

A Project overview

A.1 Project identification

Title

PRoMoting accessible services, livable spaces and sustainable connections in peripheral urban territorIES

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Acronym

PROXIMITIES

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Project ID

02C0584

Name of the lead partner organisation

LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia

Policy objective

Europe closer to citizens (policy objective 5)

Specific objective

Integrated urban development

Project duration

	Duration	Start date	End date
Core phase	36 months	01 April 2024	31 March 2027
Follow-up phase	12 months	01 April 2027	31 March 2028
Closure phase	3 months	01 April 2028	30 June 2028

Is this application a resubmission of a proposal that was not approved under an earlier call?

No

A.2 Project summary

Please give a short overview of the project (in the style of a press release) focusing in particular on the issue addressed, the partnership and the overall objective. Please note that, should the project be approved, this summary will be published on the programme's website. (In English language)

Over the past few years, many European cities have experienced a growing trend towards localization and proximity, by testing new urban planning paradigms to make cities more accessible, healthy, inclusive and sustainable for local residents. However, in several European medium-sized cities, the 15-minutes approach has been mainly tested on an inner centre dimension, which prevents peripheral urban areas from fully reaching the targets of "Europe Closer to Citizens" priority. The restrictions posed by the COVID-19, in particular, have reinforced the concept of "proximity" as a tool to measure citizens' quality of life and identified the existence of an undeniable discrepancy between urban and peripheral areas in terms of services, functions, relations, social and cultural opportunities, recreational spaces and sustainable mobility solutions.

With the coordination of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia and thanks to the thematic support of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, PROXIMITIES project will foster the exchange of experiences among 7 EU countries (Italy, Spain, Latvia, Ireland, Romania, Hungary, Sweden) to improve local and regional policies in the field of integrated sustainable development of peripheral urban areas, through the implementation of "Proximity" approaches according to 5 leverages: 1) Proximity economy and services; 2) Sustainable and soft connections; 3) Quality and liveability of public spaces (resilience and naturalness); 4) Social and emotional dimensions; 5) Governance and functional approaches.

By bringing peripheral areas to the heart of regional and local development place-based policies and facilitating more integrated governance, PROXIMITIES will introduce cross-sectorial policy innovations to redesign peripheral areas as places of community regeneration, socio-economic innovation and environmental promotion to the benefit of the whole urban territory.

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B Partners / associated policy authorities

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Overview partners

Partner number ↑	Organisation	Role	Country	Geographical area	Interreg/ Norwegian funds	Total partner contribution	Total partner budget
1	Municipality of Reggio Emilia	Lead Partner	Italy (Italia)	South	323,673.60	80,918.40	404,592.00
2	Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics BV	Advisory Partner	Netherlands (Nederland)	West	148,015.00	63,435.00	211,450.00
3	Southern Regional Assembly	Partner	Ireland (Éire/Ireland)	West	252,408.80	63,102.20	315,511.00
4	Manresa City Council	Partner	Spain (España)	South	174,000.00	43,500.00	217,500.00
5	Riga Planning Region	Partner	Latvia (Latvija)	North	167,539.20	41,884.80	209,424.00
6	Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia	Partner	Romania (România)	East	166,979.20	41,744.80	208,724.00
7	Municipality of Veszprém	Partner	Hungary (Magyarország)	East	154,464.00	38,616.00	193,080.00
8	Varberg Municipality	Partner	Sweden (Sverige)	North	205,565.60	51,391.40	256,957.00
					1,592,645.40	424,592.60	2,017,238.00

Overview associated policy authorities

Organisation ↑	Country
EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION - Directorate General for Knowledge, Research, Labour, Enterprise	Italy (Italia)

B.1.1 Organisation identity

Country

Italy (Italia)

Organisation

Municipality of Reggio Emilia

Organisation role

Lead Partner

Joined project on

01 Apr 2024

Is partner of project until

30 Jun 2028

Partner financed through the Investment for Jobs and Growth programme (article 22(3) (d) (vi) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1060)

Please select 'Yes' if the participation of the partner is financed directly by their regional operational programme and not through Interreg Europe (see programme manual for further information).

No

☒ 15% flat rate for 'Travel and accommodation'

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Organisation details

Name in English

Municipality of Reggio Emilia

29/200

Name in original language

Comune di Reggio Emilia

23/200

 I want to change the partner name

Address

Piazza Prampolini, 1

20/200

Postal code

42122

5/200

City

Reggio Emilia

13/200

Country

Italy (Italia)



Nuts 1

Nord-Est

Nuts 2

Emilia-Romagna

Nuts 3

Reggio nell'Emilia

If you consider the country or Nuts regions of this organisation wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

VAT number (or other identifier)

00145920351

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Website

<http://comune.re.it>

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Legal status

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If you consider the legal status of this organisation is wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

Type of partner

Co-financing rate (%)

Department details if different from parent organisation

The department information only applies to the partner in this project.

Department name

0/200

Address

0/200

Postal code

0/200

City

0/200

B.2.1 Organisation identity

Country

Netherlands (Nederland)

Organisation

Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics BV

Organisation role

Advisory Partner

Joined project on

01 Apr 2024

Is partner of project until

30 Jun 2028

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No

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B.2.2 Advisory partner role and competences

What are the partner's competences and experiences in the issue addressed by the project?

Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port & Transport Economics (Erasmus UPT) is a research & education institute within the Erasmus University Rotterdam, aimed at delivering practical research solutions grounded in science. It has a long experience in urban & regional development, mobility & attractiveness based on research carried out in cooperation with private & public companies at local, regional, national level. One of our 3 pillars is Urban Economics that involves themes such as urban & regional productivity, real estate markets, retail, tourism & health. Recent research that has developed expertise for PROXIMITIES includes studies on new work & consumption patterns and the consequences thereof for the spatial planning of the Rotterdam region, on the economic growth of the South Holland province and on the economic performance and outlook for the Metropolitan Region Rotterdam-The Hague, which spans 23 municipalities. Erasmus UPT has a large experience in EU-projects, especially in leading the exchange of knowledge among PPs. It has performed as Work Package Leader for knowledge exchange in the Interreg projects PIMMS TRANSFER, INVOLVE, RESOLVE, POTEnT, ZCI; in the IEE project Push & Pull; in the H2020 projects STARTGATE & MAGPIE. Among others, Erasmus UPT has organized local/national/international Masterclasses for policy makers & stakeholders, created registers of best/good practices, organized & supervised study visits for PPs, organized import/export of GPs workshops for PPs.

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What is the advisory partner's role in the project?

