The Urbact Method

› Facilitate the exchange of experiences and learning

› Disseminating good practices and lessons drawn

› Assisting city policy makers and practitioners
CSI EUROPE - THE KEY THEMES

GOVERNANCE
Aligning Urban Development Fund and City Investment Strategies

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Financial support to build capacity and deliver projects

STATE AID
Notifiable models to provide a clear framework

REGULATION
Clear rules at EU and national level

Making financial instruments work for cities

FUTURE MODELS FOR INVESTMENT
Regulation Conference – key Issues

› Importance of Partnership between cities and MAs

› The FI specific regulations Arts 37-46 CPR

› The ex-ante assessment process and establishing fund

› State aid – off the shelf models and DG Comp

› Flexibility for Private Sector Fund Managers
TA Conference – key Issues

› Key area where additional support required is Economic Feasibility – appraisal of financing proposal

› Address through –
  ■ training
  ■ learning by doing
  ■ In-house experts – unexpected places (e.g. finance department)
  ■ Recruit specialists
  ■ Secondments from institutions
  ■ Professional advisers

› Role of MAs – to help smaller cities

› ELENA model for FIs – skills and funding for feasibility work
Next Events

▷ State aid Conference Riga – 2nd & 3rd April
  ■ GBER – new consultation
  ■ De minimis “off the shelf” housing model
  ■ Northwest JESSICA notification

▷ Governance Conference Poznan – June/July
  ■ UDF structures
  ■ Pipeline development
  ■ Strategic framework
Key Themes

› Cities are engines for economic growth

› Can be strong partners for Managing Authorities

› Good evidence that FIs can successfully fund Urban Development

› In the Hague and Manchester, City involvement key

› EIB/Commission support and guidance important
But ....

› Managing Authority Engagement Patchy

› FIs not being considered for Operational Programmes

› Need consistent picture of FI implementation across EU

› Communication between Commission/MAs/Cities vital

› Meaningful tripartite dialogue
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