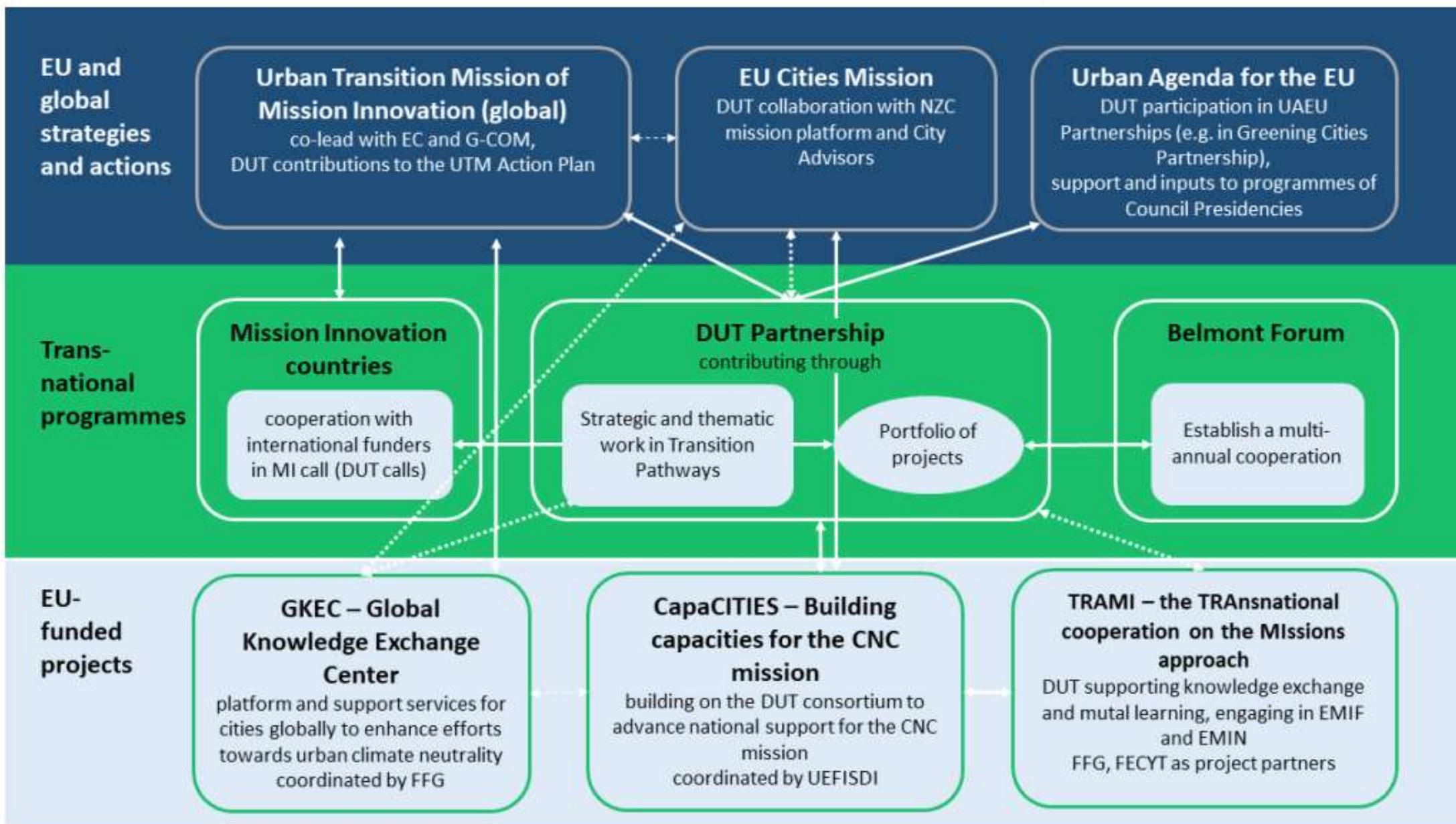


An aerial photograph of a city skyline along a wide river at dusk. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright reflection on the water. Several large cargo ships and smaller boats are visible on the river. The city skyline is dense with skyscrapers, including the Shanghai Tower and the Shanghai World Financial Center. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds.

