

STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAPACITY IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE

WORLD BANK-AUSTRIA URBAN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (UPP II)

COUNTRY DIALOGUE

JULY 8-10, 2015

The first phase of the Urban Partnership Program (2011-2014) was shaped by the demand of municipalities and local government associations and was focused on key dimensions of local government, including municipal finance, urban planning and land management, urban governance/ anti-corruption, and social accountability. The second phase of the UPP aims to scale up use of LG diagnostic tools and anchor them as part of the municipal practice. At the same time, UPP II aims to expand the citizen engagement and integrity building agenda.

A structured dialogue with central government and municipal/local government representatives will be held to discuss UPP II engagement in Croatia and initiate capacity building interventions.

Proposed dates: July 9-10, 2015

Proposed format: 1.5 days

Participants: Ministry of Finance, Anti-Corruption Agency, GONG NGO, Municipal representatives, Institute of Public Finance, University of Rijeka (economic faculty), other participants

July 8 2015

Welcome dinner Hotel Laguna Materada Porec

July 9, 2015

09.00 – 09.30	Registration of participants
09.30 – 10.00	Welcome remarks: Defining the goals of the country dialogue Vedran Neferovic, vice president, Association of Cities, Croatia Catherine Farvacque-Vitkovic, Lead Urban Specialist, World Bank Washington DC
10:00 – 10:20	Urban Partnership Program at a Glance: Overview of key achievements of UPP Phase I Sabine Palmreuther, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank Catherine Farvacque-Vitkovic, Lead Urban Specialist, World Bank Tamara Nikolic, Operations Officer, World Bank

10:20-10:40	Coffee break
10.40 – 12.30	<p><u>Municipal finance (→ Municipal Finances Self-Assessment)</u></p> <p>TOPIC: Local Government Revenue Mobilization Recent legislative changes and path forward <i>Nevenka Brkic, Ministry of Finance</i> State of play at local level <i>Anto Bajo, local expert</i> <i>Own revenues: Local taxation</i> <i>Grants or shared taxes: Intergovernmental transfers</i> <i>External funding: Local government borrowing</i></p> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u> Moderator: Association of Cities/ WB Participants: Anto Bajo, Nevenka Brkić (MFIN), Vedran Neferović (Požega), Snježana Sikirić (Crikvenica)</p> <p><u>Questions for discussion:</u> <i>What is the position of the central government?</i> <i>What is the situation of local governments?</i> <i>How can the MFSA help?</i></p> <p>Presentation of MFSA tool Catherine Farvacque-Vitkovic, Lead Urban Specialist, World Bank Anto Bajo, Local Expert, Croatia</p> <p>Sharing experiences from MFSA exercise - Key findings and items for action Ante Mađerić, Advisor for Finance, City of Rijeka Snježana Sikirić, Head of Economy, Tourism and Projects Dept, Crikvenica, Cities from the Region: Dubravka Rodic, Head of Finance, Subotica, Serbia and Ljiljana Brdarevic, Local Expert, Serbia</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.30	<p><u>Urban Planning and Land Management (→ Urban Audit)</u></p> <p>TOPIC: Capital Investment Planning at Local Level Sasa Drezgic, University of Rijeka PPP in public lighting projects and Eurostat criteria for public debt Damir Juricic, Deputy Mahaging Director, Agency for Investments and Competitiveness Capital investment implementation at local level Tomislav Katanović, deputy mayor, Krizevci</p> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u> Moderator: Anto Bajo/ WB</p>

	<p>Participants: Sasa Drezgic, Damir Juricic (AIC), Nevenka Brkić (MFIN), Tomislav Katanovic (Krizevci), Danijel Jerman (Opatija)</p> <p><u>Questions for discussion:</u> <i>What are the requirements as stated at the central government level?</i> <i>What is the practice at the local government level?</i> <i>How can the Urban Audit help in the process?</i></p> <p>Presentation of Urban Audit Catherine Farvacque-Vitkovic, Lead Urban Specialist, World Bank</p> <p>Sharing experiences from Urban Audit and UPSA exercise - Key findings and items for action Srdjan Skunca, City of Rijeka and Vjekoslava Glavan, City of Crikvenica Cities from the Region: Sasho Trajkov, Gazi Baba, Macedonia</p>
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.30	<p><u>Asset Management</u></p> <p>TOPICS:</p> <p>Asset management at local level for revenue mobilization Helena Masaric, City of Opatija</p> <p>Asset management in utility corporations and upcoming international standards for public asset management Josip Rukavina, local consultant, NALAS, Asset Management in South-East Europe project</p> <p>Management of public road infrastructure Vesna Ribar, City of Karlovac</p> <p>Q&A</p>
July 10, 2015	
09.00-10.30	<p><u>Anticorruption/ Integrity Building</u></p> <p>TOPICS:</p> <p>Action plans for implementation of national anti-corruption strategy (Tomislav Matoc, Ministry of Justice, Sector for anticorruption)</p> <p>Community involvement in local budget planning (Maja Stranić Grah, Pazin)</p> <p><u>Panel discussion</u> Moderator: Association of Cities/ WB Tomislav Matoc (Ministry of Justice), Dragutin Andrić (Križevci), Ivana Puksec (AC Practitioner), Duje Prkut (Gong), Maja Stranić Grah (Pazin)</p>

	<p>UPP approach to Anticorruption/Integrity building (UPP Team)</p> <p>Integrity building in the City of Križevci: Dragutin Andric, Križevci and Ivana Puksec, Anti-corruption Practitioner</p>
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.30	<p><u>Social Accountability/ Citizen Engagement</u></p> <p>TOPIC: Citizen participation in decision-making</p> <p>National e-consultation system – Sandra Pernar, Government Office for NGOs Budget planning application for citizens – Ante Madjeric, City of Rijeka Crowdfunding for local projects – Marko Vešligaj, Mayor of Pregrada</p> <p>Introduction to WB SSCE approach Application of smart solutions to improve social accountability and citizen engagement Sharing experiences from the Region: Aida Ciro, Co-Plan</p>
12.30-13.00	<p><u>Moving forward</u></p> <p>Next steps, UPP support for LGs in Croatia and involvement of local consultants and Association of Cities</p> <p>Roadmap for engagement</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch
	Departure