Erasmus UPT, as thematic expert, leads the consortium in all Interregional Exchange of Experience, with particular emphasis on the activities of the core phase:

- * PROXIMITY LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT TOOL: it develops this tool to support PPs in the context assessment phase (SEM1) and in the production of 7 Proximities Landscape Reports
- * It summarizes the 7 reports' results in the SYNTHESIS REPORT (Weakness & strengths in 7 EU regions)
- * MATCHMAKING WORKSHOP: it animates the matchmaking workshop in SEM2 to support the strategic planning of the study visit phase according to PPs' learning needs & GPs
- * STUDY VISITS: It supports & overviews with methodological tools the learning process during online & on-field SVs and the Thematic Expert Exchanges
- * MASTERCLASSES: It leads & animates the 3 Masterclasses targeted at policy makers, PPs organization's members & local/regional stakeholders
- * THEMATIC ARTICLES: It writes 1 thematic article about project's topics & supports PPs with thematic research
- * POLICY RECOMMENDATION: It provides inputs for the definition of the Policy Recommendations for EU dissemination in SEM8
- * POLICY LEARNING PLATFORM: It contributes to the PLP activities & events
- * WEBSITE: It regularly provides input for website's update
- * PROGRESS REPORTING & PMGs: it participates in PMGs and prepare Progress Reports
- * EVENTS: contributes to the Online Exchange Events (SEM6) & Final dissemination event (SEM8) providing a methodological and thematic overview of the project

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Name in English

Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics BV

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Name in original language

Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics BV

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Address

Burg. Oudlaan 50

16/200

Postal code

3062 PA

7/200

City

Rotterdam

9/200

Country

Netherlands
(Nederland)

Nuts 1

West-Nederland

Nuts 2

Zuid-Holland

Nuts 3

Groot-Rijnmond

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VAT number (or other identifier)

NL8047 35 529 B25

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Website

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Legal status

Body governed by private law (only non-profit)

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Type of partner

Education and research institution

Co-financing rate (%)

70%

Department details if different from parent organisation

The department information only applies to the partner in this project.

Department name

Urban and Transport Economics

29/200

Address

Woudestein, T-Building, Room T19-29

35/200

Postal code

3062 PA

7/200

City

Rotterdam

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B.3.1 Organisation identity

Country

Ireland (Éire/Ireland)

Organisation

Southern Regional Assembly

Organisation role

Partner

Joined project on

01 Apr 2024

Is partner of project until

30 Jun 2028

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No

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Name in English

Southern Regional Assembly

26/200

Name in original language

Southern Regional Assembly

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Address

Assembly House, 30 O'Connell Street

35/200

Postal code

X91 F8PC

8/200

City

Waterford

9/200

Country

Ireland
(Éire/Ireland)

Nuts 1

Ireland

Nuts 2

Southern

Nuts 3

South-East

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VAT number (or other identifier)

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Website

<https://www.southernassembly.ie/>

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Legal status

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If you consider the legal status of this organisation is wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

Type of partner

Co-financing rate (%)

Department details if different from parent organisation

The department information only applies to the partner in this project.

Department name

0/200

Address

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Postal code

0/200

City

0/200

B.4.1 Organisation identity

Country

Spain (España)

Organisation

Manresa City Council

Organisation role

Partner

Joined project on

01 Apr 2024

Is partner of project until

30 Jun 2028

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No

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Name in English

Manresa City Council

20/200

Name in original language

Ajuntament de Manresa

21/200

 I want to change the partner name

Address

Plaça Major, 1

14/200

Postal code

08241

5/200

City

Manresa

7/200

Country

Spain
(Espanya)

Nuts 1

Este

Nuts 2

Cataluña

Nuts 3

Barcelona

If you consider the **country** or **Nuts regions** of this organisation wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

VAT number (or other identifier)

P0811200E

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Website

<http://www.manresa.cat/>

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Legal status

v3 | Submitted

If you consider the legal status of this organisation is wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

Type of partner

Co-financing rate (%)

Department details if different from parent organisation

The department information only applies to the partner in this project.

Department name

0/200

Address

0/200

Postal code

0/200

City

0/200

B.5.1 Organisation identity

Country

Latvia (Latvija)

Organisation

Riga Planning Region

Organisation role

Partner

Joined project on

01 Apr 2024

Is partner of project until

30 Jun 2028

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No

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Organisation details

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Name in English

Riga Planning Region

20/200

Name in original language

Rīgas plānošanas reģions

24/200

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Address

Z. A. Meierovica Boulev 18

26/200

Postal code

LV-1050

7/200

City

Riga

4/200

Country

Latvia
(Latvija)

Nuts 1

Latvija

Nuts 2

Latvija

Nuts 3

Rīga

If you consider the **country or Nuts regions** of this organisation wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

VAT number (or other identifier)

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Website

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Legal status

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Type of partner

Co-financing rate (%)

Department details if different from parent organisation

The department information only applies to the partner in this project.

Department name

0/200

Address

0/200

Postal code

0/200

City

0/200

B.6.1 Organisation identity

Country

Romania (România)

Organisation

Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia

Organisation role

Partner

Joined project on

01 Apr 2024

Is partner of project until

30 Jun 2028

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No

☒ 15% flat rate for 'Travel and accommodation'

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Name in English

Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia

46/200

Name in original language

Agentia pentru Dezvoltare Regionala Sud-Vest Oltenia

52/200

 I want to change the partner name

Address

1, Aleea Teatrului Street

25/200

Postal code

200402

6/200

City

Craiova

7/200

Country

Romania
(România)

Nuts 1

Macroregiunea Patru

Nuts 2

Sud-Vest Oltenia

Nuts 3

Dolj

If you consider the **country** or **Nuts regions** of this organisation wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

VAT number (or other identifier)

Fiscal identification code: 11642243

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Website

<https://www.adroltenia.ro/>

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Legal status

v3 | Submitted

If you consider the legal status of this organisation is wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

Type of partner

Co-financing rate (%)

Department details if different from parent organisation

The department information only applies to the partner in this project.

Department name

0/200

Address

0/200

Postal code

0/200

City

0/200

B.7.1 Organisation identity

Country

Hungary (Magyarország)

Organisation

Municipality of Veszprém

Organisation role

Partner

Joined project on

01 Apr 2024

Is partner of project until

30 Jun 2028

Partner financed through the Investment for Jobs and Growth programme (article 22(3) (d) (vi) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1060)

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No

☒ 15% flat rate for 'Travel and accommodation'

By unticking the box above this partner will have to budget and report costs under Travel and accommodation on a real costs basis.

