URBAN INNO is addressing the challenge to make Central Europe more innovative and competitive by maximizing the innovation potential of smaller and medium sized urban ecosystems, by better linkage of actors within urban innovation ecosystems through establishment of quadruple helix clusters/networks in the partner regions and by development and implementation of new participatory methods and tools to engage end-users in innovation processes with the objective to have educated and motivated users – smart users.

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PROJECT DURATION:
1.6.2016. – 31.5.2019. (36 months)

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STRATEGIES & ACTION PLANS

Urban Innovation Action Plans will be developed within 6 target regions. The 6 UIAPs will set objectives and priorities, including actions, responsibilities, timelines, indicators, sources of funding and budget allocations. Time horizon for the UIAPs will be 5 years, contributing to stable efforts for urban innovation in each target region.

A Transnational urban innovation cooperation strategy, including financing and implementation plan will be developed jointly and agreed upon by the partners. It will describe, in addition to common strategic goals, a number of actions to be implemented on transnational level, including roadmaps for implementation with responsibilities, budget and timeline.