



URBAN ACTION OPEN CALL FOR UK PARTNER

The British Council Ukraine is seeking a UK partner to work with CANactions, Ukraine's international interdisciplinary school for urban studies, and the Goethe Institute on a programme to support the development and implementation of the most exciting and promising urban development projects in post-industrial mid-sized cities in Ukraine.

This partner may be an architecture or urbanism practice or an organisation or institute with a remit for urban development.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

CANactions are seeking to support the development and implementation of the most exciting and promising urban development projects in post-industrial mid-sized cities in Ukraine (cities with a population in between 50 000 – 600 000).

In its first year, the programme will focus on the following themes:

- Culture-led solutions to urban issues
- Internally displaced people (IDPs) and migration issues

CANactions, drawing on their Studio network and wider contacts, will run an open call asking for projects which are almost at an implementation stage and fall within one of the categories above.

UK and German partners will help select 2 winners, which will:

- receive an implementation grant of €15k each;
- work with German/UK advisors during the implementation of the project
- take part in a visit to Germany/UK to meet with their advisor and take part in a small study tour

ABOUT CANactions

CANactions an international, interdisciplinary school for urban studies, their mission is to enhance the creation of places and communities in Ukraine where people live and work. They draw on the most relevant international experience in the sphere of architecture and urbanism to educate and inspire active change makers.

At the present moment in Ukraine there is a great social demand for principled reform of the relationships between citizens and other actors (business, government authorities, professionals) which shape our everyday life across different fields – from cultural to spatial. This provoked the questions – 'Who are those change-makers which could moderate the process of building new types of connections in Ukrainian cities?' and 'What tools and approaches do they need to be able to successfully deal with complexity of the current challenges?'

All of these issues have become a starting point for establishing CANactions School for Urban Studies which is an experimental educational institution, based in Kyiv, Ukraine. Our programs are based on the exploration of Ukrainian cities, identifying concepts and defining actions for urban development – on strategic as well as tactical levels.

The School key principles are

- an interdisciplinary approach
- experiential learning based on teamwork
- case study methodology
- orientation on strategic thinking
- integration of the most relevant world experience in the sphere of urban development, design and planning into Ukrainian context.

The School is aimed at preparing change makers to research complex urban environments and develop strategic visions as well as tactical measures for improvement and development.

Throughout the year various open educational events are held as a part of CANactions Public Program. CANactions International Architecture Festival — the largest architectural event in Ukraine, has been run annually since 2008.

<http://www.canactions.com/en/>

ROLE OF UK PARTNERS

The selected UK partner will support the Ukrainian partner in the following:

- help shortlist and select the 2 winning projects
- identify suitable experts in the UK
- organise (together with selected experts) a study tour in the UK for the Ukrainian grantee

This role will be mirrored in Germany with a German partner offering advisory support to the Ukrainian grantees.

ROLE OF CANactions

CANactions will be the main delivery partner of the project – and will:

- develop the project proposal and all application materials, promote the call and lead on shortlisting and selection of winning proposals
- liaise with winners and remain the main point of contact throughout the programme; administering their grants, monitoring their progress, and ensuring the grant is implemented appropriately
- lead on all communications (video, website content etc.) – except where previously agreed with Goethe and the British Council.
- organise an event at CANactions 2017 to present and disseminate the results of the projects

TIMELINE

Open call for UK partner	w/c 31 Oct 2016
Open call for UK partner closes	30 Nov 2016
UK partner selected	Mid Dec 2016
Call for Ukrainian architects goes live	15 Nov 2016
Call for Ukrainian architects closes	16 Jan 2017
Architects shortlisted with by CANactions, UK and German partners	17-24 Jan 2017
Announcement of selected Ukrainian architects	1 Feb 2017

Project development and advisory support from UK and German partners	Feb – Mar 2017
Study visits in UK and Germany	April 2017
Project implementation and advisory support from UK and German partners	Apr – Oct 2017
Presentation of projects in Ukraine	Nov 2017

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9 days advisor/€500xday	EUR 4,500.00
Fees and travel costs Ukraine recce x 2 people	EUR 2,500.00
TOTAL	EUR 7,000.00

Please note: All fees are payable in Euro and are inclusive of VAT.

In addition to the outlined fees the British Council will cover the costs of a UK study tour for the selected Ukrainian architects.

APPLICATION

To apply please provide the following:

- A statement of no more than 500 words outlining why your organisation/practice would like to be involved in this programme and what specialist knowledge and skills you can contribute.
- A portfolio of 5 previous projects which outline your expertise in the areas of urban development, culture-led solutions to urban issues and/or issues around displacement and migration
- An organisation/practice bio
- Short biographies of team members and/or external experts that you will work with on this project

The documents should not exceed 8MB in total and must be submitted by 30 November at 5pm to niamh.tuft@britishcouncil.org.