Name in English

Municipality of Veszprém

24/200

Name in original language

Veszprém Megyei Jogú Város Önkormányzata

40/200

 I want to change the partner name

Address

Óváros square 9

15/200

Postal code

H- 8200

7/200

City

Veszprém

8/200

Country

Hungary
(Magyarország)

Nuts 1

Dunántúl

Nuts 2

Közép-Dunántúl

Nuts 3

Veszprém

If you consider the **country** or **Nuts regions** of this organisation wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

VAT number (or other identifier)

15734202-2-19

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Website

<https://veszprem.hu/>

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Legal status

v3 | Submitted

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Type of partner

Co-financing rate (%)

Department details if different from parent organisation

The department information only applies to the partner in this project.

Department name

0/200

Address

0/200

Postal code

0/200

City

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B.8.1 Organisation identity

Country

Sweden (Sverige)

Organisation

Varberg Municipality

Organisation role

Partner

Joined project on

01 Apr 2024

Is partner of project until

30 Jun 2028

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No

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Name in English

Varberg Municipality

20/200

Name in original language

Varbergs kommun

15/200

 I want to change the partner name

Address

Västra Vallgatan 39

19/200

Postal code

423 80

6/200

City

Varberg

7/200

Country

Sweden
(Sverige)

Nuts 1

Södra Sverige

Nuts 2

Västsverige

Nuts 3

Hallands län

If you consider the **country or Nuts regions** of this organisation wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

VAT number (or other identifier)

SE212000124901

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Website

<https://naringsliv.varberg.se/>

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Legal status

v3 | Submitted

If you consider the legal status of this organisation is wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

Type of partner

Co-financing rate (%)

Department details if different from parent organisation

The department information only applies to the partner in this project.

Department name

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Address

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Postal code

0/200

City

0/200

B.i.1 Organisation identity

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Country

Italy (Italia)

Organisation

EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION - Directorate General for Knowledge, Research, Labour, Enterprise

Organisation role

Associated Policy Authority

Joined project on

01 Apr 2024

Is partner of project until

30 Jun 2028

Organisation details

Name in English

EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION - Directorate General for Knowledge, Research, Labour, Enterprise

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Name in original language

REGIONE EMILIA-ROMAGNA – Direzione generale Conoscenza, Ricerca, Lavoro, Imprese

80/200

 I want to change the partner name

Address

Viale Aldo Moro n. 44

21/200

Postal code

40127

5/200

City

Bologna

7/200

Country

Italy (Italia)



Nuts 1

Nord-Est

Nuts 2

Emilia-Romagna

Nuts 3

Bologna

If you consider the country or Nuts regions of this organisation wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

VAT number (or other identifier)

80062590379

11/200

Website

<https://www.regione.emilia-romagna.it/>

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Legal status

Public body or body governed by public law

v3 | Submitted

If you consider the legal status of this organisation is wrong, please contact info@interregeurope.eu.

Type of partner

Regional public authority

Department details if different from parent organisation

The department information only applies to the partner in this project.

Department name

0/200

Address

0/200

Postal code

0/200

City

0/200

C.1 Issue addressed

What is the common regional development issue addressed by the project? Please make sure this information is coherent with the programme specific objective you selected in section A and with the description of the policy instruments in section D.

- Peripheral urban areas (i.e new urbanised areas, suburbs, neighbourhoods outside inner cities, towns/villages near larger cities), even if densely populated, are experiencing lower concentration of services/opportunities for citizens compared to inner centres
 - 15-Min approach is mostly tested on inner city centres, while peripheral areas are still far from reaching a people-centre dimension. COVID highlighted proximity as a tool to improve citizens' quality of life & fill the gap between central & peripheral areas in terms of services, relations, social/cultural opportunities & mobility interconnections.
 PROXIMITIES investigates peripheral areas on multiple territorial levels (city/regional) & dimensions (social/economic/environmental) to find public common approaches to restore centrality of neighbourhood dimension, people-centred, place-based solutions. It tackles cross-sectorial policy solutions to redesign urban peripheral areas as sustainable & resilient places and communities.

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Why is this issue important for European regions? Please be as specific as possible (data and statistics are welcome if possible).

-It invests in functional & spatial approach to sustainable urban development, as recalled by Leipzig Charter & COR Policy recommendation on small urban areas (SUA). Creating smart, sustainable, inclusive EU growth requires coordinated measures designed at proper spatial & functional scale—local, neighbourhood, regional, metropolitan—to assure coherence
 -SUAs host 43% of EU population; abt 66% of EU urban dwellers reside in areas with fewer than 500.000 people; EU counts abt 14.000 SUA with a population btw 5.000-50.000
 -Issue is relevant for PPs as: tackle higher density models of peripheral development, supporting “sustainable compact growth models” (P3, P8); address equal living conditions supporting widespread, sustainable, inclusive development in all city/regional areas (P4, P6, P7); address disparities btw urban/peripheral areas manifested by high daily commuting & underdeveloped public & commercial services (P5, LP); innovate governance models supporting horizontal & multilevel measures (all PPs)

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How does the project contribute to the EU Cohesion policy? Does it also contribute to other European strategies or policies?

Cohesion: 1) addressing unbalances in sustainable urban development, focusing on proximity, functional approaches & stronger linkages btw urban/peripheral areas 2) investing in territorial cohesion in 3 less developed (LV, RO, HU) & 4 more developed regions (IT, SE, ES, IE) 3) applying EU closer to citizens' priority to peripheral areas in 7 countries by multilevel governance & partnerships among local/regional governments, business, cultural/educational actors, CSOs 4) combining city-regions perspectives, integrating different levels of public policies making, allowing for better integration/definition of intervention tools.
 Other EU strategies: 1) Proximity & Social Economy Pathway, investing on proximity approach, including social/economical/environmental dimensions; 2) EU Urban Agenda focusing on key roles of urban territories for integrated strategies/functional approaches; 3) Green Deal: 15min concept supports sustainable mobility; 4) NE Bauhaus: beautiful, sustainable, inclusive neighbourhoods

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C.2 Project's overall objective

The project's overall objective is to improve the implementation of regional development policies in the field of Europe closer to citizens (policy objective 5), in particular to improve the policy instruments described in section D of the present application.

Please further describe the project's overall objective below.

PROXIMITIES aims at improving implementation of public regional development policies for “EU closer to Citizens”, OS 1. It aims at embedding integrated sustainable territorial development in peripheral urban areas by increasing capacities of partners & stakeholders’ representatives. Its main goal is the exchange & transfer of good practices among 7 EU regions to support PPs & stakeholders learning processes & introduce changes in local/regional policies in peripheral urban areas through integrated approaches based on proximity & people-centred place based solutions. The final goal is bringing peripheral urban areas at the core of public regional policies, fostering new integrated strategies able to engage local/regional authorities & actors on 5 leverages: 1) Proximity economy & services 2) Sustainable & soft connections (ie walkability and cycling) 3) Quality & liveability of public spaces (resilience and naturalness) 4) Social & emotional dimension 5) Governance & functional approaches

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C.3 Project innovative character

Please explain the innovative character of the project and of its expected results, in particular in comparison to similar initiatives/projects you are aware of.

