. Proposals had to be sent to the network coordinator by 31 October 1998. Each year the network will be able to submit new proposals for joint projects. The next deadlines are 31 October 1999 and 30 October 2000.

The Provincia de Vicenza received six proposals for joint projects for forwarding to the European Commission. Under the Commission's procedures, proposals undergo the following examinations:

- Their admissibility is analysed by the URB-AL Technical Secretariat.
- Their content is analysed by the High-Level Technical Committee.
- Their financial implications are analysed by Commission DG IB's ad hoc committee, which then makes the final selection.

The joint projects selected will be the subject of contracts between the European Commission and their coordinator. The Commission will cover 50% of a project's total budget, with a ceiling of ECU 100 000 per project.

Full details of the activities of the "Conservation of historic urban contexts" network in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish can be found on the Provincia de Vicenza's Web site: <http://www.provincia.vicenza.it/urb-al/urbal.htm>.

The table below is a map of the site.  
All documents on the site can be downloaded.

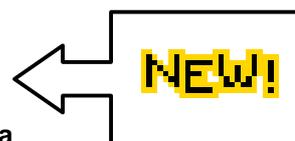


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- 1 General Information
  - 2 Final Basic Document
  - 3 Basic Document Bibliography
  - 4 15-16 May 1998 Seminar summary
  - 5 Application Form - Projects Presentation (download, ZIP file)
  - 6 List of the members of Network 2: **Italy - Europe - Latin America**
  - 7 Download of all listed documents (ZIP file, 95 Kbyte)
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Network No 3</b> <b>"Democracy in towns"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coordinator: Ville d'Issy-les-Moulineaux</b></p>
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**SUMMARY**

<b>Network No 3:</b>	<b>Democracy in towns</b>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	<b>Ville d'Issy-les-Moulineaux</b>
<b>Launching seminar:</b>	<b>18 and 19 February 1999</b>
<b>Number of members:</b>	<b>108:           36 from Europe</b> <b>                      72 from Latin America</b>
<b>Deadline for joint projects:</b>	<b>31 July 1999</b> <b>31 July 2000</b> <b>31 July 2001</b>



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**LATEST NEWS**

Network No 3 "Democracy in towns" is coordinated by the Ville d'Issy-les-Moulineaux. At the time of writing, it comprises 108 members, 72 of them from 14 Latin American countries spread across Central America, the Andean Community and the Southern Cone. The other 36 members are drawn from 8 of the European Union's 15 Member States.

Mr André Santini, the mayor of Issy-les-Moulineaux, announced the network's objectives at a press conference held in the town hall on 26 October. He also outlined the main themes of the network's activities under the URB-AL Programme.

The launching seminar for Network No 3 will take place at Issy-les-Moulineaux on 18 and 19 February 1999. This two-day inaugural meeting will enable mayors and senior local government officers representing the European and Latin American members of the network to discuss the concept of local democracy, pool their experience and form direct partnerships with a view to carrying out joint projects.

The deadline for proposals for joint projects having been fixed in the light of the launching seminar, Issy-les-Moulineaux's first projects must be ready by 31 July 1999. Each year the network will be able to present new proposals for joint projects. The deadlines are 31 July 2000 and 31 July 2001.

Network No 3 published its first newsletter last October under the title *La Lettre de la démocratie*. The main contents of this publication are listed below. It is also available on Issy-les-Moulineaux's Web site at: <http://www.issy.com/urb-al>.

### **La lettre de la démocratie**



#### **Editorial**

#### **Practical network**

*The objectives pursued  
Who can take part?  
How can we take part?  
What are the network's activities?*

#### **The network in figures**

*List of members*

**Dossier:** *The town in action*

#### **The main themes**

*Permanent communication tools  
The opening seminar  
Annual meetings*

The Mayor of Issy-les-Moulineaux will shortly be sending all the network's members and partners application forms for the launching seminar with details of how to take part.



