

# Urban Agenda for the EU - Sustainable Use of Land - **Draft Action 5**

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## Draft Action 5: PROMOTING FUA COOPERATION AS A TOOL TO MITIGATE URBAN SPRAWL

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### **BOTTLENECKS**

Urban sprawl is one of the main challenges of developing towns and cities, where development spreads without proper control and management. This process resulting in extra costs for public authorities and for citizens in terms of service delivery, infrastructure for example – in most cases, these costs are hidden and not easily perceived as they are negative externalities. Spatial planning, especially within Functional Urban Areas (FUAs) can be a tool for dealing effectively with urban sprawl and green infrastructure. Effective FUA cooperation, including spatial planning, but not only, can help to use land in a more sustainable way and avoid the hidden costs of urban sprawl. The following challenges constraining FUA cooperation are identified by the Partnership:

There are multiple definitions and delimitations of FUAs, which makes it sometimes difficult to gather consistent data (for monitoring and analysis - although the application of this concept should be flexible);

There is a lack of knowledge among city/regional/national officials about the benefits of FUA cooperation, including coordinated spatial planning in functional areas, especially in the context of mitigating urban sprawl and green infrastructure, resulting in higher (hidden) costs;

There is a lack of knowledge about the best ways to establish cooperation within an FUA (e.g. knowledge about possible regulatory frameworks to adopt, financial incentives, stakeholders' engagement, etc.);

There is a lack of appropriate national level frameworks facilitating FUA cooperation (e.g. enabling formalisation of cooperation, financial support etc.);

There is a lack of willingness among municipalities to cooperate as a result of financial constraints and a variety of political and institutional reasons.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The aim of this action is to make FUA collaboration, especially coordinated spatial planning, a widely recognised and attractive tool for better land management and a tool for dealing with urban sprawl.

Therefore, the Partnership recognises the need for:

More evidence and knowledge related to urban sprawl and its costs;

More knowledge and evidence about the benefits of collaboration within FUAs;

Gathering case studies and good practice from Europe on successful FUAs demonstrating how coordinated spatial planning has contributed to combat urban sprawl.

## **OUTPUT**

Drafting a publication (book, document) for MS, regions and cities, describing guidelines and recommendations, based on good practices and gathered knowledge (urban sprawl costs, benefits of FUA cooperation, best practice);

Disseminating and discussing outcomes through dedicated workshops, seminars and other events, to promote FUA cooperation, to trigger discussion and to exchange experiences; (funding and organisational possibilities for such events need to be further assessed);

The desired outcomes of this action are:

Developing discourse on FUA cooperation and coordinated spatial planning through discussions during events and knowledge exchange; and

Raising awareness about FUA and inspiring stakeholders to take up FUA collaboration.

**NOTE:** The actions are open for Public Feedback until Wednesday, 19 September 2018. The individual contributions to this Public Feedback will not be published on the Internet. You will be able to choose between providing your personal details or submitting your contribution anonymously. The results of the Public Feedback will be taken into consideration by the members of the Partnership for the preparation of the final version of the Action Plan and presented on DG meeting on Urban Matters in end-2018. Replies may preferably be submitted in English.

***Read the [full draft Action Plan](#) for more detailed descriptions of all ten draft actions of the Sustainable Use of Land and Nature-Based Solutions Partnership.***

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1. On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being the weakest and 5 the strongest), to what extent do you find this issue crucial and why?

	1- Weakest	2- Weak	3- Regular	4- Strong	5- Strongest	N /A
* To what extent do you find this issue crucial?	<input type="radio"/>					

1.a. Please briefly justify your choice

\* 2. Based on your experience, do you believe that this action would contribute to addressing the abovementioned bottlenecks?

- Mostly yes
- Partially yes
- No
- I do not know

2.a. Please briefly justify your choice

\* 3. How do you think the bottleneck presented above could be better solved?

3.a. Which other actions do you think could tackle the above-mentioned bottleneck? Please briefly indicate which actors should be involved in its implementation.

\* 4. Are you aware of initiatives or documentation developed at international, EU, national, regional or local level that could be relevant for this action?

- Yes
- No

4.a. If yes, thank you for providing relevant details

## Respondent's profile

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\* 1.a. Which country are you from?

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\* 2. Are you a public, private or non-governmental organisation?

- Public
- Private
- NGO
- Other

Please specify

\* Please specify the level of your public organisation:

- Local
- Regional
- National
- EU
- International

\* 2.b. In which country is your organisation based?

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3. Name, surname and position of the respondent

4. Name of the institution

5. Email

\* How did you learn about the Public Feedback?

- Via Futurium
- Via the Urban Agenda for the EU newsletter
- Via Twitter
- Through a member of your network
- Other (Please specify)

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## Thank you for participating in the Public Feedback! **More information:**

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Read the [full draft Action Plan](#) and contribute to other actions of the Sustainable Use of Land and Nature-Based Solutions Partnership.

- [Draft Action 1](#): INCLUDING LAND TAKE IN IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES
- [Draft Action 2](#): FINANCING MODELS FOR BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT
- [Draft Action 3](#): IDENTIFYING AND MANAGING UNDER-USED LAND
- [Draft Action 4](#): INDICATORS OF LAND TAKE
- [Draft Action 6](#): BETTER REGULATION TO BOOST NBS AT EUROPEAN, NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS
- [Draft Action 7.1](#): BETTER FINANCING ON NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS - PREPARE AN NBS FUNDING GUIDE TO ASSIST CITIES IN ACCESSING FUNDING FOR NBS PROJECTS
- [Draft Action 7.2](#): BETTER FINANCING ON NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS - OVERCOMING THE BIAS FOR EXISTING SOLUTIONS THROUGH NBS FINANCIAL INCENTIVES MAINSTREAMING
- [Draft Action 8](#): AWARENESS RAISING IN THE AREAS OF NBS AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF LAND (URBAN SPRAWL)

- [Draft Action 9](#): DEVELOPING COMMON STANDARDS AND INDICATORS - AGREEING ON COMMON TARGETS AND INDICATORS FOR NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS, URBAN GREEN STRUCTURE, BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN CITIES

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