



International Urban and Regional Cooperation

Project

The IURC is the second phase of the International Urban Cooperation (IUC) programme (2017 -2020) which involved an active cohort of over 200 cities and regions from the European Union (EU) and across the globe. This new phase of the programme continues the trajectory of leadership for decentralised international urban and regional cooperation in the fields of sustainable urban development and innovation in key partner countries and regions in Asia, North America and Latin America, in line with the external dimension of Europe 2020.

This is an EU programme, financed under the Partnership Instrument and jointly implemented by the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments and the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission. The programme will contribute to the objectives of the New Urban Agenda, the Agenda 2030 (SDGs), the Urban Agenda for the EU and the political objectives of the European Cohesion Policy through city-to-city diplomacy and collaborative regional efforts to overcome common challenges.

Role of Municipality of Piraeus

Under the program, the city of Piraeus will exchange good practices with the city of Puerto Montt in Chile in the following areas:

a) Nature Based Solution including the following ideas:

- Natural solutions for creating sustainable urban ecosystems
- Green solutions to increase rainwater infiltration (reduce runoff)
- Nature-based solutions in public spaces of degraded areas.

b) Urban Agenda / Planning including the following ideas:

- The blue economy as an integral urban strategy.
- Enhancing cooperation with universities and companies to promote new productive and technological ideas in order to keep our seas healthy.

Mutual working visits will take place in the two cities as well as participation in international meetings at the expense of the program.

An Action Plan will also be jointly developed based on the conclusions to be drawn from the exchange of good practices.

Duration

24 months (since September 2021)