DRIVING URBAN TRANSITIONS (DUT)

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Transition Pathways

Our future relies on tackling complex grand challenges here and now, many of which must be addressed within cities and by urban communities. To support cities along their specific strategies, the partnership focuses on three critical urban sectors and their interrelations.

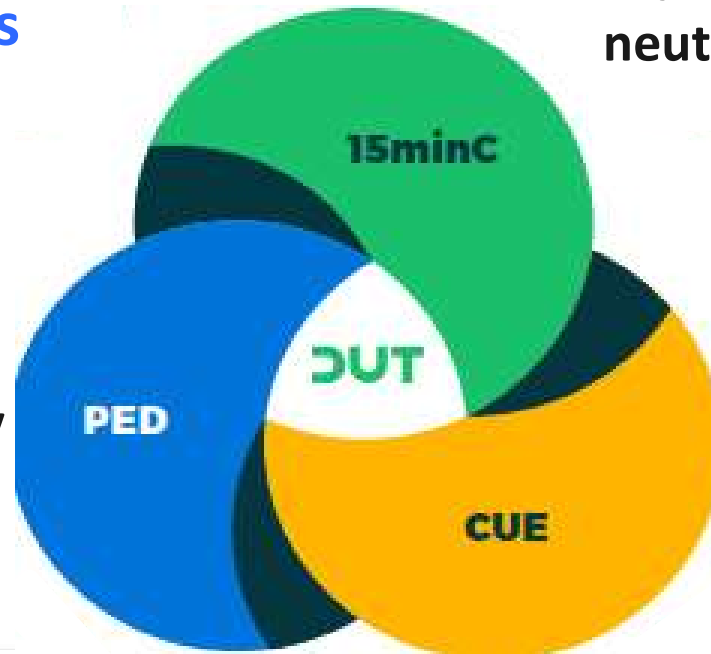
Facts

- A public-public partnership, co-funded by 27 European countries and the European Commission under Horizon Europe
- A consortium with 60+ national and regional R&I funders, authorities and agencies dealing with urban policy, research performing organisations and other organisations as strategic partners
- Annual calls addressing topics related to three impact pathways
- 450 million EURO minimum indicative budget for 2022-2028

Three Transition Pathways

Positive Energy Districts (PED):

Mainstreaming urban planning processes to optimise the local energy system with the help of energy efficiency, flexibility and renewables.



15-minute City (15minC):

- Encourages sustainable mobility choices
- Reorganise daily activities
- Make cities more climate neutral

Circular Urban Economies (CUE):

- Forster design of urban places i.e liveable, inclusive and green communities
- Efforts towards increased urban resource efficiency and liveability

