

Driving Urban Transitions to a sustainable future





Welcome to the

DUT Call 2025 Info Day



Agenda

10:00-11:05: Transnational information

- Intro to DUT and the DUT Call 2025
- Thematic priorities & call topics
- General aspects of the call:
 - o Timeline
 - Participating countries
 - Eligibility criteria
- Application process:
 - o Pre-proposal template & evaluation criteria
 - o Submission platform
- Matchmaking platform
- 11:05-11:15: Break
- 11:15-11:45 Q&A session transnational rules
- 11:45-12:00: Break
- 12:00-13:00: National breakout sessions
- Presentations by national/regional funding agencies
- Q&A session national rules



Post Questions Using the Q&A



If you have questions, use the **Q&A button** in the lower navigation bar. Then our experts can answer your questions.

The chat function is for technical questions for the TechSupport only.



About

The Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) Partnership to a sustainable future is an intergovernmental research and innovation programme addressing key challenges of urban transitions.



- Co-funded European Partnership within the European Research and Innovation (R&I) Framework Programme, Horizon Europe.
- Approx. €450 million indicative budget for 2022–2028

Consortium of 68 partners from 30 countries

- National and regional R&I funders
- National or regional authorities and agencies dealing with urban policy
- Research performing and other organisations as strategic partners





DUT's Vision

A climate neutral and resilient urban future for all.

DUT's Mission

To fund transformative research and innovation to build capacities of urban stakeholders and empower them to drive urban transitions in Europe and beyond.



Transition Pathways

The DUT Partnership accelerates urban transitions through three thematic priorities - the Transition Pathways



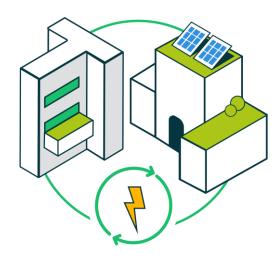
The 15-minute City

Boosting sustainable mobility and proximity in connected neighbourhoods



Circular Urban Economies

Enabling regenerative urbanism and resource circularity

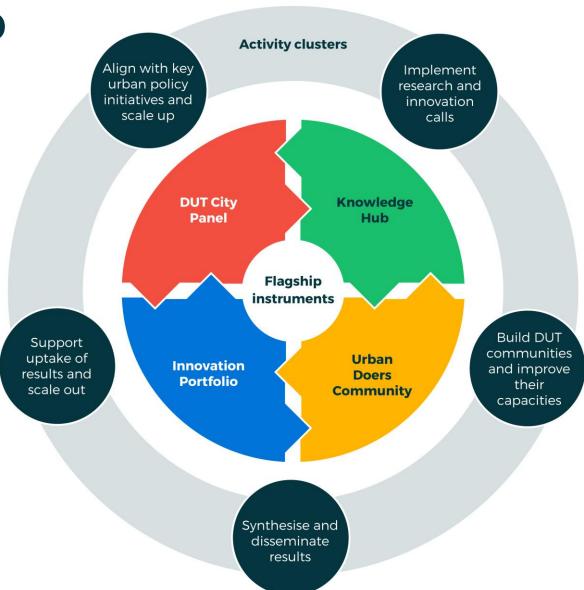


Positive Energy Districts

Pioneering climate-neutral, resilient and socially just energy systems



DUT Activities to Enable Impact





DUT Roadmap









Becoming part of the DUT community

Activities projects can engage in



DUT Call 2025

A funding opportunity for climate neutral and resilient cities











The 15-minute City Call Topics



- 1 Next steps for multimodal urban mobility, building on travel experience
- 2 Reimagining parking transforming urban parking policies
- Mobility policymaking in context of radical contestation



Circular Urban Economies Call Topics



- Resilient green and social infrastructure
- 2 Sustainable tourism circular benefits and challenges
- Public procurement to foster urban greening and circularity



Positive Energy Districts Call Topics



- Driving a just transition: PED strategies in social and subsidised housing
- 2 Ensuring positive socio-economic impact: PEDs in local economies and energy markets
- PEDs in urban heating and cooling strategies





Call Scoping Process





Call Topic Highlights



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Recommendations for projects



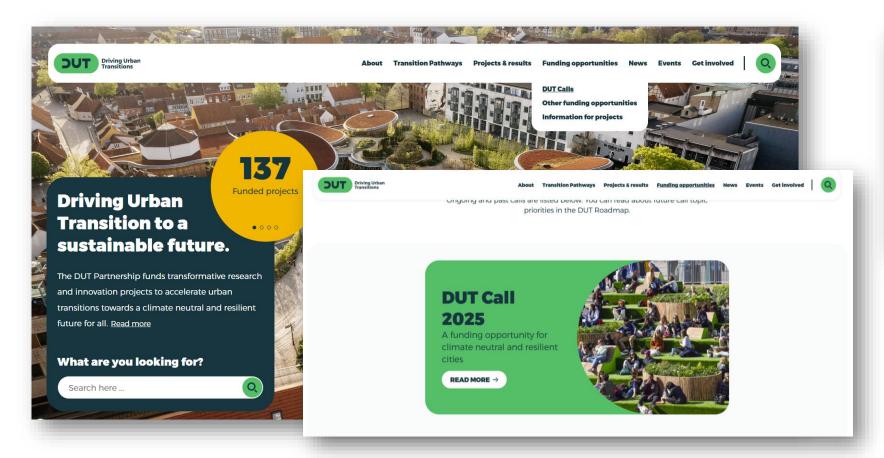


General aspects of the call



Where to Find Information

Information about the DUT Call 2025, including the call text and other important documents, is available on the DUT website on the following link: https://dutpartnership.eu/calls/dut-call-2025







