

Transnational Meeting #8

Local SDG Indicators: reporting progress and staying accountable

Co-host Cities:

Braga and Bratislava

Dates:

27-28 September 2022

Arrival and departure dates: 26 and 29 September (the programme is two full days)

Registration link (please register all participants by 2 September):

<https://forms.gle/KGskGsQJRCN54Q2Y8>

Participant quota:

Maximum 4 per city. Only physical participation is possible. At least one representative per partner city is expected.

Meeting Location:

Braga, Portugal

Meeting will be held in the GNRation Braga (Praça Conde de Agrolongo, 4700-312 Braga, Portugal)

https://www.gnratio.pt/?noredirect=en_US

<https://goo.gl/maps/4agzCruLquJooDi47>

Action planning focus: Fixing Indicators. Partners will continue to work on the results indicators for their draft IAPs, including through peer review of selected Action Tables. Special focus will also be on the topic of Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs), with an invited guest speaker from the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. NB: VLRs are *not* expected outputs of the network activities, but can be an action to consider for your IAPs.

Expected output from the working period: Final draft IAP by 31 October 2022, including selection of indicators and how they link to the specific objectives and SDGs.

Period to complete the work with the ULG: September 2022 – October 2022.

Preparations: The “homework” is defined together with Lead Expert in the peer group meetings (if not already done, coordinate with your peers and book a session [here](#)).

Background material (not mandatory reading):

- The 2022 edition of the JRC European Handbook for SDG Voluntary Local Reviews: <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC129381>
- Municipal Sustainability Index by CESOP-Local Applied Research Unit of the Portuguese Católica University: <https://cesop-local.ucp.pt/en/municipal-sustainability-index-reports>

Travel to Braga, Portugal

Airport: Porto (OPO)

- Francisco Sá Carneiro <https://www.aeroportoporto.pt/pt/opo/home>

From Airport to Braga: GetBUS

- The best way to go from Porto airport to Braga is catching a Direct BUS (it takes 40 min). There are no direct train connections between Porto airport and Braga. If you want to go by train, you will have to take the metro line from airport to São Bento station and take the train to Braga.
- Booking at: <https://www.getbus.eu/en/>

Hotel:

Vila Galé Collection Braga

For event participants who want to stay at Vila Galé Hotel, the promocode was created: **CMB**. This promocode is added at the time of booking, which will only be possible on the hotel's website:

Through this promocode, you can enjoy promotional prices for any type of room, subject to hotel availability.

- Booking at: <https://www.vilagale.com/pt/hoteis/porto-e-norte/vila-gale-collection-braga>

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WhatsApp group chat for communication will be created by Hélder Costa

Welcome reception: Monday, 26 September 2022

Welcome restaurant on september 26th:

BEM ME QUER Restaurant (need confirmation)

https://www.tripadvisor.pt/Restaurant_Review-g189171-d3863536-Reviews-Bem_me_quer-Braga_Braga_District_Northern_Portugal.html

- Location: Traditional Braga restaurant. An exclusive room will be reserved for this first meeting with a view of one of the city's main monuments (Arco da Porta Nova). Google Map - <https://goo.gl/maps/Ls9nrZic9YCFcVPKA>
- Helder will book a table for 7pm. Write to Helder if you plan to join so that we can ensure the booking is the right size for our group. We will provide a form for this application.
- This meal is self-pay and attendance is optional.

Draft agenda

DAY 1: Thursday, 27 September 2022

Time WEST	Session
09:00	Doors Open
09:00-11:00	<p>Welcome reception in the Braga City Hall</p> <p>Ricardo Rio, Mayor of Braga</p> <p><u>Location</u>: Braga City Hall – Praça do Município, Braga</p> <p>Presentation by the Braga local team</p> <p>Presentation by CESOP-Local Applied Research Unit of the Portuguese Católica University</p>
11:00-11:30	Break

11:30-13:00	<p>URBACT SESSION: Presentation time</p> <p>Session led by Lead Expert Stina Heikkilä and Ad Hoc Expert Eleni Feleki.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feedback from the draft Integrated Action Plans review. ● Introduction to Voluntary Local Reviews: what are they and why they are important for localising the SDGs.
13:00-14:00	<p>Lunch</p>
14:00-15:30	<p>URBACT SESSION: the “Braga Action Contest”</p> <p>Session facilitated by Lead Expert Stina Heikkila and Ad Hoc Expert Eleni Feleki.</p> <p>IAP peer groups working session. The peer groups will work together to identify the “best” action among those brought by partners. Preparations for this session is taking place in the Lead Expert meetings with the peer groups. Together they will nominate a candidate for the “final” in Day 2.</p>
15:30-16:00	<p>Break</p>
16:00-18:00	<p>Study visits (details will be provided in early September)</p>
19:00-20:00	<p>Dinner</p>

DAY 2: Wednesday, 28 September 2022

Time WEST	Session
09:00	Doors Open
09:00-11:00	<p>Bratislava Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Video greeting from the Director of the Metropolitan Institute of Bratislava (MIB) ● Presentation about the MIB institute ● Presentation by data expert on Bratislava's monitoring system
11:00-11:30	Break
11:30-13:00	<p>URBACT SESSION</p> <p>Invited guest speaker from European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC): Dr. Iraklis Stamos, Policy Officer - Urban Analyst and Researcher at European Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation of the 2022 edition of the European Handbook for SDG Voluntary Local Reviews ● Presentation of Bratislava's collaboration with JRC in the first edition of the handbook (TBC) ● Facilitated group discussions on VLRs
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p>URBACT SESSION: "Braga Action Contest" - part 2</p> <p>Session led by Lead Expert Stina Heikkilä.</p>

	<p>Based on the work during Day 1, the winners of the action contest will be appointed.</p> <p>Wrap up and next steps by Lead Partner Coordinator Jaagup Ainsalu</p>
15:30-16:00	Break
16:00-18:00	Study visits (details to be provided in early September)
19:00-20:00	Dinner