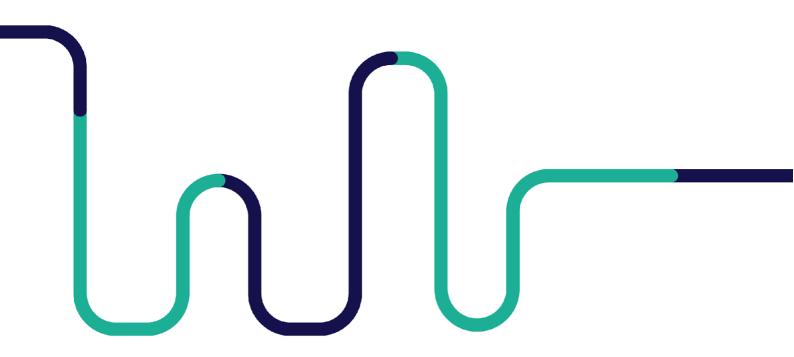


EUI CAPACITY BUILDING EVENT

Towards stronger SUD in Lithuania: strengthening cooperation, strategic alignment and local capacities

Country-specific Event

30 September – 1 October 2025, Panevėžys, Lithuania Stasys Museum, Respublikos str. 40







AGENDA (OUTLINE)

Timing	Content		
Day 1, 30 Sept	Day 1, 30 September		
08.30-09.00	Registration and coffee		
09.00-10.00	Greetings and introduction		
	Moderator: Raluca Toma		
	Welcome, agenda and rules of the game Panel discussion with 2 questions around key challenge—opportunities related to SUDs (from each governance level perspective). The panel discussion will be complemented with an interactive "SUDs bingo" to engage the audience in pointing out what are for them the main challenges and what they see as main opportunities with SUDs.		
	Speakers: Andrius Valickas, Senior advisor (Regional policy) at the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania TBC (Intermediate authority) Gediminas Česonis, Expert in Central project management agency Saulius Glinskis, Head of the Territorial Planning and Architecture Department of Panevėžys municipality		
10.00-11.00	Plenary 1: Strengthening horizontal governance of SUD strategies		
	The plenary focuses on how to build strong and innovative local governance systems in the delivering of strategies and projects. Particular attention will be given to the topics highlighted as more important in the survey, namely citizen engagement and the cooperation among urban and rural stakeholders. Moderator: Ramunė Vaičiulytė		
	 Speakers A unified approach to citizen engagement: the Groningen experience: Cyril Tjahja, How to strengthen cooperation between stakeholders in the implementation of SUD strategies: Sascha Benes, Örebro Municipality, Sweden Open dialogue: Andrius Kasparavičius, Lithuania 		
11.00-11.15	Coffee break		
11.15-12.30	Workshop 1		
	Theme 1: Strengthening horizontal governance of SUD strategies		

	Building on the insights from Plenary 1, this workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to explore governance challenges through an interactive role-play simulation . Participants will be divided in groups.
	Moderator: Ramunė Vaičiulytė
12.30-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-14.15	Networking session – Lithuanian SUDs fair
	Session in which in an informal setting strategies can meet and compare challenges among them and exchange ideas, strengthening their capacity to address common challenges and fostering mutual learning. During this session the UCP will showcase EUI activities.
14.15-15.00	Plenary 2: Harmonizing SUD strategies with policy frameworks and instruments
	The plenary focuses on how to promote better integration of SUD strategies with relevant national, regional, and local policy frameworks and planning instruments. The focus is on harmonization of objectives, timelines, and procedures, and on overcoming fragmentation between sectoral policies and funding mechanisms. Moderator: Dziugas Lukosevicius
	 Speakers: Agnieszka Jurecka-Fryzowska, Gdynia Renewed, Poland Linda Medne, Saldus city, Latvia Donatas Baltrušaitis, Panevėžys, Lithuania
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30-17.00	Workshop 2
	Theme 2: Harmonizing SUD strategies with policy frameworks and instruments Participants are devided in groups of 8, maximum 10.
	The group work will use the "Sailboat" method, where each group acts as a municipality sailing towards the island: integrated SUD strategies aligned with policy frameworks. Participants will identify sails (factors that help progress, inspired by Gdynia, Panevėžys and Saldus), anchors (barriers slowing progress), and scissors (actions that can cut anchors loose). This metaphor encourages participants to think creatively about both challenges and solutions.
	After a short individual reflection on sticky notes/flipchart, ideas will be shared in groups of 8–10 and consolidated into three sails, three anchors and three scissors. Each group will then present its findings, feeding into a panel discussion to draw conclusions, highlight common themes, and identify practical lessons for strengthening SUD strategies. Moderator: Dziugas Lukosevicius

19.00	Dinner at "Romantic Hotel" Kranto g. 24, Panevėžys
Day 2	
09.00-10.00	Plenary 3: Improving the capacities of local authorities in strategy implementation
	The plenary focuses on how to strengthen the strategic, administrative, and technical capacities to implement SUD strategies effectively. Particular attention will be given to the topics highlighted as more important in the survey to municipalities, namely the public procurement process, and the adherence to deadlines .
	Moderator: Martynas Marozas
	 Speakers: Monna Salmi, Municipality of Tampere, Finland Lukasz Pancewicz, town planner and urban designer, Gdansk University of Technology, Poland Gunita Osite, Municipality of Jelgava, Latvia TBC
10.00-11.30	Workshop 3
	Theme 3: Improving the capacities of local authorities in strategy implementation
	This session will open with insights from Łukasz Pancewicz, town planner and urbar designer at Gdańsk University of Technology, on the interplay between governance and technical solutions. While effective tools such as procurement processes and systematic project management are essential, they only succeed when supported by clear decision-making authority, strong coordination among stakeholders, and solic governance frameworks. This introduction will set the stage for participants to explore where implementation challenges emerge and how they can be addressed in practice.
	Participants will then engage in interactive group work . First, they will map their own project implementation bottlenecks using timeline templates , before testing possible solutions inspired by Latvian, Finnish and Polish frameworks. Each group will be asked to propose one actionable solution and share it through a rapid-fire pitch In a second exercise, participants will work in smaller, mixed groups to design 90-day implementation plans, define resources and success metrics, and adapt project management tools such as PM ² .
	Moderator: Martynas Marozas
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break

12:00 12:30	Closing Plenary
	Moderator: Raluca Toma
	What we have learned, key actions and appointments for the future.
	This session will feature speakers from the European Urban Initiative and the MA.