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EUI CAPACITY BUILDING EVENT

Delivering high quality Integrated Territorial Investments in Croatia
24-25 October 2023
Zadar, Il Palače / Il Palaces



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EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

Timing: Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October 2023.

Duration: 2 days.

Location: City of Zadar, Croatia.

Target audience: Eight existing and fourteen new ITI cities in Croatia (three to four people per city, plus Managing Authority (MA) staff - total participation: 150).

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the event is to increase the capacity of urban authorities involved in the 22 urban ITIs in Croatia to deliver high quality Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) under EU Cohesion policy for the 2021-2027 period, in the spirit of Article 11 of the ERDF/CF Regulation 1058/2021.

SUB-OBJECTIVES

- To facilitate fruitful exchange of experience between urban authorities active in delivering ITIs in Croatia and to explore relevant good practices in ITI delivery and content from elsewhere in the EU.
- To encourage Croatian urban authorities to explore different governance arrangements for ITIs, covering multiple municipalities and organisational arrangements, for effective delivery of integrated SUD.
- To help Croatian urban authorities better understand how cross-sectoral policies can be linked through ITIs and how best to promote synergies between sectoral interventions in a practical sense.
- To stimulate innovative approaches in the context of ITI in Croatia, both in delivery models and in bringing ideas for new types of projects.

LEARNING FORMATS

The event will focus on active learning in plenary, workshop and field visit settings, including case studies bringing concrete examples for participants to learn from.

AGENDA

Day 1, 24 October		
09.00-09.30	Registration and coffee	
09.30-11.00	Plenary 1: setting the scene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Croatian Managing Authority: <i>purpose of the meeting, evolution of ITI in Croatia</i> TBC • Mr. Branko Dukić, Mayor of Zadar: <i>ITI in our city</i> • Raluca Toma, EUI Permanent Secretariat: <i>The European Urban Initiative and Capacity building. Outline of agenda and learning approaches</i> • European Commission, DG Regio (Urban 03 or geographic unit): <i>Delivering high quality ITI in the 'spirit' of Article 11 ERDF: including detailed clarification of integration concept and EU good practices in integration.</i> TBC <p>International speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience from other EU Member States on inter municipal Governance under ITIs: Frantisek Kubes (Czech Republic) & Aša Rogelj (Slovenia) Confirmed
11.00-11.30	Coffee break	
11.30-13.00	Workshop 1	<p>Maximising impact on development of functional areas</p> <p>Participants are divided in groups.</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.00	Plenary 2: International speakers	<p>Experience from other EU Member States on encouraging innovation under ITIs :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iwona Matuszczak-Szulc, Poznan, Poland • Reggio Emilia TBC • Suvi Aho Finland's ITI (online presentation)
15.00-15.30	Coffee break	
15.30-17.00	Plenary 3 - Panel discussion	<p>Cross-sectoral integration for sustainable urban development: Croatian experiences</p> <p>Introduction to Field Visit Day 2</p>
19.30	Dinner	Restaurant FOŠA (Zadar city center, TBC)
DAY 2, 25 october		
09.00-11.30	Field visit	Field Visit to local urban development sites:

Day 1, 24 October		
		<p>Itinerary 1: CULTURE, BROWNFIELD, YOUTH including: Sv. Nikola – culture revitalization, University and Youth Center.</p> <p>Itinerary 2: Business infrastructure including: old and new business incubators</p> <p>Itinerary 3: Mobility and digitalisation including smart traffic solutions</p> <p>Departure from venue.</p>
11.30-12.30	Workshop 2	<p>Return to venue.</p> <p>Detailed review of the visited projects - reality versus the plan</p>
12.30 -13.30	Lunch	
13.30 - 15.00	Workshop 3	Integration to encourage innovation in Croatia's urban ITIs
15.00-15.30	Coffee	
15.30-16.30	Plenary 4	<p>Bringing it all together.</p> <p>Conclusions drawn by EUI and international experts.</p> <p>Final word by MA for ITIs in Croatia</p>