1) Compared to other IE Projects (ABCITIES, EURE, MATCH-UP), PROXIMITIES invests on an integrated vision/approach to sustainable urban development (and not sectorial one), considering a cross-sectorial dimension of proximity - environmental, social, economic, services, mobility, urban planning: it is not just piloting/ testing experiences on a specific topic but embedding integrated interregional learnings into policies. 2) The main focus is not inner cities centres nor rural/mountain areas (e.g. RAMSAT, RUMORE, PERFECT), but “peripheral areas” of urban settlements/territories 3) The mix of territorial contexts engaged (urban/metropolitan/countryside..) allow for investigating/comparing different scenarios of peripheral urban areas in EU, contributing to the assessment of their specific evolutions across EU regions 4) Peripheral areas are not intended as degraded or socially marginalised districts, but as “less serviced areas”, offering a broader perspectives for all cities and contexts.

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For projects deriving from past Interreg experiences (follow-up projects), please clarify the added-value of this cooperation compared to the previous experience.

PROXIMITIES is not a follow up project, but capitalises on some previous projects promoted by the partners consortium, in particular: 1) PROSPERA highlighted the need to invest more on connections between urban and rural areas, enforcing integrated approaches that go beyond sectoral challenges coming from environmental protection and the promotion of natural and cultural heritage. PROXIMITIES adds multiple paradigms to support integrated sustainable development and puts the emphasis on peripheral urban areas. 2) MATCH-UP focused on optimization of places where people change between transport modes and developed a Framework & Methodology for mapping urban infrastructure deficiencies to deliver 10 Minute Cities/Towns to all citizens. PROXIMITIES building on this framework will facilitate a more integrated governance approach that is multi-disciplinary, with citizen engagement to ensure the most sustainable place-based solutions in peripheral urban areas.

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C.4 Project approach

Please describe the approach/methodology adopted to achieve the project’s objectives within the core phase.

- How is the learning process organised at regional and interregional levels? If applicable, please describe the different steps you envisage to reach the project’s objective.
- What is the purpose of the different types of activities proposed? In particular, how do they contribute to individual and/or organisational learning? How are these activities interrelated?
- How do you ensure the involvement of stakeholders in the learning process?

PROXIMITIES approach allows for investigating regional policies in peripheral urban areas in 7 EU countries, combining 4 more developed & 3 less developed regions. It also engages 2 new-comers to the program (P4, P7). Based on regional & interregional learning, it aims to influence local/regional policies in peripheral urban areas, by favouring integrated & cross-sectorial dimensions & comparing different governance levels (from planning/region to implementing/cities).

Regional learning is based on 2 capacity building pillars 1) intra-organisational learning: creation of cross-sectoral working groups within PPs organisations 2) stakeholder engagement in all interregional activities & outputs. The stakeholder groups (LSGs) will be activated in each country to integrate multiple dimensions & actors (local/regional authorities, business, research centres, CSOs, service providers, citizens organisations...). Through continuous engagement, LSGs will contribute to local analysis, GPs identification & transferability assessment for policy change & policy improvement implementation. Interregional learning, led by P2, will assure continuum dialogue with local/regional level, combining online activities (to prepare on-field activities, monitoring achievements & following up) and on-field ones, engaging both PPs & LSGs. It sees 4 milestones: 1) Context assessment to identify challenges, opportunities, GPs 2) Matchmaking workshop to combine needs/opportunities among PPs 3) Study visits (SVs) for concrete GPs studies 4) Masterclasses (MCs) & transfer workshops to support PPs in policy changes.

SVs are key activities to enhance learning processes at interregional & local level, offering practical contents for PPs exchange (among organisations & staff) and LSGs. To improve PPs preparation & effective engagement of LSGs, SVs will include 2 moments: preparatory online meetings to give first overview; onsite visits to show GPs on field and allow discussion.

MCs are complementary tools to increase capacities of people (staff & stakeholders) on the 5 leverages & thematic issues (by international keynote speakers) also offering further space for PPs' exchanges.

PROXIMITIES foresees 6 main steps, mostly concentrated in phase 1 to increase individual & organisational capacities and achieve expected policy change.

STEP 1 - Context assessment aims at identifying PPs local contexts/challenges & select GPs. The assessment will engage PPs thematic experts and LSGs. Methodological tools (Proximity Landscape Assessment tool & 1 Masterclass) will support PPs to outline integrated analysis and produce Proximity Landscape Reports according to 5 leverages (Proximity economy & services; Sustainable & soft connections; Quality & livability of public spaces; Social & emotional dimension; Governance & functional approaches)

STEP 2: SET THE SCENE FOR INTERREGIONAL LEARNING aims at sharing the results of local analysis among PPs, matchmaking learning needs & expertise potential, offering the framework to SVs preparation, identifying thematic focus according to GPs by the hosting PP & learning needs of visiting PPs.

STEP 3: GPs ANALYSIS provides main learning tools, enabling for practical analysis of GPs within local contexts and in-depth discussions with technicians & relevant stakeholders. Thematic Experts exchanges take place during SVs to outline the main challenges from all PPs and discuss possible solutions according to GPs visited.

STEP 4 - GPs TRANSFERABILITY ASSESSMENT assures embeddedness of lessons learnt, allowing each PP, in collaboration with LSGs, to decide GPs to be transferred/replicated to improve PIs: online transfer workshops with GPs experts allow to get insights/suggestions on GPs transfer.

STEP 5 - POLICY CHANGE aims at integrating results of regional & interregional exchanges within PIs addressed and disseminating main results at local & EU levels. In case policy change is not achieved, Action Plans will be produced & peer-reviewed by GPs experts.

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Please explain the approach/methodology envisaged for **the follow-up phase** (i.e. last year of the project)? To what extent are the stakeholders expected to be involved in the follow-up phase?