Key Dates & Deadlines





Participating Countries

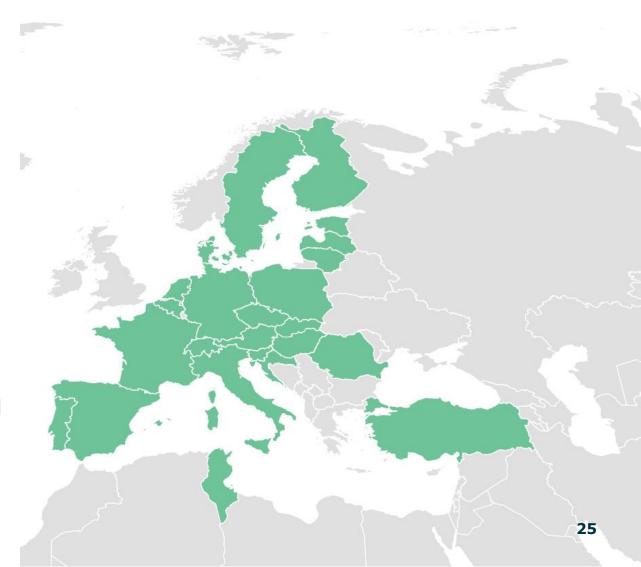
Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Tunisia and Türkiye.

Participating countries eligible for EU Co-Fund:

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands and Türkiye

Participating countries not eligible for EU Co-Fund (marked as "AP" in Annex A of the Call Text):

Finland, Switzerland, Tunisia





Participating Countries

Note!

• Please be aware that **not every Funding Agency** in every country supports every research type and every Transition Pathway and call topic.

 When building a consortium, pay attention to Table 1 and Table 2 of Annex A, and the information listed for each country in the Annex A.

• When building consortia, the national budgets and the number of projects that may be funded are a key information in Annex A!



Application Process

Transnational Part (2 Stages)

Stage 1: Pre-proposal

Submission of a pre-proposal, including a concise project description as well as a description of the partners. If the pre-proposal is selected, the project consortium is invited to submit a full proposal.

Stage 2: Full proposal

Submission of a full proposal, only if the pre-proposal is invited to participate in Stage 2.

National/Regional Part

All applicants will need to fulfill national/regional eligibility criteria and requirements.

Important! Some Funding Agencies require submission of a proposal on national/regional level. See the respective national/regional requirements for more information.



Who can apply?

Research organisations, companies and commercial organisations, urban government authorities, consumers and civil society representatives and actors from the culture and creative sectors.

A project must have at least three partners from three different countries and include a municipality or local authority.

What can you apply for?

3-year research and innovation projects that focus on urban areas, in the context of achieving climate neutral and resilient cities. The call welcomes a wide range of scientific disciplines such as strategic urban research, applied urban research and urban innovation.

How much can you apply for?

There are no fixed minimum or maximum limits for a project size. Most projects are expected to have a total budget request of around €1-2 million.



Who Can Apply?

Research organisations

Higher education institutions including universities, university colleges; research institutes or other entities with research undertakings

Companies and commercial organisations

Urban government authorities

such as local and regional government institutions, municipalities and municipal organisations, city authorities, urban public administrations, infrastructure and service providers

Consumers and civil society representatives

e.g. local and community organisations, nongovernmental organisations, not-for-profit organisations, advocacy and activist groups, citizens' representatives, neighbourhood initiatives, social innovators, social entrepreneurs, etc.).

Cultural and creative sectors

e.g. artists and designers

IMPORTANT!

Please be well aware that not every Funding Agency in every country may fund every organisation type. Organisation types that can be funded may also differ for research types, pathways and even topics in one country or region. When building a consortium pay attention to table 1 in Annex A and the information listed for each country in the Annex A.



Roles in a Consortium

- The Main Applicant is the organisation/body responsible for coordinating and managing the project.
- **Co-applicants** are Applicants other than the Main Applicant, eligible for funding from a Funding Agency.
- Cooperation Partners are partners that are not eligible for funding from Funding Agencies, but may be included in a project as Co-operation Partners if (a) they finance their activity from other sources and (b) the consortium in general fulfils the requirements on the number of eligible applicants from participating countries
- **Principle Investigators (PI)** are the persons acting as lead investigator for a main applicant or co-applicant





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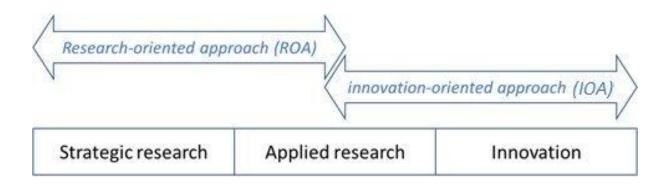
Aims, approaches & recommendations for proposals

- Focus on urban areas, in the context of achieving climate neutral and resilient cities
- Demonstrate transdisciplinary, involvement of "stakeholders", practitioners, citizens and inhabitants, community groups, and NGOs.
- Use an interdisciplinary approach and include diversity
- Show a clear added value of their transnational cooperation
- Build on existing knowledge
- Include a powerful communication dissemination strategy to increase the projects impact

Please see the call text (chapter 2.1) for further details



Types of R&I Activities to Be Supported



This call is open for proposals referring to a broad range of research types:

- Strategic urban research
- Applied urban research
- Urban innovation and implementation

Projects may address these research types and must additionally select one approach: either research-oriented or innovation-oriented



Transnational Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Only **transnational projects** will be funded; consortia must include at least **three independent** legal entities applying for funding from **three different countries** that have Funding Agencies participating in the call. In addition, at least two eligible Applicants within a consortia must be from different EU Member States or Associated Countries eligible for EC co-funding in this Call.
- 2. The project coordinator (Main Applicant) must be eligible to be funded by its national/regional participating Funding Agency and request funding.
- 3. One person must only participate in a **maximum of two proposals** as a PI, and only once as the PI of a Main Applicant.
- 4. Each consortium must include at least **one urban government authority partner**, either as a Main Applicant, Co-applicant or Co-operation Partner (detailed LOI should be submitted with the full proposal), depending on the national/regional eligibility criteria.
- 5. The duration of a project must not exceed 36 months.



