

First Partners' Meeting Faenza 22 February 2010

Morning session:

Welcome by **Giuliano Borghi**

Monica Visentin: general presentation of the URBACT II Programme

Giorgio Risicaris [SEE POWER POINT PRESENTATION]: presentation of URBACT II main tools to develop within the Historycentres_Net project – development phase (date of approval: 24.11.2009 – deadline for final application: 24.05.2010)

1. *Final composition of the partnership:* involvement of partners able to exchange good practices and lessons learnt for achieving pragmatic solutions integrating economic, social and environmental dimensions (sustainable development) within Historycentres_Net project.
2. *Definition of the baseline study:* it is more than a state-of-the-art document and less than a full framework of solutions. It clarifies policy conditions under which each city operates, and why the project is relevant for a certain city. It is an analytical work leading to the drafting of Local Action Plans and prove that the project is relevant. It will be formed by 3 main parts (*a.* State of the art of the partner; *b.* analysis of the state of play; *c.* synthesis paper). It will be approximately 10 pages long per partner.
3. *Definition of the work programme for the Implementation Phase (30 months)*

Calendar proposed by Giorgio Risicaris:

Questionnaires to be sent to the Partners	26 February 2010
Group Visits by the Lead Expert	08 March 2010 – 24 March 2010
Baseline draft	31 March 2010
Meeting in Pezenas	Verify 15-20 April 2010

Local Support Groups – the toolkit on how to select them and organize their activities in on the URBACT II website: http://urbact.eu/fileadmin/general_library/URBACT_LSG_Toolkit_EN.pdf
For the project it is important to obtain the local coverage and organize local dissemination events. It is also important, in order to organize at best the activities of the local support groups, to hire facilitators for their coordination.

Local Action Plans: they are roadmaps and solutions, actions required to realize a strategy.

Steps:

Review evidence base → Stakeholders analysis → Problems analysis → Goal to activities → Logical Framework → Consultation on draft plan → Launch the plan !

Francesco Marinelli [SEE POWER POINT PRESENTATION]: He presents a strategic scheme applied by City of Faenza, that can be used for the baseline study, to see if in EU there are cities that



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already applied these strategies/experiences. For a thematic research of other EU experiences on that theme.

PARTNERS PRESENTATIONS [SEE THE POWER POINTS]

1) City of Tirgu Mures - RO (Daniele Mihet Florina)

150.000 inhabitants (35.000 in the historic centre, living or working)

It's a green city that knows very little about its old heritage. There is the need to study it, to protect it and know how to do it.

It has experiences in EU projects.

They already detected some members for the ULSGs.

Economic activities in the historical centre: commerce, administration.

People moved away from the city centre, the cause is pollution, too many administrative buildings, noise.

Afternoon session:

2) City of Corfu - EL

40.000 inhabitants (10.000 in the historic centre)

3) City of Gloucester - UK

115.000 inhabitants (30.000 in the city centre)

It's a roman city.

It's topics are different from those of the Romanian partner, so they could be well integrated.

4) City of Nagykallo – HU

10.245 inhabitants (1787 in the city centre)

Traffic is a problem: needs to be reduced in the centre, need for safe traffic for pedestrian and bicycles.

5) City of Utrecht – NL

300.000 inhabitants (9.000 in the historic centre)

It's a medieval city. There are 3000 listed buildings, 65 churches. 1500 are in the historic centre.

Historic centre today: housing, shops, offices, university, museums, churches, theatres, other.

Energy saving/efficiency/less CO2 is a priority.

6) City of Pezenas – FR

8900 inhabitants (25% in the historic centre)

Traffic is a problem. Also the need to renovate Cours Jean Jaures, main street of the historical centre.

7) RUSSIA (OBSERVER)

An association that wants to preserve the city heritage. They are thinking about becoming associated partner, in order to use the outputs and results of the project.

8) City of Schwabisch Gmund – DE

60.000 inhabitants

50 ha of historic centre

Buildings and monuments of 800 years, Romanesque and gothic styles



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Monica Visentin [SEE POWER POINT PRESENTATION]: presentation on communication issues/strategy, at Programme and Project level: specific standards, images, logos, templates, etc. It is necessary to have a common image of Historycentres_Net project.

Mini-website of the project inside the URBACT website. To be updated regularly.

Monica Monti [SEE POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS]: on administrative /financial issues and project commitments.

Proposed calendar:

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	NOTES
The LP to the PP	Form to fill Administrative and technical /content info	10 March 2010	The budget form will be sent later
The PP to the LP	Duly filled Administrative and technical forms	20 March 2010	
The LP to the PP	Budget simplified form	20 March 2010	
The LP to the PP	Official documents (LoC, LoI, JC)	10 March 2010	
The PP to the LP	Budget form	31 March 2010	Maybe a bit later, see how the project development goes on
The PP to the LP	Official documents duly completed and signed	15/20 April 2010	Possibly during the Pezenas meeting

Giorgio Risicaris: he asks the PPs who are definitively interested to the project partner.

Gloucester and Utrecht need to verify locally and will answer next week.

Romania confirms the participation.

Negykallo confirms the participation.

Meeting in Pezenas: 15 and 16 April 2010. The nearest airport is Montpellier.

Baseline study to be finalized as draft version by **31 March 2010**.

The work programme to be finalized by **15 April 2010**.

Draft programme of the Lead Expert visit to each city:

- from 9,00 AM to 6,00 PM



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- Briefing in
- 1 session of the LSG after a visit of the city
- Questions and answers
- Lunch break
- Meeting with the Mayor
- First hypothesis for the Local Action Plans
- Briefing Out

To organize the 2 sessions of visits: maybe first the former 5 partners of Historycentres_Net
Each partner will take care of the travel&accomodation logistic for the lead thematic expert. He needs to move quickly.

Each partner will send to Risicaris the operational contact person's details, to manage the questionnaire. (Risicaris to have contacts with each partner for specific organization).

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