

ESPON's contribution to URBACT

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Contribution to URBACT's work

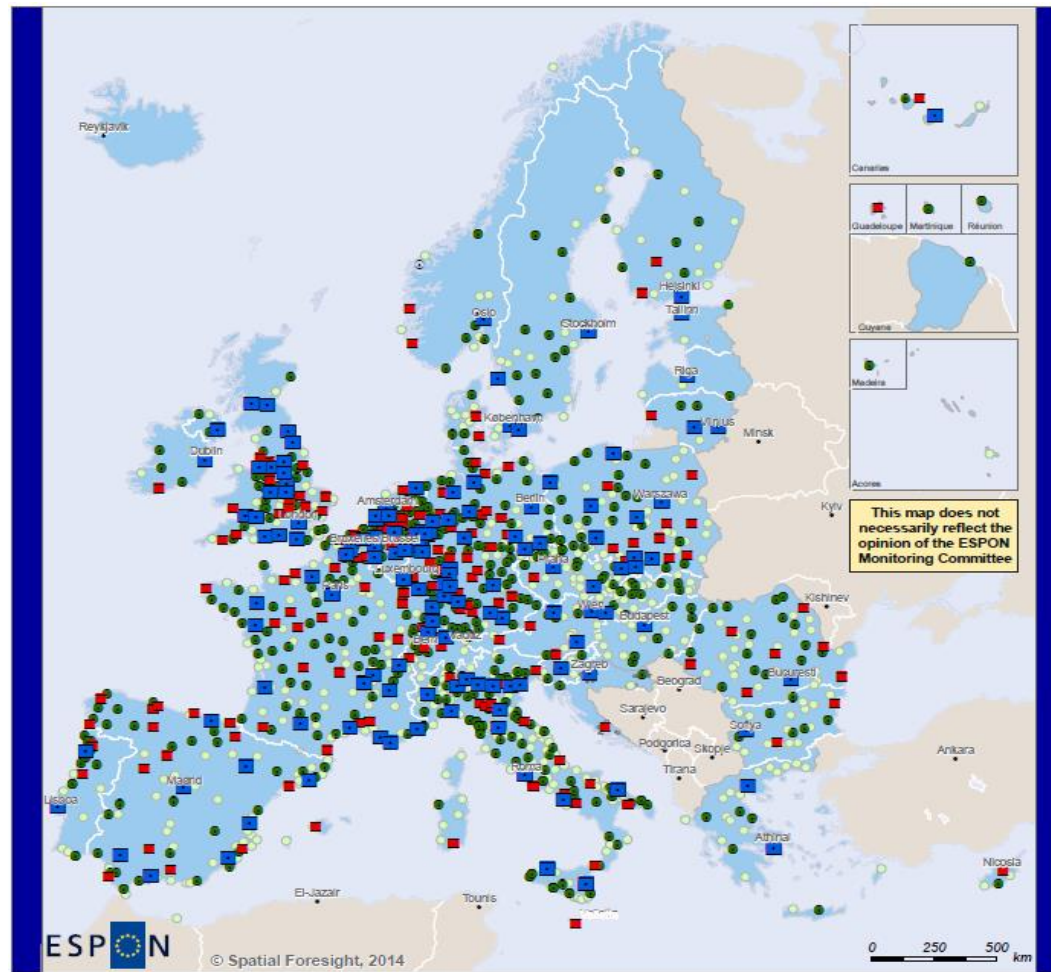
- In particular, to:

1) Strategic URBACT documents

2) URBACT capitalisation work

1) Input to URBACT III Operational Programme:

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FUA population

- 500,000-12,6 million
- 250,000-500,000
- 100,000-250,000
- 50,000-100,000



Connecting cities
building successes



2) Input to URBACT capitalisation work on:

More jobs: better cities (2012-2013)

