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# Partners 4 Action – private investment in neighbourhood regeneration

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## Project background

- Part of URBACT Programme: a strand of the URBAN Community Initiative
- URBACT key aim to develop transnational exchanges of experience between cities & partners benefiting from URBAN I & II, and UPPs
- Should contribute to improved relevance & effectiveness of actions used to tackle socio-economic problems in European cities, and help inform Community policies in the urban field by drawing on concrete local experience



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## Main project aim & context

To investigate how PPPs (Public Private Partnerships) are used to tackle economic, social & environmental problems within deprived urban neighbourhoods

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Project duration: June 2003 – May 2006

Project budget: €730,000

- over 40% funded by the EU
- balance funded by project partners

Project structure: 16 partners - Liverpool (lead partner) plus:

10 partners from existing EU Member States

3 cities from new Member States (Riga, Nicosia, Budapest)

3 organisations specialising in urban renewal (RICS Europe, OPS, Caisse des Depots et Consignations)

Supported by Programme level and thematic experts

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## Work Programme & Objectives

Main theme: Use of PPPs in deprived urban neighbourhoods

- Three sub-themes:
- (i) Structures & types of PPPs
  - (ii) PPPs as a catalyst for industrial & commercial (re)developments
  - (iii) PPPs as a catalyst for development in neighbourhood areas

### Project objectives:

- Through exchange of experience between network partners, to examine the role that PPPs play in urban & neighbourhood renewal
- To explore & identify good (and bad) practice from which other cities can learn
- To produce & disseminate “transferable knowledge”

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## Project targets

- 10 thematic seminars
- Produce report of key findings after each seminar
- Produce baseline study on partner city PPP approaches
- Establish local PPP forum in each partner city
- Overall project results used to produce practical guidance on using PPPs aimed at other regeneration practitioners + final report highlighting best practice & making future policy recommendations targeted at national & EU policy makers
- Final conference – Riga, summer 2006



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## Progress to date

- Project approved June 2003
- Network formally established November 2003 via launch meeting in Liverpool
- Work programme, PPP sub-themes and lead cities for each theme agreed
- 3 thematic experts appointed
- Baseline study commissioned November 2003 (to compare approaches to PPPs across partner cities) – initial findings published May 2004
- Two thematic seminars delivered (Structure & Type, Copenhagen, February 2004; Industrial & Commercial, Graz, May 2004)
- Collection of city case studies started



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## What next ?

- First seminar on PPPs in neighbourhoods theme – Gera (Germany), September 2004
- Next phase of baseline study – leading to deeper analysis of PPP dynamics in partner cities
- Commission thematic expert to support “neighbourhoods” theme
- Begin CAPITALISATION process:
  - Continue work with partners & experts to develop effective tools for sharing & exchanging information
  - Develop links & exchange experiences with other relevant networks (e.g. ECO-FIN-NET: focused on using innovative financing to stimulate economic development in distressed neighbourhoods); ENTRUST
  - EC green paper response



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