SEM 7-8 are dedicated to STEP6-MONITORING & DISSEMINATING. PPs monitor changes & results of the policy improvement or, if applicable, of the action plan(s) implementation in cooperation with LSGs, which are engaged in the workflow also through online meetings. PPs organise 3 online monitoring meetings in SEM7-8 to share updates on policy improvements and exchange practical experiences which could be useful for the other PPs. Dissemination activities take place at EU level, with the organisation of 1 high-level event at the end of SEM8 hosted by P5, where both PPs and LSG representatives attend. PPs also participate in PLP thematic events and/or other EU events to share the results of the project to a larger audience. Policy Recommendations with the main results of the policy improvement are produced & disseminated to support other local/regional authorities in planning interventions for the integrated sustainable development of peripheral areas according to the 5 PROXIMITIES leverages.

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C.5 Project indicators

Output indicators

Code	RC087
Title	N° of organisations cooperating across borders
Target	76
Code	RC084
Title	N° of pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects
Target	0
Code	OI4
Title	N° of policy instruments addressed
Target	7
Code	OI5
Title	N° of interregional policy learning events organised
Target	17
Code	OI6
Title	N° of good practices identified
Target	21

Result indicators

Code	RII2
Title	N° of organisations with increased capacity due to their participation in project activities
	48
Performance (%)	63
Code	RI3
Title	N° of policy instruments improved thanks to the project

Performance (%)

100

C.6 Communication strategy

Please indicate the overall objectives of the project's communication strategy.

Comm. objectives: 1) informing target groups on the importance of improving peripheral urban area development by raising awareness on innovative experiences on the 5 leverages 2) engaging relevant regional/local stakeholders in the learning process to increase the impact of interregional exchange 4) informing local communities on achieved policy improvements 4) contributing to EU debate & research about peripheral urban development by giving broad visibility to project's activities & results.

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Please describe the target groups of your communication strategy.

Internal target groups: all PPs, including policy makers, staff members (also not engaged in project) & thematic experts, as well as local/regional stakeholders.
External: policy makers at regional, national & EU level, business, research centres, service providers, educational actors, CSOs, citizens associations, other organisations active on the project topics & peripheral urban areas.
EU institutions & city networks, regional development agencies; other local/regional authorities across EU.

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Please explain the main communication tools and channels (including social media outreach) that will be used.

Website & social media (Twitter, FB, IG) to keep PPs, decision makers, stakeholders, citizens engaged
Video pills & videoscribing to increase topic's accessibility through simplified narrations
Brochures (also in local languages), pop-up stands & posters to disseminate project at public meetings&events
Press releases & conference during crucial activities for institutional communication
GPs Portfolio, Thematic articles & Policy Recommendation to inspire EU local/regional authorities with results

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Please describe briefly how the communication strategy will be implemented and evaluated.

P3 leads comm. activities in cooperation with PPs' comm. officers. It shares the Comm. Toolkit & Work plan in SEM1 to make PPs aware of IE requirements, internal deadlines & contributions needed. In each project meeting, comm. activities are discussed & reviews. 2 evaluation reports, in SEM4 and SEM7, monitor and evaluate comms results and measure their impact at local/regional/EU level: corrective measures are taken to improve communication impact within the end of core phase and project's end.

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Will the management of the project's communication be externalised?

No

C.7 Horizontal principles

Please indicate to which extent the project contributes to EU horizontal principles, and justify your choice.

Sustainable development

Type of contribution

Positive

Description of the contribution

The selected specific objective 5.1. is clearly linked to sustainable development priority. The aim of the project is in fact to improve regional & local policies linked to integrated sustainable development of peripheral urban areas in 7 EU countries, by achieving greener, healthier, more accessible and livable urban spaces. This is the main goal of 2 out of 5 project's leverages which will guide policy improvement: 2) Sustainable & soft connections, by improving sustainable mobility in peripheral urban areas while ensuring that principles of climate proofing & Do No Significant Harm are respected; and 3) Quality & liveability of public spaces, by enhancing green spaces and nature-based infrastructures in peripheral areas. Moreover, the enhancement of proximity services (leverage 1) is also expected to have a positive impact in terms of CO2 emission reductions, by bringing services closer to citizens and decreasing car uses according to 15-min approach.

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Equal opportunities and non-discrimination

Type of contribution

Positive

Description of the contribution

PROXIMITIES assumption is that nowadays EU cities experience huge differences btw inner/peripheral areas for residents' opportunities & quality of life. PROXIMITIES integrated vision covers social & community issues to redesign peripheral areas as places of community regeneration & socio-economic innovation, making opportunities accessible for all. 2 out of 5 leverages aims specifically at equal opportunities & non-discrimination in peripheral areas: 1) Proximity economy & services, focusing on multifunctionality to improve opportunities for citizens 3) Social dimension, focusing on community involvement, recreation of social ties, youth engagement, integration of public proximity services (schools, cultural centres, social centres...). This is also reflected in the LSG composition where social/cultural/educ. actors are engaged to ensure proper representation of different community needs regardless of gender, racial/ethnic origin, religion/belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

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Equality between men and women

Type of contribution

Positive

Description of the contribution

PROXIMITIES will adopt a gender-oriented approach in the analysis of local contexts & in the evaluation/planning of possible new measures to improve liveability of peripheral urban areas. The adoption of people-centred solutions to mobility, services, urban regeneration, cultural/social opportunities, as conceived by the proximity approach, requires a careful understanding of the needs of specific social categories (men, women, youth, families, elderly) & to what extent their daily habits, exigencies & behaviours differ. This is particularly true for women/men, who might have different perceptions of services, public spaces and social/cultural/mobility opportunities according to their different roles and daily responsibilities. By adopting a gender-balanced point of view in all project's phases, PROXIMITIES intends to ensure the achievement of sustainable, liveable and widely accessible peripheral urban areas for all, thus having a positive & equal impact on local communities' lives.

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C.8 Project management

C.8.1 Overall management

Please describe how the overall management will be ensured? Which body will make strategic project decisions and according to which rule? What will be the composition of this body? If relevant, how will the responsibilities be shared among the partners?

Project management & coordination is LP direct responsibility, which closely cooperates with the Steering Committee (SC) composed by PPs' project managers. The SC, led by LP, is in charge of monitoring project's activities & results and making strategic decisions to ensure the smooth implementation of the work plan according to IE requirements & the subsidy contract. The SC meets 2 per SEM (6 online meetings + 6 in-person meetings in core phase; 3 online meetings + 1 in-person meeting in follow-up phase) & decisions are made by consensus (or by majority vote if needed). Each PP is responsible for project's implementation at local level: working groups are established in each organisation engaging at least 1 Project management; 1 Financial manager; 1 Communication manager; Thematic Experts (more than 1 due to the integrated nature of PROXIMITIES)

LP has direct responsibility for keeping regular contacts with JS; submitting progress reports; defying the work plan & related deadlines; managing the partnership and solving eventual critical aspects; ensuring the overall quality of project's implementation. During the KoM, LP shares a PM starter pack with the PPs, including management & financial guidelines, the detailed work plan & the internal monitoring system. LP keeps regular contacts with action leaders and all PPs via emails and calls, according to specific needs.