**Job generation for a jobless generation
(2014-2015)**

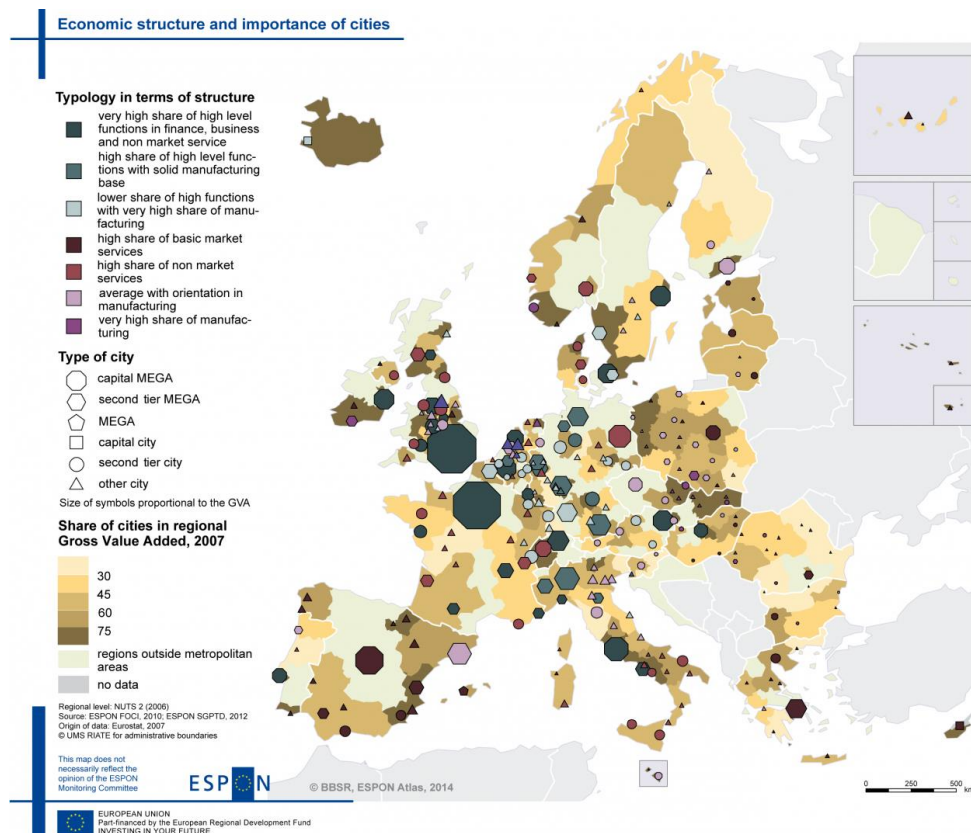
ESPON Input – State of the Art

- Helped to understand why cities matter
- ‘Urban areas are home to the main drivers of innovation and economic growth’
- Provided useful background statistical data and evidence



ESPON Input – Evidence hearings

- Input based on results of FOCI and TIGER projects and general experience of ESPON



Levers for policy are limited

Driver	Levers at city level
Economic diversity specialisation	/ Mix of activities difficult to steer. Success of cluster policies often only explainable a posteriori.
Human capital	General education system rarely city competency. Policy to attract qualified can lead to zero-sum game.
Connectivity accessibility	/ European and national connectivity rarely city competency. Local and regional connectivity important for integration of hinterland. Risk of backwash effects.
Quality of life	Probably most important lever for cities. Link between quality of life and competitiveness not clear.
Innovation Creativity	/ Lever for some cities, but success factors not well known a priori.
Strategy Vision Mobilisation Inclusion	/ City as mediator and leader of vision. But : successful vision cause or consequence of positive economic dynamics ?
Synergy Proximity Milieu	/ Highly path dependent and very place specific. Recipe for success not clear.
Implementa- tion capability	Important factor for influence on other factors.

ESPON Input – Evidence hearings

- Stimulated useful but difficult discussion and reflections upon:
 - Margins of manoeuvre for cities
 - Policy levers available to cities



'More Jobs: Better Cities' results (2012-2013): A Framework for city action on jobs

