

URBAN DOERS COMMUNITY #2

INFORMATION SESSION: APPLICATION PROCESS & EVALUATION

17 FEBRUARY 2026, 10:00

What is the Urban Doers Community?



- A 13-month programme bringing together 12 initiatives from across Europe
- For urban innovators working on the hyperlocal level
- Aim is to connect, share and translate activities to other contexts
- Foci: Circular Urban Economies, 15-minute City, Positive Energy Districts and other Urban Transitions

Goals & Impact:

1. Build capacity to participate in European R&I programmes
2. Influence European urban policy and research agendas
3. Scale and mainstream community-led innovations across Europe

Urban Doers Community

Policy Paper: Bridging urban niche innovation and European ambitions



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EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP

Co-funded by the European Union

What Urban Doers Contribute & Receive

Urban Doers Deliver:

- 5-page case study documenting their approach and lessons for scaling community innovations
- Contributions to a joint policy paper with recommendations for policymakers
- Presence and active participation across multiple touchpoints throughout the 13-month period during DUT events, capacity-building workshops and monthly online check-ins

Urban Doers Receive:

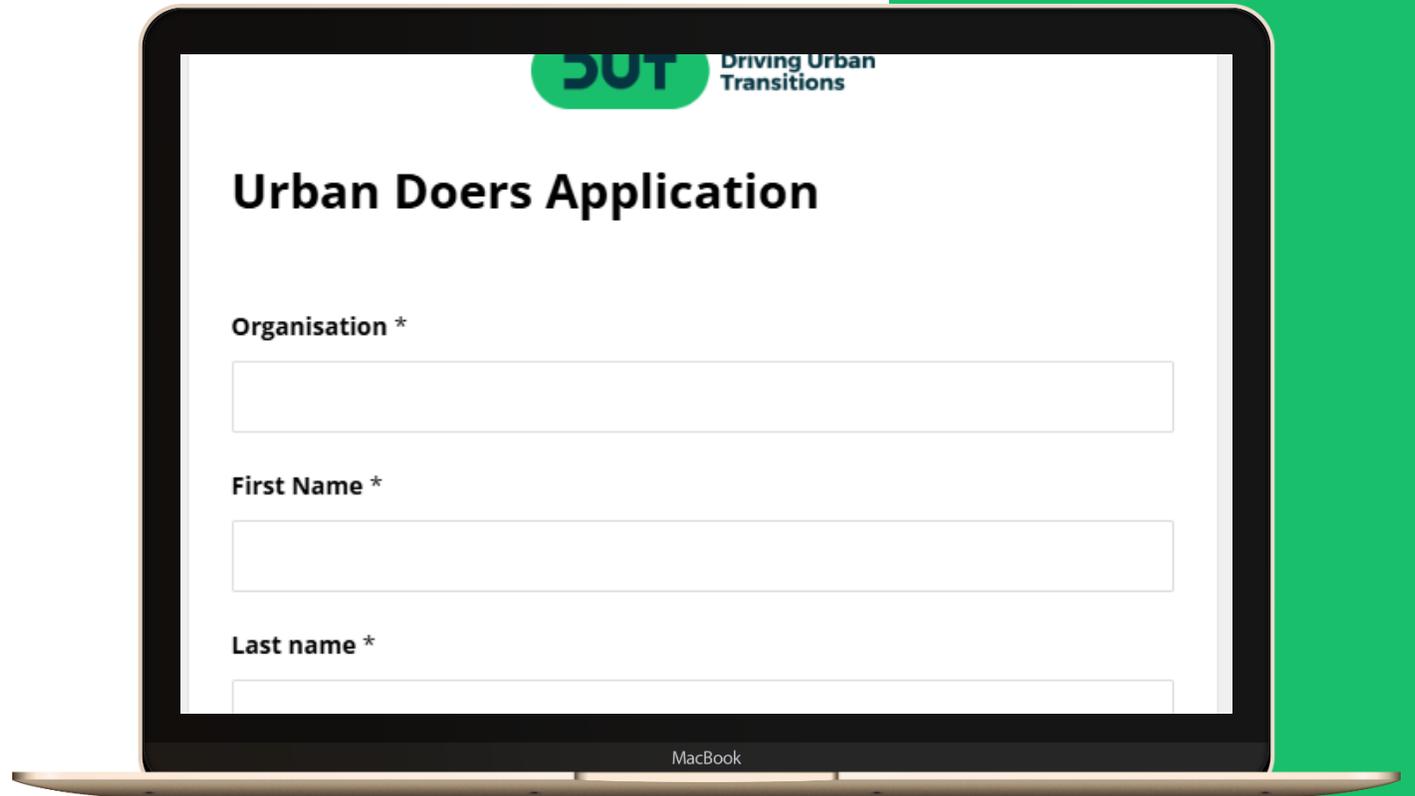
- €9,000 lump slump compensation (+ €2,500 travel reimbursement)
- Access to diverse capacity-building activities, trainings, and networking opportunities designed to strengthen their capabilities and European connections
- Direct engagement with researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders working on urban transitions across Europe

Mandatory deliverables

Deliverable and activity	Tentative date
Attendance in first online meeting	May 2026
Provision of input to present the Urban Doers Initiative on the DUT website	May 2026
Attendance in on-site Kick-Off Meeting	June 2026
Attendance in at least 3 monthly online check ins	
Delivery of Case Study Paper of about 5 pages	December 2026
Attendance in at least one additional online or on-site DUT event / activity such as Policy Conference, AGORA Dialogues, Urban Lunch Talks, City Panel meetings	
Contribution to the Urban Doers Policy Paper in all three stages (See Appendix B)	
Attendance of Urban Doers Closing Event	June 2027
Providing reflections, learnings and ways forward via online survey	June/July 2027