Hurricane Mitch has devastated the Honduran town of El Paraiso. The town is one of the 108 members of Network No 3 (concerning local democracy) of the URB-AL Programme. The town of Issy-les-Moulineaux, the network's coordinator, is raising funds for the French Red Cross to help the victims. For further details contact the coordination unit for Network No 3.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Network No 4</b>  <b>"The town as a promoter of economic development"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coordinator: Ayuntamiento de Madrid</b></p>
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**SUMMARY**

<b>Network No 4:</b>	<b>The town as a promoter of economic development</b>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	<b>Ayuntamiento de Madrid</b>
<b>Launching seminar:</b>	<b>24 and 25 September 1999</b>
<b>Number of members:</b>	<b>150: 60 from Europe 90 from Latin America</b>
<b>Deadline for joint projects:</b>	<b>28 February 2000 28 February 2001 28 February 2002</b>
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**LATEST NEWS**

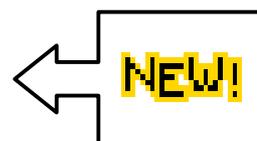
"The town as a promoter of economic development", the theme of Network No 4 coordinated by the Ayuntamiento de Madrid has attracted considerable interest from towns in Europe and Latin America. The network has now reached the limit for members from the two regions, but the coordinator is still receiving many requests to join. The European Commission has suggested that the coordinator include interested local authorities in the network as observers.

The launching seminar of Network No 4 "The town as a promoter of economic development", will take place in Madrid on 24 and 25 September 1999. The Ayuntamiento de Madrid should soon be implementing the network's preliminary activities: publication of the working document, preparation of a quarterly newsletter, creation of a Web page, etc.

	<p><b>Network No 5</b>  <b>"Urban social policies"</b></p> <p><b>Coordinator: Intendencia Municipal de Montevideo</b></p>
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### SUMMARY

<b>Network No 5:</b>	<b>Urban social policies</b>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	<b>Intendencia Municipal de Montevideo</b>
<b>Launching seminar:</b>	<b>12 and 13 April 1999</b>
<b>Number of members:</b>	<b>92: 27 from Europe 65 from Latin America</b>
<b>Deadline for joint projects:</b>	<b>30 September 1999 30 September 2000 30 September 2001</b>



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### LATEST NEWS

Coordinated by the Intendencia Municipal de Montevideo, Network No 5 "Urban social policies" now has more than 90 members and is actively preparing for the launching seminar on 12 and 13 April 1999. In September the coordination unit distributed an information sheet informing the members of the progress of work:

The setting-up of the network's coordination unit.

The drafting of the work plan (objectives, activities, expected results and timetable).

The preparation of the working document, for which experts have already been selected.

The steady influx of new members.

The dispatch of a questionnaire to all members to get a picture of each town's problems in the field of urban policy and obtain members' suggestions regarding the working of the network.

The preparation of a database of members.

The publication by the Intendencia Municipal de Montevideo, in October 1998, of a working document entitled *Políticas sociales urbanas - Convocatoria al debate*, This remarkable document, aimed at stimulating debate on the network's theme, is available in Spanish from the network's coordination unit.

**Network No 6 "Urban environment"**

**Network No 7 "Management and control of urbanisation"**

**Network No 8 "Control of urban mobility"**

The first stage of the process of selecting coordinators for these three networks was completed in October 1998. All candidates have been notified of the outcome. The European Commission has sent shortlisted candidates terms of reference and instructions enabling them to present detailed technical and financial proposals. The deadline for proposals is 8 January 1999.

Each would-be coordinator must propose a network of at least 50 members.

Interested towns will then be able to apply to the selected coordinator(s) to join the network(s) of their choice.

#### **Readers' letters**

In subsequent issues, URB-AL/INFO would like to give its readers an opportunity to air their views. All taking part in the URB-AL Programme are invited to send contributions (one page maximum) to the Technical Secretariat, preferably by e-mail.

You may, for example, use this space:

- to share your town or region's experiences on one of the urban issues covered by URB-AL.
- to report innovative schemes relevant to the activities of thematic networks.
- to profile the local authority, association of municipalities, NGO, university or other cooperation agency to which you belong.
- to publicise the cooperation activities in which your local authority is involved.
- to seek partners for joint projects in the framework of thematic networks.

You are also welcome to air any other subject relevant to cooperation between towns and regions in the European Union and Latin America.

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**For further information on URB-AL**

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Newsletter No 9 will come out at the end of the first quarter of 1999. For subscriptions and/or further information on the URB-AL Programme contact:

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