# Smart Cities International Symposium 2019

Creating the future together

Fabio D'Aversa



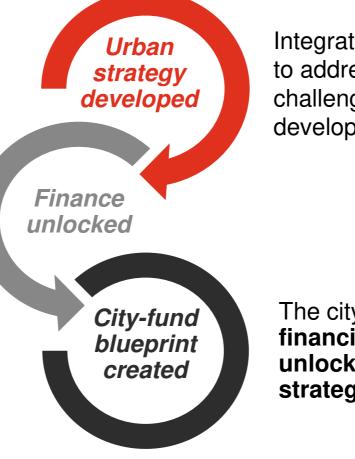
#### **Direction of further development**



- Synergies between city development plans and the smart city vision
- Common focus on smart development and achieving sustainable growth
- Adopting an integrated approach to develop human capital and smart infrastructure
- Smart development helps cities to transform their development plans into reality and boosts local and regional development

#### Investment to support the implementation of smart city strategies

Unlocking finance – without the strong involvement of public and private capital, it remains difficult to transform a city's vision into action



Integrated strategies are developed to address the most pressing challenges hindering urban development

The city fund is a prototype of the financial instrument designed to unlock financing for the most strategic urban projects

Mobilising investment and facilitating development together



#### Developing the ecosystem to support sustainable growth

To **embrace the opportunity** and successfully implement the city-fund blueprint, cities need to:

- **Take the lead** in setting up financial instruments
- Appoint an independent fund manager (or create a specialist unit within the city administration) to create a dynamic among investors and engage private-sector investors
- **Develop an investment strategy** to drive the operationalisation of urban policy priorities
- Bring adequate technical capacity on board to **maintain involvement** in a city fund



#### **Smart financing for smart development**

The **positive externalities** of integrated development, as well as investments in digital, smart and human capital, will have **spill-over effects** that are beneficial for the city, its metropolitan area and the region as a whole.



#### Creating a club of investors to support a concept phase





Select quick-win projects to build an investor dynamic around integrated development



Create a pipeline of successful stories to promote the city's ecosystem



Create a *club of investors*: a group of investors who will pool money and invest jointly in projects

## The final objective is to establish a long-term city fund

A long-term city fund as a financial instrument to finance integrated and innovative urban projects by deploying public- and privatesector capital together.

**Technical assistance** 

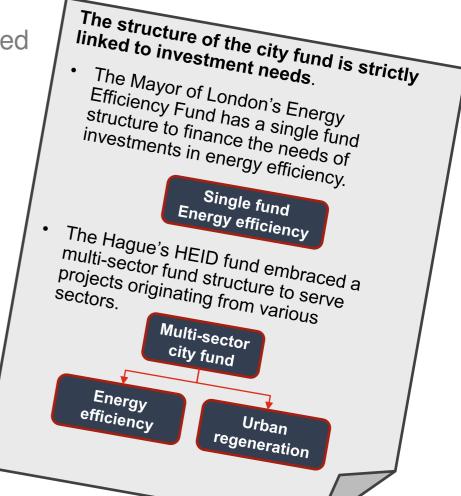
**Club of investors** 

City fund

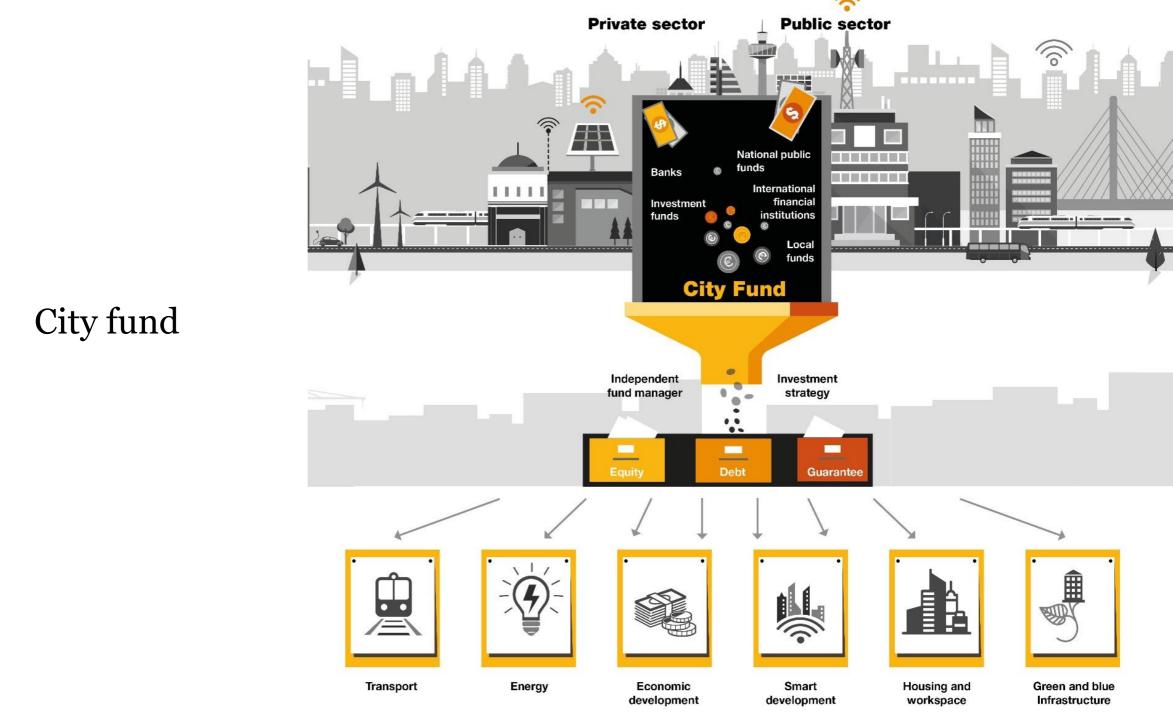
Support the transformation, from the conceptual vision through to implementation.

