

Building your funding strategy

Schaerbeek



📍 Belgium
::: COUNTRY

👤 131 993
::: POPULATION

💰 89,000 EUR
::: FUNDING

📄 Mostly own resources; in some case, reimbursement for travelling.
::: FUNDING SOURCES

🏢 Service of EU programs and financing
::: PRACTICE OWNER

📄 Strategy for European Funding
::: TOPIC OF PRACTICE



- 📄 1. Elaboration of the Implementation of Schaerbeek Strategy on EU funds: Diagnosis of 2 years and approval of city board
- 2. Implementation of Schaerbeek Strategy on EU funds on 4 methodology axis: call monitoring; network; visibility and capacity building + Dedicated budget resources

::: ABOUT :::

- 📄 1. Annual reports to the city Board.
- 2. Cross-departmental civil servants participations and targeted local stakeholders.
- 3. Dedicated external support for project application submission.

::: STRONG POINTS :::

- 📄 • Direct Link to the Schaerbeek political mandate 2019-24 to support municipality priority actions.
- Local thematic priorities identified as direct result of the territorial diagnostic.

::: CITY STRATEGY :::

- 📄 1. Ensure the link between EU opportunity and limited administration resources
- 2. Cofinancing and budget constraints
- 3. Maintaining level of engagement
- 4. Demistifying EU project application processes

::: CHALLENGES :::

- 📄 1. Civil servants participations -> 17 people in 2 years 2022-2023.
- 2. Joined 4 EU networks.
- 3. 7 successful EU projects
- 4. 3 training programs organised between 2022-2024.

::: RESULTS AND IMPACTS :::

- 📄 • EU networks.
- Civil servants as project managers.
- HR (trainings).
- Hierarchy & Political Representatives.
- Key local stakeholder.
- Regional Government.
- Association representing local authorities in Brussels Capital Region (Brulocalis).

::: KEY STAKEHOLDERS :::

- 📄 1. Political and Administrative Support
- 2. One dedicated person in charge of strategy implementation
- 3. Weekly and steady progress of the strategy implementation with Line Manager
- 4. Dedicated budget (travelling, networks etc.)
- 5. Added value of project for the administration and the project managers

::: ENABLING CONDITIONS :::

- 📄 1. Start from enabling conditions
 - Weekly and steady progress of the strategy implementation with Line Manager.
 - Make sure there is alignment between project idea and workload of project managers.
- 2. Look for ambassadors.
- 3. Reiterative process.
- 4. Baby steps (and patience!).

::: TRANSFER TIPS :::