BUSINESS FINLAND FUNDING FOR DIFFERENT STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

Examples of funding

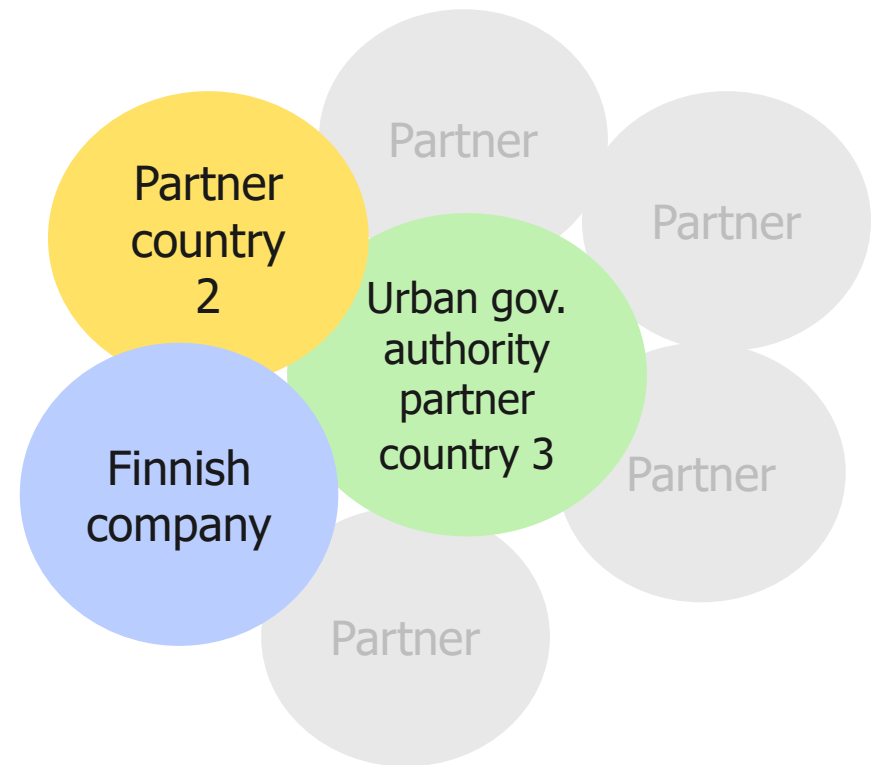
USED IN DUT CALL

<p>INNOVATION VOUCHER</p> <p>Buy innovation expertise</p>	<p>EXPLORER PRODUCTS</p> <p>Funding to support companies internationalization</p>	<p>TEMPO</p> <p>For companies aiming for international growth</p>	<p>INTO</p> <p>Innovation expertise in support of international growth</p>	<p>RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS</p> <p>Joint research projects with companies</p>	<p>NIY (Under 5 y.o. fast growing start-ups)</p> <p>Scale globally.</p> <p>Develop the strategy, team, business model in a comprehensive manner.</p>	<p>R&D (COMPANIES)</p> <p>Create new knowledge and competence</p>
<p>Grant 100%</p>	<p>Grant 50 %</p>	<p>Grant 75 %</p>	<p>Grant 50 %</p>	<p>Grant 70-80%</p>	<p>Grant and loan gradually</p>	<p>Grant 40-50% Loan 50% / 70%</p>

Example of a DUT consortium project in which a Finnish company is participating

Transnational consortiums: **minimum 3 partners from 3 different countries**

BF funds challenging projects that have an impact on the company's own competitive advantage and export.