P3 is in charge of communication activities, defining every semester dedicated work plans & keeping monitoring contacts with PPs' comm. officers.

P2, in close cooperation with LP, is responsible for designing and supporting exchange of experience at project level. Other PPs actively contribute to project governance through the SC.

In SEM4 PPs fill in a mid-term evaluation questionnaire about project's implementation, by making LP aware of critical aspects both at interregional & local/regional level. Supportive actions are discussed and agreed with the rest of the SC to improve project's implementation.

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C.8.2 Day-to-day coordination

Please describe how the day-to-day coordination will be ensured.

Partnership's coordination is ensured by the LP through regular contact via email, phone or video-call. During the KoM, the SC agrees on a project's intranet function (e.g. google drive) to ensure regular share of information and documents' storage. PPs' project managers are responsible for ensuring reliable communications with the LP and other PPs, as well as for keeping the local working group duly informed about LP's communications. LP also keeps regular contact with JS on behalf of the partnership, informing of any problems or risks that might arise internally.

External communication with stakeholders is ensured by each PP's project manager with regular meetings (1 per SEM in core phase) and according to the most appropriate system. Communication with other entities outside the partnership is facilitated by LP (or by P3, if this comes through the project's communication channels).

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Will the project coordination be externalised?

No

C.8.3 Financial management and reporting

Please describe how the financial management and reporting procedures will be ensured.

LP is responsible for ensuring a smooth financial management & reporting process, by working in close cooperation with PP's financial managers. LP collects PPs' financial reports and prepares the financial report to be delivered to the JS. Reporting procedure, financial rules & useful templates are shared during the KoM and summarised in the PM starter pack, as to provide guidance and support also to the less experienced PPs. LP also monitors that PPs appoint FLCs (if needed) to carry out verifications in accordance with national & EU regulations. FLCs will assure the smooths and sound financial management for all PPS.

Budget performance & spending plans are regularly reviewed during SC meetings to make PPs aware of critical situations & plan corrective actions. In case of eventual budget shifts or issues, LP ensures the compliance with the programme rules and reports to JS during progress reporting and/or dedicated meetings, by sharing JS indications with the concerned PP(s).

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Will the financial management be externalised?

No

D Main policy instruments addressed

Overview main policy instruments addressed

Number 1	Name of the policy instrument	Name of the policy responsible authority	Involvement of the policy responsible authority	Investment for Jobs and Growth programme	Country
1	RP Emilia-Romagna ERDF 2021-2027	EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION - Directorate General for Knowledge, Research, Labour, Enterprise	Associated Policy Authority	Yes	Italy (Italia)
2	Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region of Ireland 2019-2031	Southern Regional Assembly	Partner	No	Ireland (Éire/Ireland)
3	Integrated Plan of Revitalization of the Historic Centre 2023-2030 (PIRCH)	Manresa City Council	Partner	No	Spain (España)
4	The Riga Region Development programme 2022-2027	Riga Planning Region	Partner	No	Latvia (Latvija)
5	Regional programme 2021-2027 South-West Oltenia	Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia	Partner	Yes	Romania (România)
6	Sustainable Urban Development Strategy of Veszprém (SUDS)	Municipality of Veszprém	Partner	No	Hungary (Magyarország)
7	Landsbygdsstrategin – Development strategy for the countryside of Varberg	Varberg Municipality	Partner	No	Sweden (Sverige)

Overview pilot actions

Number 1	Title	Policy instrument(s) concerned
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D.1 Policy instrument 1

D.1.1 Territorial context and general description

D.1.1.1 Territorial context

What is the state of play of the issue addressed by the project in the territory covered by the policy instrument? Which challenge needs to be overcome in this territory? Please be as specific as possible and provide detailed information on the characteristics of the territory.

Reggio Emilia (RE) is a medium city with approx. 171,000 inhabitants facing relevant demographic challenges: no increased population in last 10 years; increased n. of elderly (+10% of over 80 & -20% under 6), new poverties/vulnerable conditions (NEETs, single families,...). RE has invested in transition from manufacturing to knowledge economy, considering attractiveness & innovation strategic goals for the city areas. Nowadays, to assure citizens sound life quality, RE has to :1) face climate neutrality & green transition 2) preserve quality of social/educational services 3) improve social attractiveness, guaranteeing social cohesion/inclusion 5) assure sustainable/fair economic development. To address these challenges, 15 min approaches & proximities policies are considered fundamental measures from all Municipal strategic plans (Single Unique Planning document; Agenda for Urban Transformation, requested by ER Region in ERDF framework; General Urban Plan). The proximity approach within the consolidated city is considered strategic to a) assure necessary services & private/public functions, mainly in peripheral urban areas where most of the people live/commute (neighbourhoods/towns/villages) b) building/maintaining cohesion & sustainable development. However, 15min approach is still mainly developed within urban mobility frameworks, whereas it needs to be consolidated as a more integrated approach, above all in peripheral urban areas, for bringing the city closer to its citizens.

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D.1.1.2 General description of the policy instrument

Please name the policy instrument addressed (for Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes, please provide the name of the operational programme concerned).

RP Emilia-Romagna ERDF 2021-2027

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Is this instrument an Investment for jobs and growth goal programme (i.e. national or regional operational programme)?

Yes

Please indicate the geographical scope of this instrument

Regional

Please select how the authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved in the project:

The authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved as...

Associated Policy Authority

Please select the authority responsible for this policy instrument.

EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION - Directorate General for Knowledge, Research, Labour, Enterprise

Please describe the main features of this policy instrument (e.g. objective, characteristics, priority or measure addressed).

LP address ERDF RP 21-27 of Emilia-Romagna (ERR) where priority 4 "Attractivity, cohesion & territorial development" aims at overcoming territorial inequalities, promoting attractiveness/sustainability, cohesion, equality & sustainable development in particular through Specific Obj. 5.1 Promoting social, economic & environment integrated & inclusive development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and safety in urban areas. ERR goals is favouring the protagonism of urban areas in addressing transition, territorial peripheral identities, new processes activation. ERR is characterised by inequalities btw urban/rural areas, as well as inner/peripheral areas. Priority 4 intends to support local authorities in promoting proximities opportunities & services, integrating attractiveness, green transition, climate neutrality, social connections & participatory processes in peripheral urban areas. Transformative Urban Agendas for Sustainable Development (ATUSS) drafted by main regional cities (including LP) and complex areas, are based on multi-level governance & multi-fund approach, designed to address specific territorial needs/vocations, involving main local actors and citizens in defining territorial development strategies. This action is perfectly in line with PROXIMITIES objective to innovate and enforce local & regional policies for tackling proximities challenges in peripheral urban areas, supporting the creation of new models of integrated territorial development.