Transnational Eligibility Criteria

- 6. Pre-proposals/full-proposals must be written in **English language** and respect the designated mandatory **proposal form** (in terms of overall size, limit of pages and characters). The proposal form must be completely filled in, respect standard font size and margins indicated in the form.
- 7. Pre-proposals/full-proposals have to be submitted on the UEFISCDI electronic submission system UDiManager **before the corresponding deadlines** indicated in this document.
- 8. Only pre-proposals **invited** to submit a full proposal will be eligible in the second stage of the selection procedure. If a Main Applicant decides to submit a full proposal rejected at the end of the first stage, this full proposal will be declared ineligible.
- 9. **Fundamental changes** between the pre-proposal and the full-proposal, initiated by the applicants alone, will **NOT** be accepted.

National/regional rules may be more restrictive regarding this eligibility criterion.



National/Regional Eligibility Conditions

Please check carefully the specific national/regional eligibility requirements of each funding agency for which you are applying for funding. They are indicated in the (long) Annex A of the Call Text.

There is a specific table for each funding agency. These conditions may relate to

- the type of eligible partners (research organisations, private sector, NGO, local authorities, etc.)
- the types, rates and amounts of expenses accepted
- the topics of the call that the funding agency will support
- the type(s) of research and innovation activities supported
- the fact that the submission of an application is expected at national/regional level
- o etc.

It is strongly recommended to check these national/regional rules with the contact person at the respective Funding Agency (see **Annex A**) before submitting a proposal. For some funding agencies, it is even mandatory to have this contact before the submission. Important to check the national/regional timeline.



Transnational & National Rules & Criteria

TRANSNATIONAL CRITERIA

- -> Only transnational projects will be funded; consortia must include at least three independent legal entities applying for funding from three different countries ...
- -> other transnational criteria ...

NATIONAL CRITERIA (FICTIONAL)

Country A

- Consortium must include a company
- -> For country A only research organisations, universities and companies are eligible for funding

Country B

- -> At least 2 municipalities in the consortium
- National application must be submitted until 10 January

Country C

 For country C municipalities are not eligible for funding

Country D

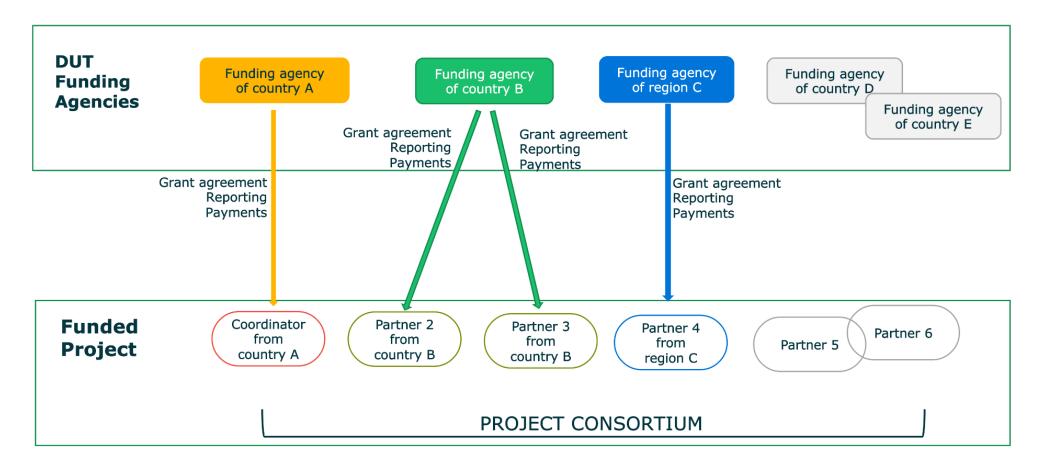
 One person may only be nominated as PI in one proposal

The national criteria shown here are fictional, please always contact your funding agency!



Transnational Project Structure

Fictional example of linking of a project to different funding agencies





Pre-proposal Template

Note: You will find the **Pre-Proposal template** on the DUT website. The Full Proposal template will come later during the process.

