STIMULATING URBAN COMPETITIVENESS BY NETWORKING. PART II - CASE STUDY: ROMANIAN CITIES INVOLVED IN URBACT PROJECTS

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Abstract: *There are major differences regarding the supply of "attractiveness" factors by different cities in Europe. One way in which less attractive cities could become more desirable is through the cooperation with other, more competitive cities of the EU, by exchanging good practices and knowledge, working together for finding best solutions for common problems. The first part of the paper has drawn some conclusions regarding the main results and improvements brought by the three URBACT programmes. In this second part, the paper analyses the participation of Romanian cities in these programmes. Romanian cities were partners in many of the networks created within URBACT, some of them being more involved than others (eg. Alba Iulia). Also, the networks with Romanian cities focused mostly on governance and economy, showing that these cities need support in building their capacities and improving their economies.*

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