Application Process

- Deadline: 16 March 2026, 13:00
- Application form:
<https://dutpartnership.eu/urban-doers-community-2>
- Form includes a number of administrative and content-driven questions, and a cost-effort breakdown (e.g. spreadsheet)



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Urban Doers Application

Organisation *

First Name *

Last name *

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Selection Process: 1 - Eligibility criteria

Suitability criteria	Suitable	Not-suitable
Type of organisation	Association; non-governmental organisations; not-for-profit organisations; micro enterprises (<10 employees); cultural organisations; cooperatives;	Research and innovation performing organisations; universities; local public administrations; utility providers; large industry
Country of origin	<u>Countries participating in DUT + Ukraine</u>	All other countries
Previous engagement in projects funded by DUT, H2020 and Horizon Europe.	If provider has not been engaged as coordinator or partner in the named programmes	If provider has been engaged as coordinator or partner in the named programmes
Previous involvement as Urban Doer	Not chosen as an Urban Doer for the DUT “Urban Doers Grant Pilot 2023” or the “Urban Doers Booklet” before	Chosen as an Urban Doer for the DUT “Urban Doers Grant Pilot 2023” or the “Urban Doers Booklet” in the previous year
Complete submission	Complete submission (submission of the offer on time, using the form provided on the DUT website; all fields of the form completed; application written in English)	Submitted offer is not complete
Organisation’s only submission	Only one offer per initiative will be accepted	All additional offers received after the first offer

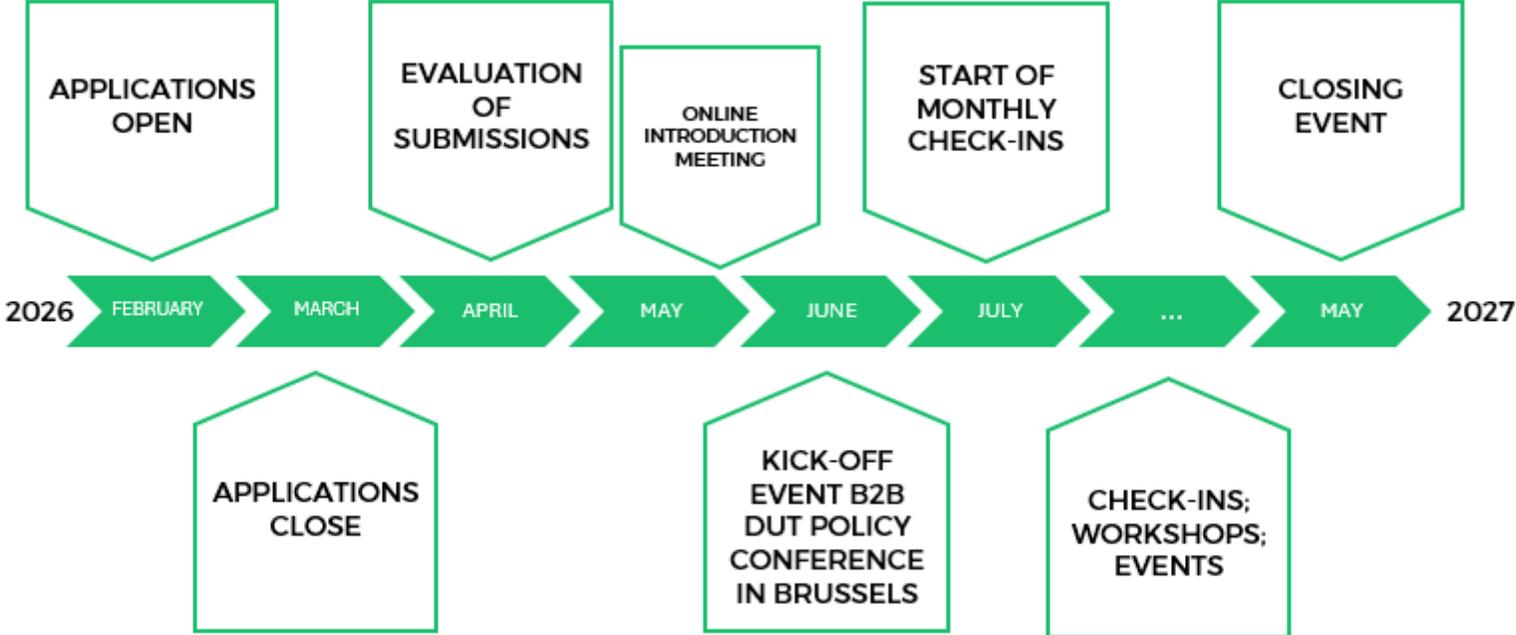
Selection Process: 2 – Expert evaluation

A jury of external experts evaluates the offers based the following evaluation matrix:

Selection Criteria	Evaluation Points	Evaluation Value
Contribution of the initiative / tenderer to urban transformation; relevance and link to DUT and DUT’s Transition Pathways [Q1] – 35%	1-5	35%
Potential to inspire and translate the initiative to other urban contexts: Potential to synthesise the knowledge/experience and promote it on a European scale [Q2] – 35%	1-5	35%
Ambitions for capacity-building activities with respect to urban research and innovation and the potential for the organisation/initiative’s work reflecting the ambitions of the Urban Doers Community? Need to acquire knowledge and expertise to a.) upscale/replicate/mainstream knowledge, expertise and innovations; and b.) participate in EU funded project applications [Q3]– 15%	1-5	15%
Professional references/experiences of the organisation/initiative in urban transformation [Q4] – 10%	1-5	10%
Plausibility and transparency of the cost-effort breakdown [Q5] 5%	1-5	5%

Evaluation Points	
Outstanding	5
Good	4
Average	3
Weak	2
Poor	1

Timeline 2026/2027



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