What is expected and crucial when you fill the Pre-Proposal:

- 1. Respect the formatting requirements (font size, line spacing)
- 2. Do not go over the recommended max limit pages per section (indicated within the text). When no page limit is indicated, the section does not count in total page limit (e.g section 2)
- 3. It is necessary to follow the table format of Section 1 (Project Overview). No page limit indicated but no possibility to add/remove parts
- 4. Detailed financial information must also be given in the Financial information section on the online submission platform, as well as the project partners of the consortium
- 5. Section 6 (References) is divided into two parts for more clarity (references from the consortium and references from the state-of-the-art)



Pre-proposal Template (2)

1. Project overview

[General information will be inserted in the online submission system UDiManager at uefiscdi-direct.ro]

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Project Full Title: Max 150 characters including spaces			Applicant. The financial aspects need to be informed only on the online submission system						
Project Coordinator (Organisation	+ name of the l	PI):							
Main R&I approach: (tick the most	relevant approa	ach, see the call text, page 13)						
Research-oriented approach (R	OA)								
☐ Innovation-oriented approach (I	OA)			Within the project, you can mix both approach, but only can be selected and define as the main approach					
Main Transition Pathway: (tick the	most relevant t	transition pathway)							
☐ PED Transition Pathway				_					
☐ 15mC Transition Pathway									
☐ CUE Transition Pathway				A secondary Transition Pathway can be t	hway can be ticked				
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Investment									
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Evaluation and selection process

- Two-stage process:
 - pre-proposal
 - full-detailed proposal
- Evaluation by international, independent expert panel at both stages.
- Evaluation of expert panel will result in six ranking lists corresponding each to a specific Transition Pathway and ROA or IOA;
- Selection by a steering committee representing the funding agencies, based on the ranking lists and the available national/regional budgets committed to the Call.

Selection choices crucial for your project:

- Choose the most relevant transition pathway;
- R&I approach: researchoriented approach (ROA) or innovation-oriented approach (IOA)

TP	Research-oriented approach (ROA)	Innovation-oriented approach (IOA)
PED TP	Ranking list PED + ROA	Ranking list PED + IOA
15mC TP	Ranking list 15mC + ROA	Ranking list 15mC + IOA
CUE TP	Ranking list CUE + ROA	Ranking list CUE + IOA



Evaluation criteria

The pre-proposals and full proposals will be assessed by a **panel of experts** against the three standard **sets of criteria**:

- 1) Excellence and Intellectual Merit
- 2) Impact and User Engagement
- 3) Quality and Efficiency of project implementation

Evaluation scores over 5 will be awarded for each of the three criteria.

Criteria are decomposed into **sub-criteria**:

- Some sub-criteria will not be assessed in Stage 1, but only in Stage 2 (italic in the following slides).
- Some sub-criteria are specific to the research-oriented or to the innovation-approach.



Evaluation criteria (1)

Excellence - Intellectual Merit

- Clarity and pertinence of the objectives
- •Credibility of the proposed approach and soundness of the concept
- •Added value of transnational cooperation
- •Clarity and feasibility of the project design and of the proposed methodology*
- •Identification of risks and mitigation plan*

Sub-criteria adapted to ROA: Originality, contribution to new strategic knowledge, progress beyond the state-of-the-art

Sub-criteria adapted to IOA: Innovativeness of the approach compared to existing solutions



Evaluation criteria (2)

Impact and User Engagement (societal and broader impacts of project results)

- •Relevance to the Call topic(s) (see expected outcomes in each topic description)
- •Integration of diversity and gender perspectives in the project plan and goals when applicable; alternatively, please instead include an explanation as to why it is not applicable to your proposal
- •Engagement of stakeholders (e.g. communities, cities, policymakers, regulators, NGOs, or industry)
- •Effectiveness of the proposed measures for the dissemination and/or exploitation of project results (*) both at the transnational and the regional levels

Sub-criteria adapted to ROA:

Potential of the project to provide insights to an important societal issue and produce useful knowledge for stakeholders*

Sub-criteria adapted to IOA:

Market potential of the project and/or capacity to respond to a demand or a need*



Evaluation criteria (3)

Quality and Efficiency of project implementation

- •Composition, quality and suitability of experience and expertise of the consortium to address the project goals (including interdisciplinarity, cross-sectorial collaboration, and co-creation aspects where relevant)
- •Complementarity and balance of substantial contributions of partners of the consortium
- •Feasibility and appropriateness of timescale
- •Global value for money (costs are realistic and reasonable with respect to the ambition of the project and the expected results and impact)
- •Appropriateness of costs allocation and justification of requested resources (staff, equipment, etc.)*
- •Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and workloads, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role *
- •Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk, quality and innovation management as well as data concerns, for example GDPR risks, risks associated with access to data, etc.*
- •Consideration of regulatory and ethics issues, when necessary*
- •Consideration of data management issues (if applicable to the proposal), such as access to data, data processing, data quality, etc., for example by providing a Data Management Plan*





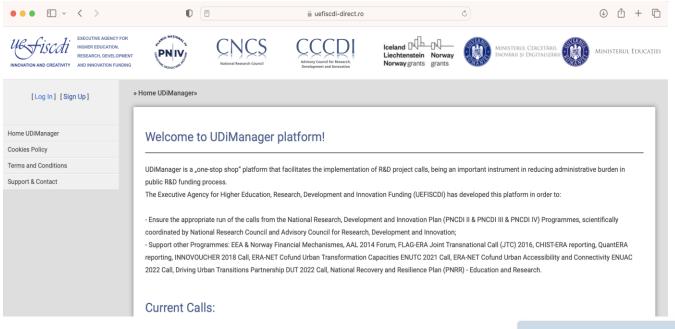
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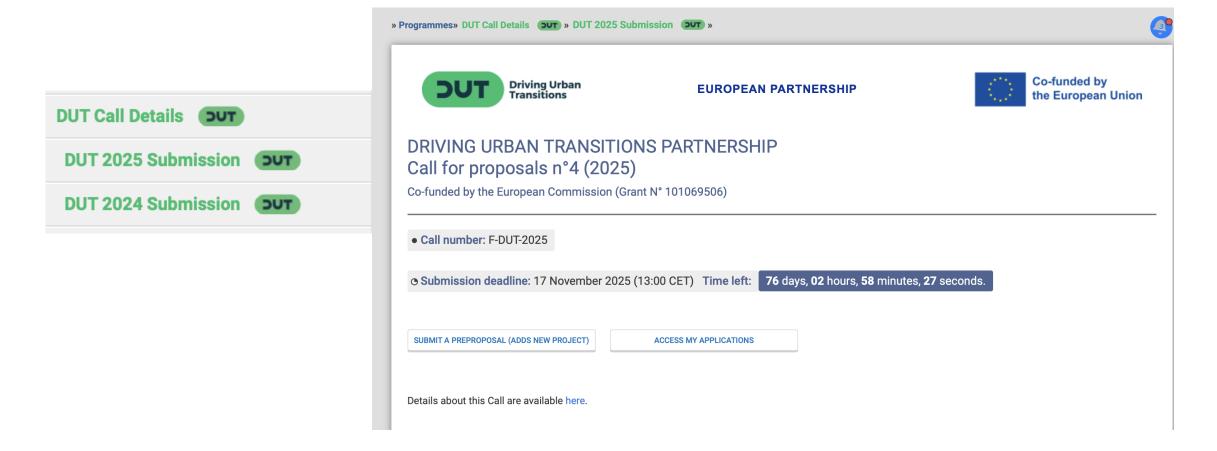




