



EUI CAPACITY BUILDING EVENT

Delivering high quality community-led local development (CLLD) in urban areas

7-9 June 2023, Timisoara, Romania



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EVENT DETAILS

Date: 7-9 June 2023

Location: City of Timisoara, Romania

Overall objective: To increase the capacity of urban authorities and stakeholders to deliver high quality community-led local development (CLLD) in urban areas through EU Cohesion policy for the 2021-2027 period.

Sub-objectives:

- To inspire participants about the use of bottom-up delivery mechanisms for urban areas
- To build a shared understanding of how urban CLLD can be delivered in practice
- To enable people active in delivering urban CLLD to meet and exchange experience
- To build the capacity of those in the CLLD delivery chain to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of implementation of local strategies
- To start the process of supporting a community of practice of the key actors in the delivery chain of urban CLLD so that knowledge can be exchanged and shared on an ongoing basis

Target audience: open to urban authorities, managing authorities and active members of urban CLLD local action groups (LAGs) from the following EU Member States: Greece, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Germany.

AGENDA

Day 1 – Wednesday 7 June 2023	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration, welcome coffee
9:30 – 11:00	<p>Plenary session 1: Setting the scene: Why use CLLD in urban areas? Which matters more: a strong local partnership or a high quality strategy?</p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome from Ruben Lațcău, Deputy Mayor of Timisoara • Introduction to the European Urban Initiative by Eilish O’Loughlin • Outlooks for CLLD 2027 Trends and bottlenecks by Gabriel Onaca, European Commission, DG REGIO • Importance of bottom-up approaches by Roxana Mînzatu Office of the Prime Minister <p>Moderated panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisbon’s approach to CLLD for disadvantaged areas by Maria José Domingos, Director of Lisbon LAG CLLD • Urban ESF in Poland by Grzegorz Grzeskiewicz, Regional ESF Centre in Bydgoszcz, Poland (<i>online</i>) • How Urban CLLD fits into CLLD across the Member States? Stefan Kah, LDnet • How can CLLD bring Europe closer to citizens? Urszula Budzich Tabor, LDnet <p>Moderator: Anamaria Vrabie, Urban Insights Center/AEIDL</p> <p>How we will work by Peter Ramsden, LDnet</p>
11:00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Workshop 1: Making CLLD work on the ground</p> <p>Objective: To illustrate what can be achieved by CLLD.</p> <p>Presentation of real examples of innovative projects and practices at local level followed by in-depth discussion. How can CLLD be used in the context of different urban policies: e.g. circular economy, social inclusion, health services, housing, climate change, local jobs.</p> <p>Questions: What inspires you? What is your dream for CLLD? Which objectives would you like to pursue? What thematic areas would you aim to cover with CLLD in your city?</p>

13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Workshop 2: Getting CLLD delivery right</p> <p>Objective: To identify the challenges of CLLD delivery for LAGs, cities and managing authorities.</p> <p>Discuss how CLLD differs from mainstream calls and delivery, since it involves shared responsibility with each actor playing a different role.</p> <p>Group exercise: A presentation of good practices, examples of well-functioning delivery mechanisms e.g. Finland, Austria, Poland, group exercise participants will build a perfect delivery systems for CLLD.</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:45	<p>Plenary session 2: "A panorama of perspectives"</p> <p>Objective: To explore different views from the multi-level governance chain.</p> <p>Online presentation: Managing authorities as facilitators by Martin Traxl, Head of Unit for CLLD Implementation, Government of Tyrol.</p> <p>Panel discussion with people from working groups tackling questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expectations and experiences of different stakeholders in urban CLLD? • What are the challenges to overcome? <p>Moderators: Peter Ramsden, LDnet and Jean Pierre Vercruyssen, LDnet</p> <p>Short presentation of context of Day 2 field visit locations.</p>
18:30 – 22:00	Cocktail, standing dinner
Day 2: Thursday, 8 June 2023	
8:15 – 8:30	Buses departure from Atlas Hotel for field visits at 8.30 sharp.
9:00 – 14:00	<p>Field visits</p> <p>Objective: To see some concrete practices and to learn how to take a critical look.</p> <p>Participants in small groups accompanied by local hosts and interpreters will visit the new Community centre at Kuncz and School 15:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting the LAG Timisoara and LAG Freidorf partnerships.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying local community needs and understanding local strategies. • What will happen in the new community centre in Kuncz? Delivering services through local community centres with the LAG (Educational, social, youth, elderly and gender focused activities) • Participative budgeting operated by the city, School 14 in LAG Freidorf. <p>Lunch and return to Atlas Hotel.</p>
14:00 – 15:00	Workshop 3: Reflections on the study visit
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Workshop 4: Implementing CLLD</p> <p>Separate sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Managing Authorities/Intermediate Bodies <p>Objective: To help Managing Authorities with design of LAG selection, to set up operational rules that are simple but effective for approving LAG strategies and implementation rules. Guidelines on conflict of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for LAGs/Urban authorities: <p>Objective: To build understanding of the need for inclusive partnerships, robust internal procedures, good governance (e.g. on project selection) and community animation for developing a participative strategy and a pipeline of high quality projects.</p> <p>Presentation of partnership: Representativeness and role of members and staff, which partners should be involved?</p> <p>Exercise: Working with the Lisbon local development strategy with result indicator(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a list of selection criteria to address the results in the Lisbon Strategy. • Work out a scoring system (what criteria, weight/points/scores). • Address project criteria (target groups, priorities). • Discussion on selection procedures (applications, decision-making, scoring, conflict of interest...).

17:10 – 18:00	<p>Plenary session 3: Delivering CLLD</p> <p>Objective: To summarise the dos and don'ts of CLLD.</p> <p>Panel discussion with representatives from managing authorities, intermediate bodies, urban authorities and LAGs sharing their key messages. Response from Roman Haken, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).</p> <p>Moderators: Pietro Verga, LDnet and Peter Ramsden, LDnet</p> <p>Introduction to the CLLD clinics by Urszula Budzich Tabor, LDnet.</p>
19:00 – 22:00	Dinner
Day 3: Friday, 10 June 2023	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration, welcome coffee
9:00 – 10:15	<p>Workshop 5: Demonstrating successful results</p> <p>Objective: To understanding the results framework in Cohesion policy, and monitoring and evaluation at programme and LAG level.</p> <p>For cities and LAGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the results framework in Cohesion policy. In particular, understanding the difference between outputs and results. • Monitoring LAG strategy and project level. <p>For managing authorities: Using simplified cost options for outputs.</p>
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee break with direction to the CLLD clinics
10:45 – 11:45	<p>CLLD Clinics: "Ask the CLLD expert"</p> <p>Participants have the chance to discuss individual issues with experienced CLLD practitioners, who can address specific questions linked to their CLLD work (e.g. simplified cost options, working with multi-fund CLLD, selection scoring systems, animating the partnership to develop quality projects, results framework).</p> <p>In parallel there will be a stand with a presentation of additional sources of information, guides, handbooks, evaluations etc.</p>

11:45 – 12:30	<p>Plenary Session 4: Final messages and way forward</p> <p>Objective: To share conclusions, key messages and information about next steps including EUI capacity building opportunities such as city- to-city exchanges and peer reviews.</p> <p>Facilitated panel discussion providing overview of the CLLD process and what we have learnt. Open questions from the floor to share learning points.</p> <p>Moderators: Peter Ramsden, LDnet and Urszula Budzich Tabor, LDnet</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch and departure