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to improve it → We
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it into action!**

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Do you have an idea to change your city? Do you want to work together with partners from different sectors and disciplines? Would you like to learn from, exchange with and be inspired by changemakers from other European cities? If so, apply now to become an Actor of Urban Change!

Actors of Urban Change is a community-driven, international good-practice network. We promote sustainable urban development in Europe, and believe in creating a culture of co-creation as a driving force for positive change. To do this, we foster collaboration between actors from the non-profit, public and private sectors.

Who is it for?

Our program is open to residents of all 47 Council of Europe member states, Kosovo and Belarus who:

- Work in the nonprofit, private or public sector
- Apply as a local team with a joint project proposal for their city
- Want to develop their skills in cross-sectoral collaboration and participatory urban development
- Are able to attend four international network meetings (lasting 3-4 days each) over a period of 18 months
- Have good command of English

The project you apply with needs to address a current challenge or need related to sustainable urban development in your city, such as affordable housing, energy and climate change, mobility, social inclusion, circular and sharing economies, and so on. We're specifically interested in projects that focus on one of these questions:

- How can nature-based solutions make our cities better places?
- How can communities be activated to co-shape their urban environments?
- How can neglected spaces be re-imagined as vital and conscious hubs for cities under pressure?

Your project should be relevant to the local area/neighborhood it is based in, be innovative compared to other initiatives in your city, and involve the local community.

What do we offer?

We offer financial support to kickstart your local project, a safe space to try out new ideas, as well as international training as part of our network of 100 urban changemakers across Europe. Selected teams receive up to 13,000 Euros in grants, including:

- **Activity grants** to implement your project of up to 6,000€
- **Capacity grants** for expert support and consultancy of up to 4,000€
- **Travel grants** to learn from other cities in our network of up to 3,000€

In addition, we will reimburse all travel expenses for four international network meetings as well as selected workshops and study visits.

How does it work?

It all starts with a team of three people – one each from the nonprofit, the public and the private sectors. Together, they apply as a cross-sectoral team to tackle a challenge in their city. An international jury then selects 10 teams from different European cities to work on their projects for a period of 18 months. At the heart of our program are four international meetings, each taking place in a different European city in our network. During the four-day summits, the Actors community comes together, and participants exchange intensively on topics such as project management, processes for citizen participation and co-creation, advocacy and more. Field visits, workshops, open spaces and one-on-one coaching offer opportunities for learning, and expert facilitators create space to reflect on and speak freely about the challenges of cross-sector collaboration and urban change work. Throughout the process, the program team gives participants practical support to run their projects.

**We believe people should join forces to tackle the problems their cities face.
We empower urban changemakers to try new ways of working together.**

In an era of complex urban challenges, we are convinced that systemic, lasting change can only happen if people with diverging ideas, experiences and perspectives are ready to collaborate. Our cities need skilled, committed actors who are working toward a common purpose. We help these actors translate their passions and concerns into collective action.

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