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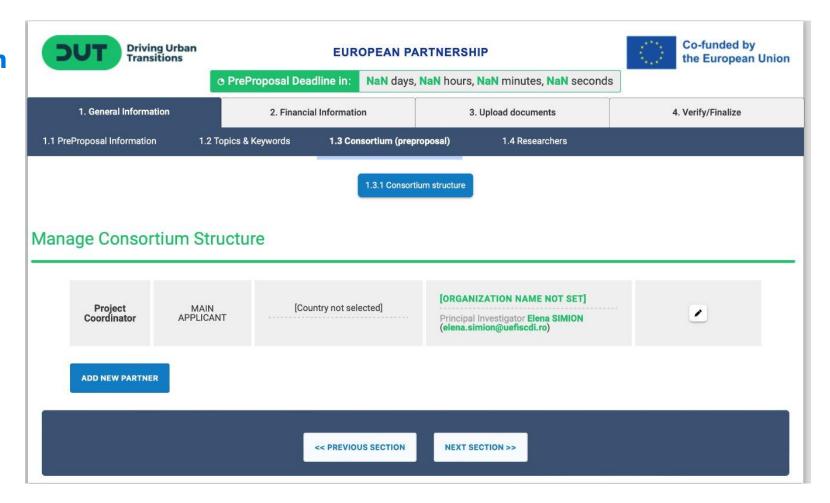
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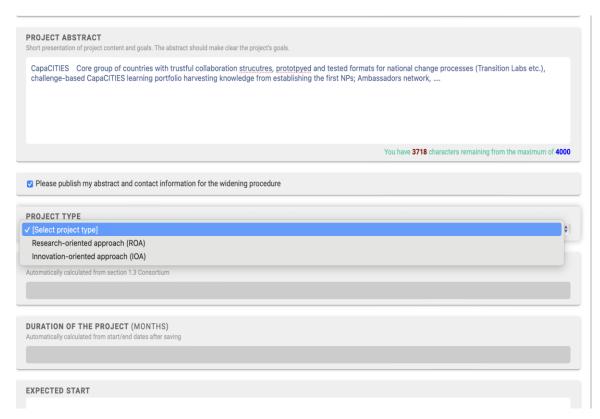


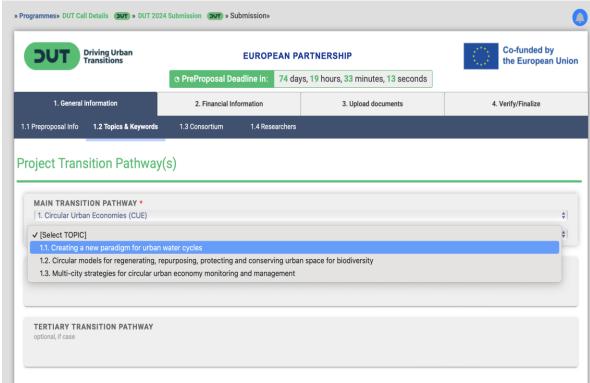
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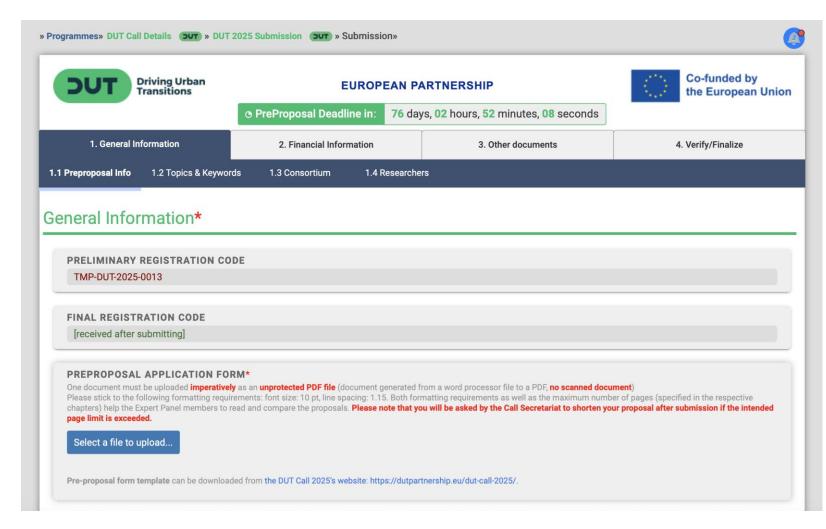






