

British Council Ukraine and Goethe-Institut Ukraine, in partnership with CANactions, launch a programme to identify, support and implement innovative urban development projects that seek to reinvigorate post-industrial, mid-sized cities across Ukraine, drawing on British and German expertise in this area.

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About Urban Action

We're looking to support and develop most innovative **architectural/urbanist** projects looking to address urban issues in post-industrial, mid-sized Ukrainian cities (pop. 50,000 - 600,000). Open call for applications starts on November 15, 2016 and will run till January 16, 2017. Our international panel of experts will select **two winning proposals that will receive up to € 15,000 each to implement their project**, as well as the chance to receive mentorship support from a German and/or British urban development agency. Selected teams will also get the chance to travel to Germany and/or the UK to take part in a tailored study-tour of urban regeneration.

Timeline

Call opens	15 November 2016
Deadline for applications	16 January 2017
Shortlist announcement	24 January 2017
Winners announcement	1 February 2017
Projects' implementation	February - November 2017

Who can apply?

- Architects/urbanists teams and agencies
- Non-governmental organizations, associations and institutions
- Applicants/organisations can only submit one application per organisation;
- At least one team member has to be fluent in English or German;
- Applications need to be submitted by a registered business entity or on behalf of a community organisation;
- Applicants have to reside in Ukraine and able to sign a contract with the partners if the application is successful.

Project proposals

- Projects need to focus on architectural/urbanistic solutions to urban issues in post-industrial areas of mid-sized (50,000-600,000) Ukrainian cities;
- The application needs to focus on real outcomes and present a comprehensive understanding of the challenges, aims, methodology, costs and results, inherent to the project proposed;
- The project needs to have a clear social commitment to improve the life of a community in terms of culture and creative industries;
- Applications need to show evidence of local stakeholders involvement in a project, e.g., civil society representatives, business and local authorities;
- Projects should be sustainable, and show the potential of outliving the grant period;
- Although not essential, the evidence of co-funding is desirable.

Budgeting requirements:

- Budget worksheet units and subunits are fixed; though they are not mandatory for each project. Expenses in budget worksheet may be distributed through all or some of the units.
- Fees and operating costs should not exceed 20% of the total budget;

- Site programming/events organization expenses should not exceed 20% of the total budget;
- Contingency costs should not exceed 10% of total.

The program will not support:

- Operational/running costs of institutions;
- Project proposals that overlap with the functions of state-level or local governmental institutions (except those situations when a project aims at increasing existing governmental project's effectiveness/reach);
- Funding for recurring project and events, such as running costs of an annual festival;
- Projects that have commenced before the application deadline and activities that have already taken place;
- Work/product realization without any active collaboration with partners, such as solo exhibitions, music recording, film and tv production, production of computer games and books etc.
- Researches/ publications.

Selected projects will receive:

- A grant of up to € 15 000 (each);
- A week's worth of mentoring with either a German or a British urban development agency, who will travel to Ukraine to meet the team and familiarize themselves with the city and project;
- Participation in a 4-5 days study tour to either Germany or the UK, hosted by the partner urban agency;
- Valuable practical experience in implementation of an urban transformation project and monitoring its implementation in a transparent and efficient way;
- An opportunity to share unique experience with a wider Ukrainian and international audience;
- Media promotion during the implementation of the project.

Some examples of successful culture-led urban renovation projects:

Chicken Town (CREATE) (UK) - <http://createlondon.org/event/chicken-town/>

Enlight (Ukraine) - <https://www.facebook.com/enlightslavutych/>

Green Rooms (UK) - <http://greenrooms.london/>

Izolyatsia (Ukraine) - <http://izolyatsia.org/en/>

Plattenvereinigung (Germany) - <http://www.plattenvereinigung.de>

Waggons Stuttgart (Germany) - <https://www.facebook.com/Waggons.Stuttgart>

To apply, a participant should fill in the application form below (including the budget worksheet) in English and send it to competition.canactions@gmail.com BEFORE 16 January 2017 with the subject "Urban Action: Your Project Name".

If you want to include additional documents to describe your project, please, add them as annexes and save everything as a PDF. The application shall not exceed 20MB – all video should be included as hyperlinks.

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