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D.1.1.3 Expected policy improvement

What kind of improvement do you envisage for this instrument?

New projects financed by the instrument

No

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Change in the management of the instrument

Yes

PROXIMITIES project will contribute to improve ER policy instrument by addressing a change in the management of the instrument, in particular its multi-level governance. An enhanced governance among Local Authorities, SMEs and stakeholders will be implemented, with the idea to better coordinating and integrating the role of private and public actors in the peripheral area, testing on the field innovative and effective solutions to build up the 15-minute approaches in the peripheral area, according to the 5 leverages identified by the project. Through the implementation of the project, "specific" tools/measures will be introduced in the policy instrument governance to strengthen and support the crucial role played by Local Authorities, SMEs and private actors' partnerships in the implementation of proximities approaches in peripheral areas. The approaches and methods inspired by PROXIMITIES project experience will contribute to introduce stable measures/tools to support multi-level governance in the management of urban and sustainable and integrated development strategies. They will also support ERR and other cities in the region to introduce/replicate approaches and tools inspired by the integrated urban development strategies innovated thanks to Proximities methodologies.

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D.1.2 Partner(s) addressing policy instrument 1

Partner

LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia

What is the policy relevance of this partner (the link to the authority responsible for the policy instrument addressed and its capacity to influence this instrument)?

RE is one of the 9 cities requested by Emilia Romagna Region (ERR) to draft the Transformative Agenda for Sust. Develop. (ATUSS) on RE area. RE ATUSS is based on 15min and proximity approaches and contains 14 Light projects, including 3 related to expansion of 15min city idea based on territorial dimension, proximity economy, social innovation, healthcare community, social housing. RE is therefore one of the cities engaged by ERR to make proposals on the innovation of 15min and proximity policies in the inner city and peripheral areas. LP has also regular contacts with ERR on economical & innovation develop. policies and, thanks to several projects (COMPETE IN, PROSPERA, Technopole), has established tight cooperation with the Unit responsible for ERFD, which increase its capacities to influence the PI governance, considering also its role as member of the ROP Monitoring Committee. LP is not directly involved in PI design/implementation, but can influence the way ER will manage it.

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What are the partner's competences and experiences in the issue addressed by the project?

LP has many experiences in policies and initiatives about 15min approach, proximity and peripheral area. It designed and approved the General Urban Plan describing the 2030 City's vision on urban planning, agriculture, climate, sustainability, social and economic development. The City also promoted some first analysis to support policy and initiatives on 15min approaches. Moreover, LP has been investing in specific initiatives and projects to enforce proximity in the peripheral area: 1) "Labs in the neighbourhood" to collect and design integrated actions in neighbourhoods, towns and villages 2) Regeneration of public and private spaces in partnerships with private actors, associations, informal actors 3) Northern Area Strategy: conversion of a former industrial area in R&I Hub with labs for innovation, digital services, circular economy, renewable energies. RE participated as LP in 2 IE projects (COMPETE In and PROSPERA), as well as PP in RESOLVE, FOUNDATION, SCHOOL CHANCE projects

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How will the partner benefit from the cooperation? In case this partner plays a particular role in the project (e.g., responsible for a specific topic, for communication activities), please also indicate it here.

LP will benefit from the cooperation since it will have the opportunity to innovate specific measures addressing innovative policies for proximity & 15min concept in peripheral areas, leveraging on GPs collected by other PPs. Moreover, it will have the opportunity to directly design new measures & define embedded & localised initiatives to localise proximity and 15min concepts in peripheral areas in accordance with local needs. As for the PI, the project will allow LP to provide practical & experimental cases to be acknowledged at regional level, thus strengthening the connections between local & regional level. PROXIMITIES will also allow to engage a multistakeholder working groups (internal & external to Municipality) able to improve integrated visions & approaches on peripheral urban areas. As LP, RE will benefit from the coordination role played in the project, offering it visibility and capability to position specific policies and measures on these issues at national & EU level.

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In case the partner is involved in several Interreg Europe applications/ projects, please justify this multiple involvement.

RE participated as LP in other Interreg Europe projects funded in 2014-2020 period. As Lead partner in: COMPETE IN and PROSPERA. As PP: RESOLVE, FOUNDATION, SCHOOL CHANCE. For 2021-2027 period, the Department of the Municipality engaged in PROXIMITIES - Department for Planning, Programming & Control - is not engaged in other Interreg Europe projects/applications.

For 2014-2020 period, the multiple involvement of Reggio Emilia Municipality in Interreg Europe projects was due to the added values of such a programme in drafting new measures/policies in several field of action. The participation in several parallel IE projects has always been effectively managed by the Municipality thanks to the existence of a technical group working exclusively on EU projects.

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D.1.3 Stakeholder group relevant for policy instrument 1

Please provide an indicative list of the most relevant stakeholders (i.e., name of the organisation concerned) to be involved in the project. It is recommended to have no more than 12 entries.

You have 10 entries.

Zanelli High School

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Neighbourhood architects

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EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION - Directorate General for Knowledge, Research, Labour, Enterprise

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"Confcooperative" association

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"Tutti in Bici" association

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AUSL Local health agency

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"Confcommercio" association

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"CNA" association

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"Coldiretti" association

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University of Modena & Reggio Emilia

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D.1.4 Pilot action under policy instrument

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Is a pilot action proposed to improve this policy instrument?

No

D.2 Policy instrument 2

D.2.1 Territorial context and general description

D.2.1.1 Territorial context

What is the state of play of the issue addressed by the project in the territory covered by the policy instrument? Which challenge needs to be overcome in this territory? Please be as specific as possible and provide detailed information on the characteristics of the territory.

The state of play in peripheral areas of Southern Region's cities is that they developed with extensive, lower density, mono-use suburbs and high car-dependency, poor levels of public transport and accessibility to services, lack of open spaces in proximity to homes, poor housing mix with lack of opportunity for elderly people to downsize and a lack of social mix in terms of housing tenure, with deprivation concentrated in specific areas.

Ireland's National Planning Framework (NPF) forecasts that the population of the Southern Region will grow by 23% by 2040. Traditional, low-density development with continued urban sprawl will need to change to a model of "compact growth", involving higher densities with high quality development and placemaking. The target is that 50% of new housing growth in cities will occur within the existing built footprint. Compact growth is a key priority of the NPF in order to maximise quality of life, improve access to services, ensure efficient land use and allow for greater integration with existing infrastructure and public transport.

