

UTM Global Innovation Summit

Interactive Workshop – “Research & Innovation (R&I) Funding”

Date: 6th November 2025

Time: 14:30– 16:00 (BRT)

VENUE & LOCATION:

Fundação Planetário

R. Vice-Governador Rúbens Berardo, 100, Gávea,
Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 22451-070, Brazil

This session will explore the different perspectives of urban research and innovation (R&I) funding. The workshop will offer insights from Cities, Funding Agencies, and the Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) Partnership, who is co-leading the Urban Transitions Mission. Participants will learn how Funding Agencies can involve cities, and how cities benefit from strategic R&I investments and connection to the innovation ecosystem to be actively involved to develop and drive transformative climate solutions.

Speakers:

- **Orsolya Küttel**, Driving Urban Transition (DUT), EU Partnership
- **Carlos Quintana**, CDTI Spain Delegate in Brazil
- **Mar Ferrer Saez**, *Head of Technical Infrastructure, Systems and Communications at Valencia Innovation capital, Valencia, Spain*
- **João Dinis**, Climate Action Director, Cascais, Portugal
- **Rebecca Borges**, Innovate4Cities

Agenda

14:30	Welcome & Introduction Orsolya Küttel, Driving Urban Transition (DUT), EU Partnership • <i>DUT overview and Mission Innovation calls</i> • <i>How can international R&I collaboration between cities, researchers, and funders create real impact?</i>
14:35	Perspective from Funding Agencies The critical role of urban R&I funding • Carlos Quintana, CDTI Spain Delegate in Brazil
14:45	Perspectives from cities Good practices & Impacts of R&I funding • Mar Ferrer Saez, Head of Technical Infrastructure, Systems and Communications at Valencia Innovation capital, Valencia, Spain • João Dinis, Climate Action Director, Cascais, Portugal
14:55	Perspectives from research - Rebecca Borges, Innovate4Cities
15:00	Interactive workshop (Session consortium) Framing the challenge (5 Minutes) Group discussions (30 minutes) - Which role play R&I agendas for you? - What barriers do we encounter in making collaboration work? - What could help overcome them and which gaps could DUT or MI address in future calls?
15:45	Wrap-up: Sharing & Synthesis
16:00	End