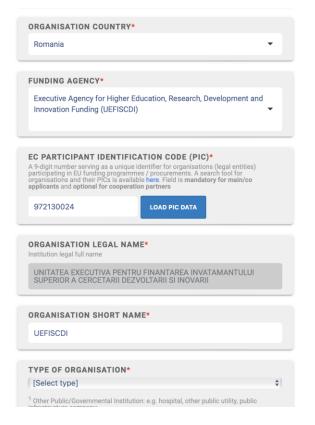




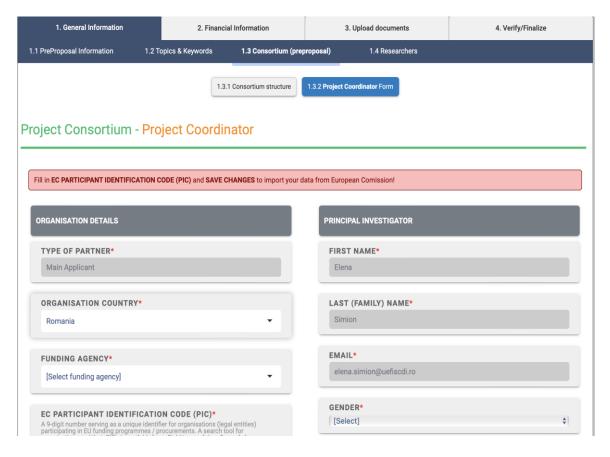


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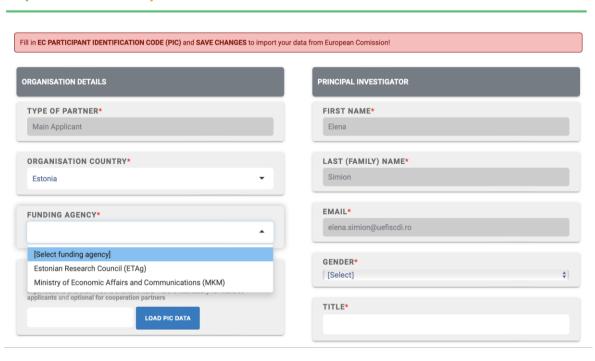


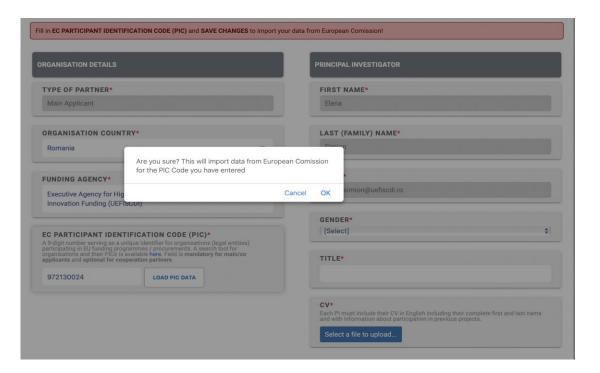






Project Consortium - Project Coordinator







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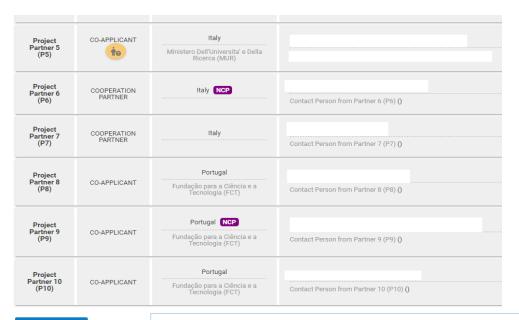
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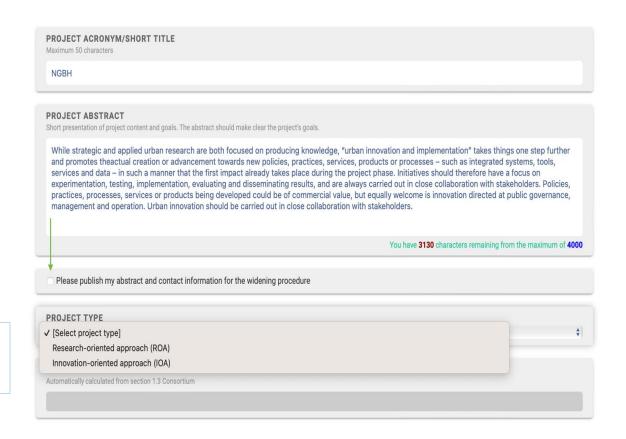


