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URBACT TRANSFER NETWORK URBAN ECHO

LETTER OF COMMITMENT OF THE LEAD PARTNER

Dear Madam, Sir,

The city of Ghent confirms its commitment to be the Lead Partner in the activities of the URBACT *Transfer Network* proposal entitled **URBAN ECHO**.

The specific challenge we wish to address as a Lead Partner in this *Transfer Network* are:

- The lack of integrated, long-term frameworks for neighbourhood development
- Siloed governance and limited interdepartmental cooperation
- Difficulties in engaging communities meaningfully and consistently
- Limited capacity for evaluating impact and learning from practice
- Need for sustainable urban renewal funding
- Balancing sustainability goals (e.g. energy efficiency) with social cohesion
- Moving from planning to action at scale

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 Transferability Study, to identify key local stakeholders to be involved and to produce a communication plan and an Improvement Plan.

To this end we also formally commit to engaging the funds needed to co-finance the ERDF fund.

The details of this contribution are outlined within the application.

Yours sincerely,

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General manager

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Mayor