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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	UrbanPro
City and country where lead organization is based	Bogota, Colombia
Title of the event	Aprovechamiento de las economías de aglomeración y la inclusión productiva en los sistemas de ciudades
Date of Networking Event	10/19/2016
Networking Event room number	r14
Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based	Departamento de Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia; Región Central,
Number of participants	40
Percentage of women participants	40%
Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).	El evento contó con una discusión acerca de la importancia de aprovechar las economías de aglomeración y mecanismos de inclusión productiva en la agenda de política urbana. Con la participación la participación del profesor Cohen, el director de UrbanPro un representante de UN-Habitat y dos representantes de gobiernos locales.
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.	After the presentation of the panelists the first speaker, Professor Cohen explained the importance of productivity policies at the local level. Balaguer, consultant of UN-Habitat showed the fundamental importance of planning for the recovery of the economy of Barcelona during the last three decades of the 20th century. The director of UrbanPro explain the main points of an urban policy meant to take advantage of the proximity in space of business and enterprises. The key point of making a city more productive through seizing agglomeration economies is to increase the chances of taking a step further the assistencial social policies. Inclusion of people in the form of jobs makes a city more equal. Finally both representatives from local governments presented the positive results that an economic policy at the local level can bring in terms of higher levels of social inclusion.
Recommendations emerged from discussions at the Networking Event .	Highlight the importance of economic local policy targeted at exploiting agglomeration economies in order to make cities more inclusive.



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Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker	Michael Cohen, Professor Milano School, The New School NY
Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker	Oriol Balaguer, UN-Habitat Consultant
Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker	Alfredo Bateman, Director UrbanPro
Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker	Sergio Muñoz, Secretario de Planación Santander , Colombia
Full name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker	Carlos Códoba, Director Ciudad Región , Colombia
Full name, title, and organization of the 6th speaker	Fernando Guzman, Director Asocapitales, Colombia