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ADD NEW PARTNER

NEW! Submission System: NCP in same country consortium





NEW! Submission System: abstract publication



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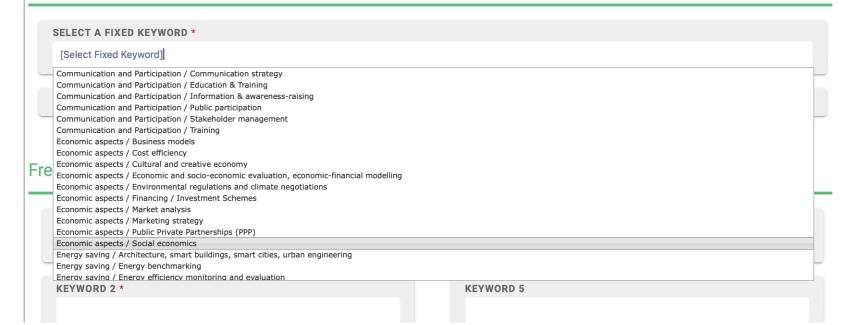
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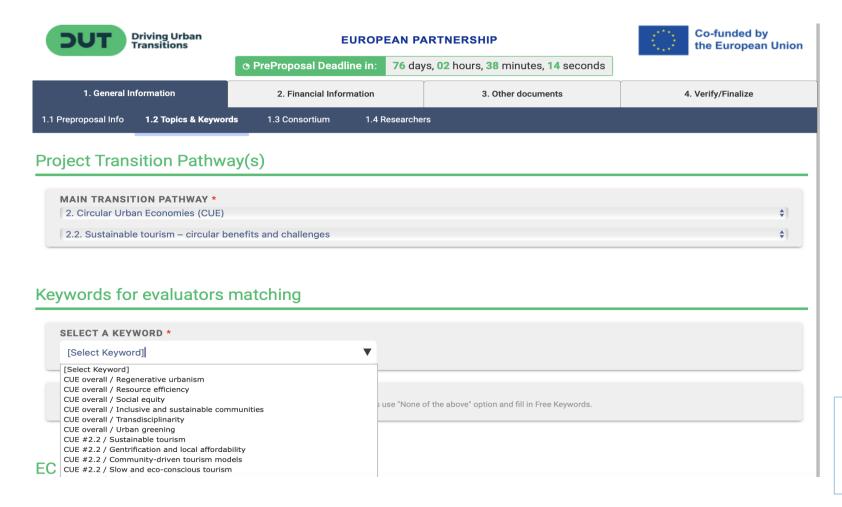


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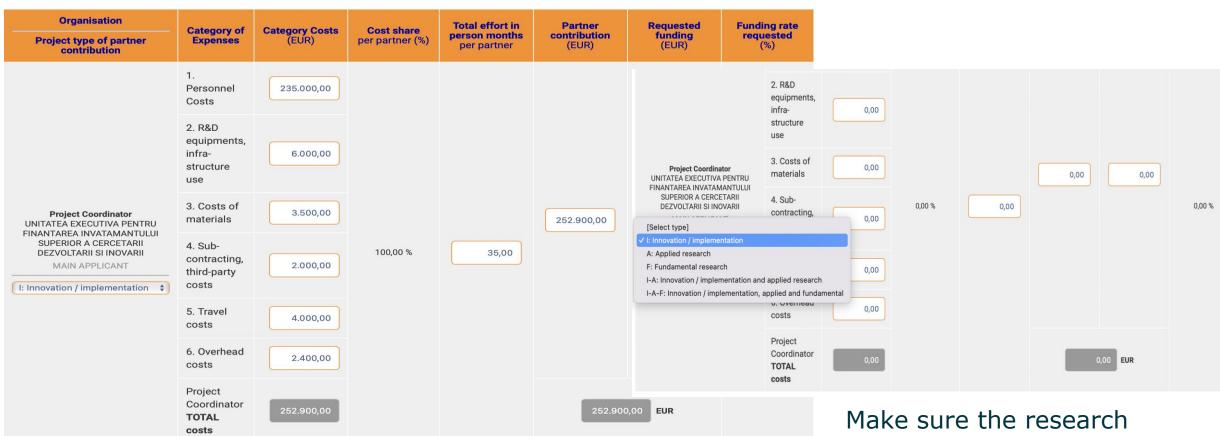
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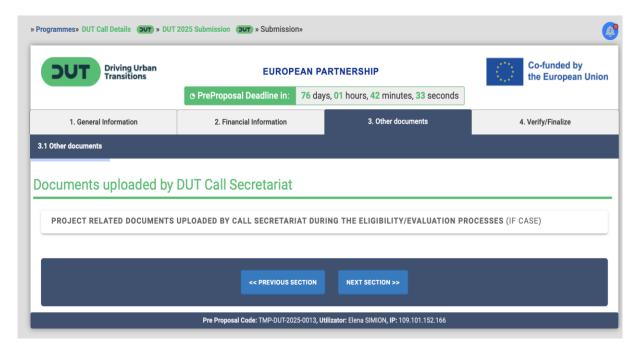


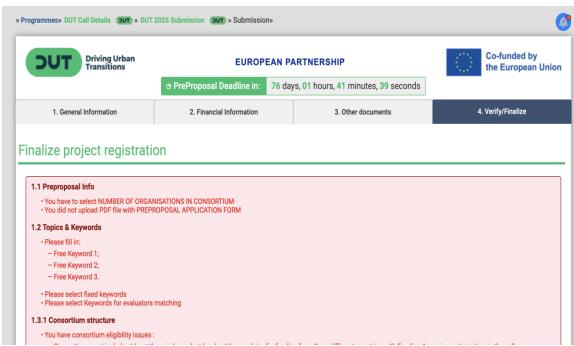


SAVE CHANGES AND CALCULATE TOTALS

Make sure the research activity is checked and eligible for the selected funding partner.