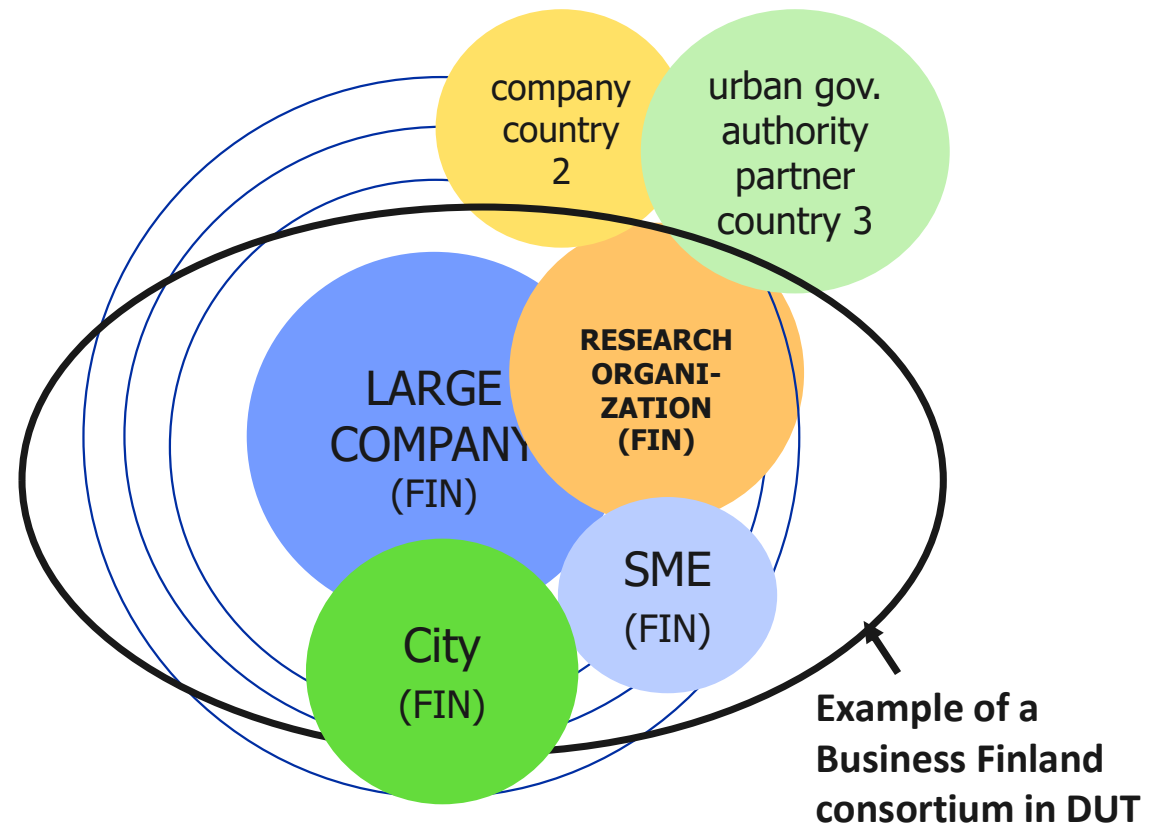


Example of a DUT consortium project in which a Finnish research organisation is participating

Min. 3 companies, 2 of them Finnish companies aiming for export must be included in the consortium.

BF funds challenging projects that have an impact on development of new knowledge, exports and competitive advantage of the participating companies.

Public authorities and NGOs not funded by BF **except research organizations**. However, participation in the steering group of the research projects is encouraged.



DUT call text

3.4 Summary of the transnational eligibility criteria

1. Only transnational projects will be funded; consortia must include at least three independent legal entities applying for funding from three different countries that have Funding Agencies participating in the call. In addition, at least two eligible Applicants within a consortia must be from different EU Member States or Associated Countries eligible for EC co-funding in this Call.
2. The project coordinator (Main Applicant) must be eligible to be funded by its national/regional participating Funding Agency and request funding.
3. One person must only participate in a maximum of two proposals as a PI, and only once as the PI of a Main Applicant²².
4. Each consortium must include at least one urban government authority partner, either as a Main Applicant, Co-applicant or Cooperation Partner, depending on the national/regional eligibility criteria.
5. The duration of a project must not exceed 36 months.
6. Pre-proposals/full-proposals must be written in English and respect the template form (in terms of overall size, limit of pages and characters). The template form must be completely filled in.
7. Pre-proposals/full-proposals have to be submitted on the UEFISCDI electronic submission system before the corresponding deadlines indicated in this document.
8. Only pre-proposals invited to submit a full-proposal are eligible in the second stage.
9. No fundamental changes between the pre-proposal and the full-proposal, initiated by the applicants alone, will be accepted.

DUT call timeline

A two stage call:

- Opening of stage 1 in September
- Deadline of stage 2 in November

- Opening of stage 2 in March
- Deadline of stage 2 in April

→ Soft launch of call 2024 July 1st

Business Finland funding allocation 3-5 million euros per call.

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Companies minimum eligibility criteria

- **Minimum 2 employees working 100% for the company**
- **Company must have sufficient self-financing for the implementation of the project**
- **Company aims to export**
- Submitted the financial statements to the Finnish Patent and Registration Office
- In case of tax debts a payment plan has been agreed with the tax authorities

Application submission steps

- Pre-proposal to DUT application portal ~ mid November
 - No application submission to Business Finland application portal
- Full proposal to DUT application portal ~ end of April 2025
 - Application submission also to Business Finland portal including:
 - Companies R&D application, research organization co-research application
 - Project plan
 - Company's financial information

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Useful links

- More information https://dutpartnership.eu/funding-opportunities/dut_call_2023/
- For companies:
 - [Research, development and piloting for SMEs and midcaps - Business Finland](https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding/research-and-development/research-development-and-piloting-big-companies)
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