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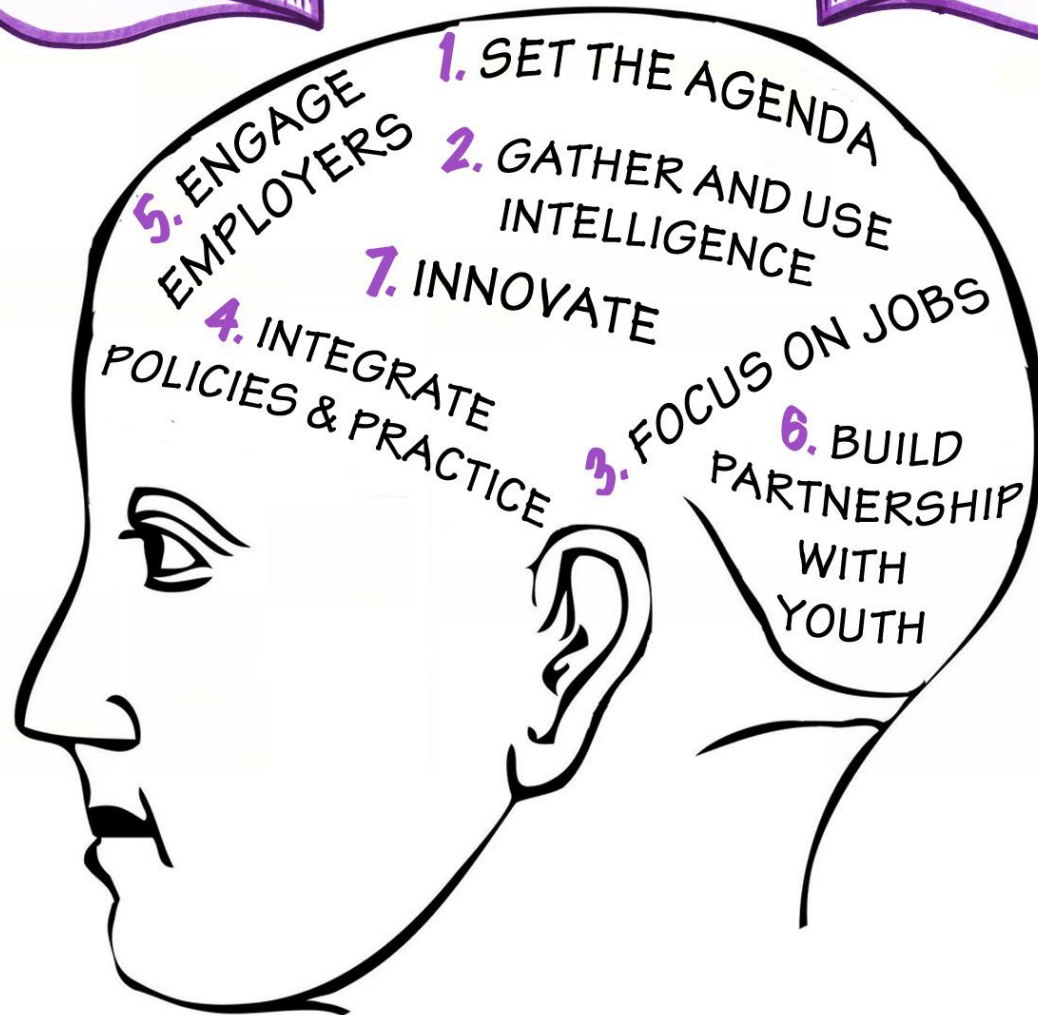


Job Generation for a jobless generation: what can cities do?

Results 2014-2015

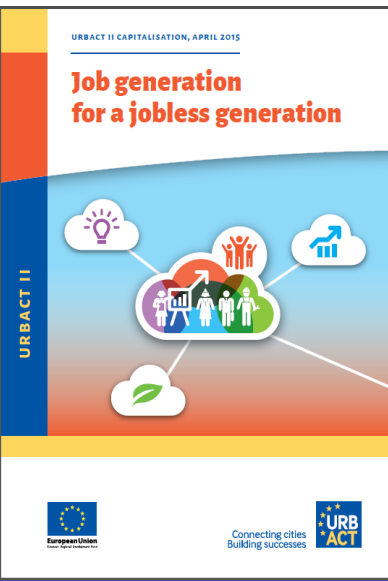


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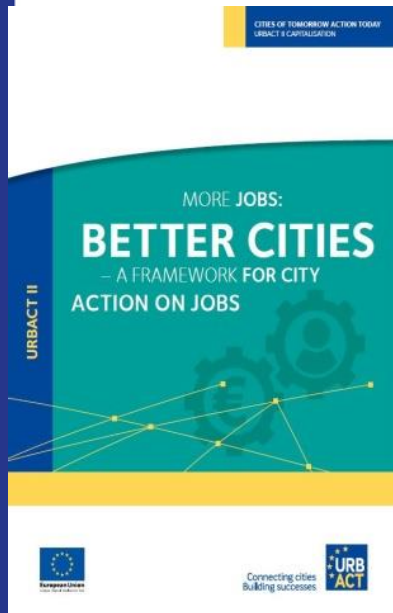


Find out more at:

[Generation for a Jobless Generation,
URBACT II Capitalisation, April 2015](#)



[More Jobs: Better Cities, URBACT II
Capitalisation, May 2013](#)



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