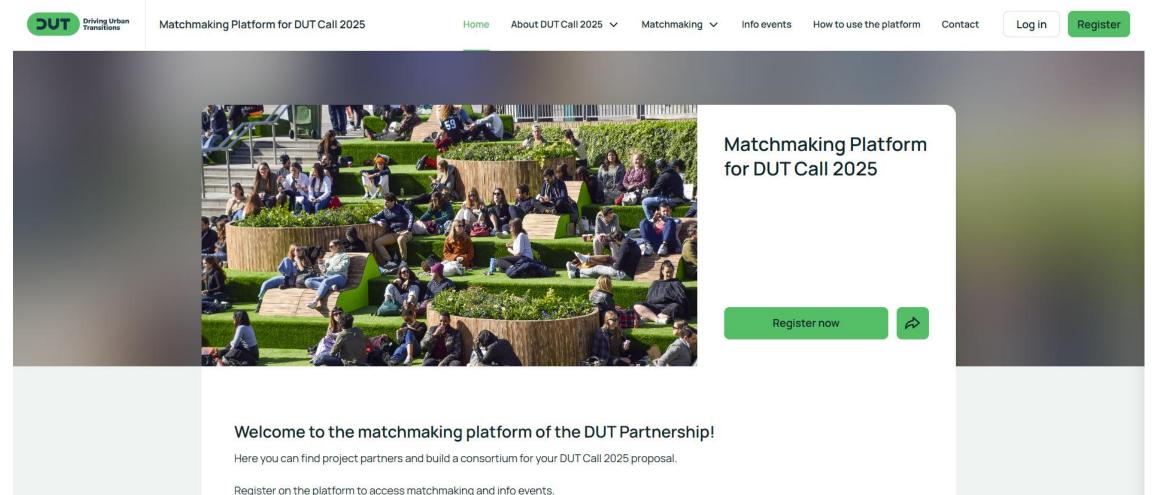




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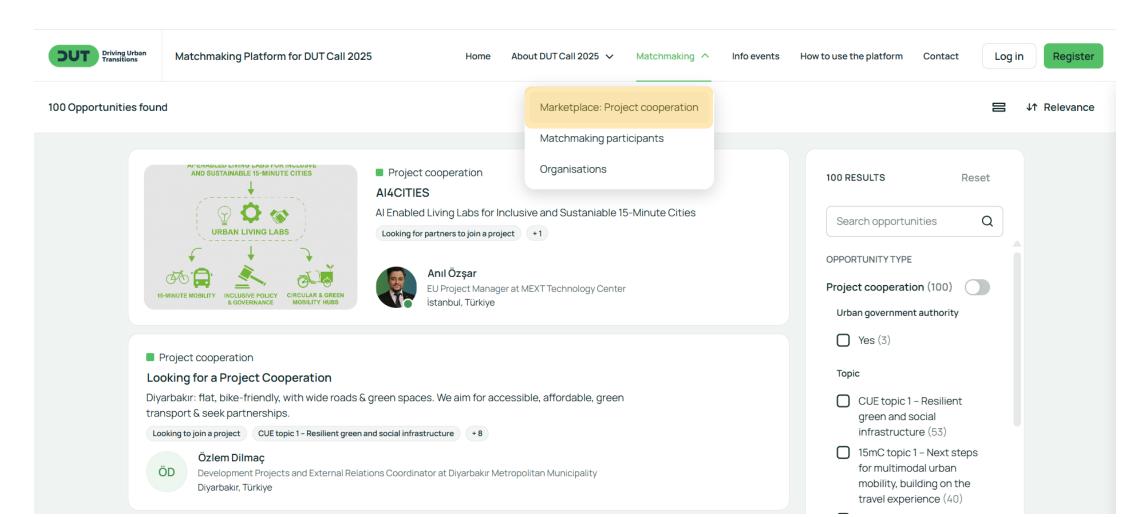


Find project partners on the matchmaking Platform





Promote your project idea or find other projects to join

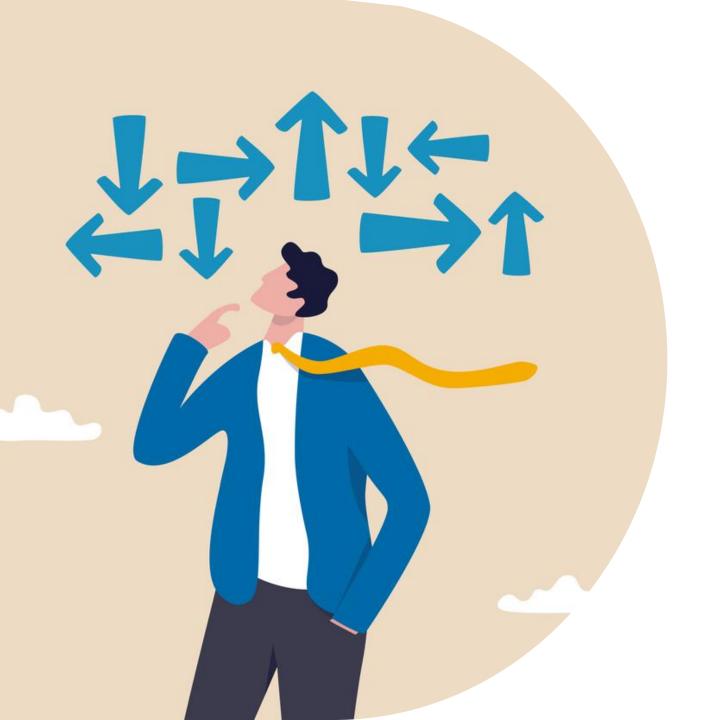




Break until 11:15







Q&A - transnational





Useful links

DUT website

www.dutpartnership.eu

DUT Call 2025 web page

https://dutpartnership.eu/calls/dut-call-2025

DUT matchmaking platform

https://b2match.com/e/dut-call-2025

LinkedIn

@Driving Urban Transitions Partnership
https://www.linkedin.com/company/dutpartnership/



Contact

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Also consult with your national contact point indicated in Annex A





Break until 12:00





National breakout sessions

12:00-13:00





Thank you for joining us today!