Identify relevant investor profiles and consolidate the project pipeline.

Define a prototype of a long-term city fund that addresses a market failure and boosts integrated development in Kristianstad.

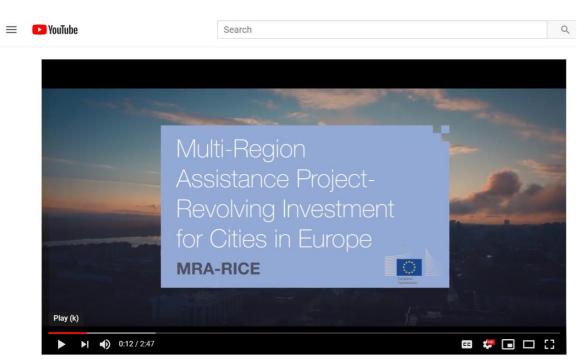






## Our experience with Milan, London, Manchester and The Hague

Together with the EIB, we supported a partnership of four cities exploring the potential of revolving financial instruments in urban development.



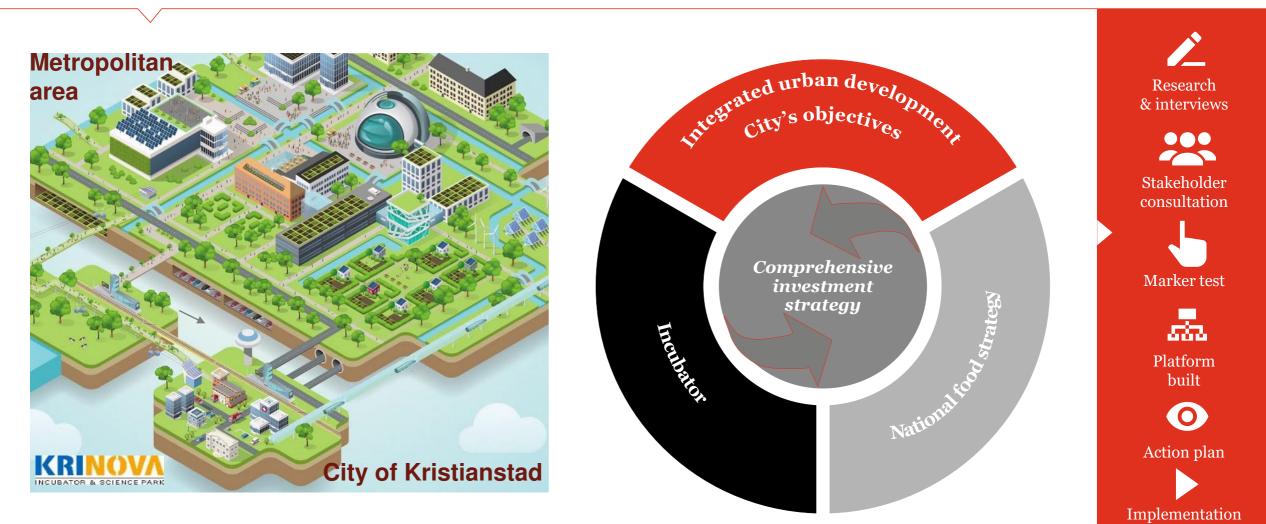
Risultati del progetto MRA-RICE (Revolving Investment in Cities of Europe)



Multi-Region Assistance Project-Revolving Investment for Cities in Europe (MRA-RICE)



### Setting the direction: investment plan



6 March 2019

#### Thank you

