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Dear Madam, Sir,

The city of Ghent confirms its commitment to be the Lead Partner in the activities of the URBACT *Action Planning Network* proposal entitled INSIDE OUT - Reconnect the participatory city with everyday people.

The specific challenge we wish to address as a Lead Partner in this *Action Planning Network* is how to stay connected with the residents in an environment that is getting increasingly polarized. And how to gain a good understanding of their needs and requirements in order to form new policies based on the lifeworld of the residents. How to have a more open and accessible positioning as local government and a will to share and redistribute decision power with the citizens, such as citizen panels (through drawing lots), participatory budgeting, crowdsourcing,

We are convinced that by working through this URBACT network, we will be able to better address these challenges. In this context, if the proposal is approved within the framework of the URBACT IV Programme, we will ensure the overall coordination of the network, take on roles and implement activities as indicated in the application work programme. More especially, we commit to organise transnational meetings, to consolidate the partnership, to coordinate the production of the Network Roadmap (Baseline Study), to identify key local stakeholders to be involved and to produce a communication plan.

To this end we also formally commit to engage the funds needed to co-finance the ERDF. The details of this contribution are outlined within the application.

Yours sincerely,

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