The challenge is to provide sustainable connectivity and proximity for citizens in the peripheral areas of our cities to all essential services. This project will provide the inspiration to assist us to transform the peripheral areas of our cities into areas of compact growth that are desirable to live in and create a sense of pride, community and neighbourhood that improves citizens quality of life.

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D.2.1.2 General description of the policy instrument

Please name the policy instrument addressed (for Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes, please provide the name of the operational programme concerned).

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region of Ireland 2019-2031

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Is this instrument an Investment for jobs and growth goal programme (i.e. national or regional operational programme)?

No

Please indicate the geographical scope of this instrument

Regional

Please select how the authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved in the project:

The authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved as...

Partner

Please select the authority responsible for this policy instrument.

PP03 Southern Regional Assembly

Please describe the main features of this policy instrument (e.g. objective, characteristics, priority or measure addressed).

The RSES builds on the NPF & is a 12-year strategic development framework for the physical, economic & social development of the Southern Region. It includes Metropolitan Area Strategic Plans to the development of 3 cities -Cork, Limerick & Waterford- & their peripheral areas. The RSES objective for the Southern Region is to:

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- Nurture places to realise their full potential
- Protect & enhance our environment
- Successfully combat climate change
- Achieve economic prosperity & improved quality of life for all our citizens
- Accommodate growth & development in suitable locations
- To become one of EU's most creative, innovative, greenest, liveable regions

The RSES priority is to achieve balanced regional development & full implementation of the NPF. As the regional tier of the national planning process, the RSES will ensure coordination between local & regional government & national policy including the Regional Policy Objective 31 –Sustainable Place Framework, addressed by the project.

The Planning & Development Act 2000 requires that all 10 Local Authorities' (LAs) City & County Development Plans (CCDPs), Local Transport Plans (LTPs) & Local Enterprise & Community Plans (LECPs) are consistent with the RSES & relevant national policy, with draft development plans & variations referred to the SRA for assessment & approval. The SRA is a prescribed body under the Planning & Development Act 2000 & must be consulted in relation to certain planning matters as specified in the Act.

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D.2.1.3 Expected policy improvement

What kind of improvement do you envisage for this instrument?

New projects financed by the instrument

No

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Change in the management of the instrument

Yes

SRA's focus is on the RSES Regional Policy Objective 31 - Sustainable Place Framework and the implementation of a Sustainable Place Framework to ensure the development of quality, inclusive, dynamic and adaptable urban environments through integrated planning and consistent excellent design.

The value of place-making and developing attractive places, with a better integration between land-uses and transport, will be a key factor in attracting people to live in the region's cities. While the RSES sets out a policy objective of creating a Sustainable Place Framework, it does not provide any mechanism for achieving this objective. By working with stakeholders and other partners in this project, we will learn more about how successful places can be achieved building on our experience of the 15 Minute City/10 Minute Town concept, such as the social dimension, governance of rejuvenating brownfield areas, embracing higher densities and more compact forms of development which embody the "Cities of Proximity" concept while providing services and green spaces within proximity of home.

This will allow us to create for the first time a sustainable place framework that we can then roll out to the 10 LAs in the region as a means of overcoming the current challenges of urban sprawl, high car-dependency, lack of public transport connectivity, accessibility to essential services and open spaces, and poor housing mix in the peripheral areas of the cities in the Southern Region.

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D.2.2 Partner(s) addressing policy instrument 2

Partner

PP03 Southern Regional Assembly

What are the partner's competences and experiences in the issue addressed by the project?

In addition to our regional planning expertise and experience, we are a Managing Authority for ERDF Regional Programmes, National Contact Point for Interreg Europe and Interreg North West Europe and an experienced project partner in Interreg and Horizon Europe projects across a range of thematic areas. As a project partner in the MATCH-UP Project, which focused on the optimisation of the places where people change between transport modes (this has parallels with Cities of Proximity) we developed the "10 Minute Town Framework and Methodology". The use of this implementation tool assists LAs with fully integrating the "10 Minute Town Concept". The project achieved 2 regional policy improvements and 1 national policy improvement when the framework was incorporated into the "National Sustainability Mobility Policy" for Ireland. It has led to the availability of national funding for infrastructure improvements required to create 10 Minute Towns for all LAs across Ireland.

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How will the partner benefit from the cooperation? In case this partner plays a particular role in the project (e.g., responsible for a specific topic, for communication activities), please also indicate it here.

We will learn, through study visits, GPs & masterclasses, how existing infill, brownfield & suburban land could be developed to a high standard with increased density. We will learn how public transport-oriented developments can connect to essential services in our cities' peripheral areas while embracing environmental sustainability & quality of design place-making in line with the New European Bauhaus. This will assist us to achieve our compact growth targets while delivering places that are enriching, sustainable & inclusive. This is of increased significance as the Irish Government is in the process of reviewing guidance on "Sustainable & Compact Settlements". As an experienced participant in IE projects, SRA will undertake the communications role to ensure the timely, informative & interactive dissemination of the project launch, GPs, study visits, masterclasses, policy improvements. This will also increase the capacity of the staff engaged in managing communication activities.

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In case the partner is involved in several Interreg Europe applications/ projects, please justify this multiple involvement.

The SRA is not involved in any Interreg Europe (IE) projects at present but will be participating as a partner in 2 other applications under IE Call 2 Priority 1. As an experienced partner in IE the SRA has the necessary resources & capacity to participate in multiple projects and was a partner during the last programming period in 6 successful IE projects. SRAs is MA for the 2 key policy instruments in the Southern Region, the RSES and the ERDF Regional Programme, therefore involvement and interregional learning from IE projects is essential for the innovative policy management & implementation of these policy instruments. Participating in IE projects supports better policy design, implementation and complementarities with EU and national funds. The Southern Region has an ambition to become one of the most creative, innovative, greenest and liveable regions in Europe. Participation in IE projects supports this by providing innovative solutions to common regional problems.

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D.2.3 Stakeholder group relevant for policy instrument 2

Please provide an indicative list of the most relevant stakeholders (i.e., name of the organisation concerned) to be involved in the project. It is recommended to have no more than 12 entries.

You have 10 entries.

Limerick City and County Council

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University College Cork

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Trinity College Dublin

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An Taisce Green Schools

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University College Dublin

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Department of Transport of the Government of Ireland

52/300

National Transport Authority

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Cork City Council

17/300

Waterford City and County Council

33/300

Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage- Department of the Government of Ireland

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D.2.4 Pilot action under policy instrument

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Is a pilot action proposed to improve this policy instrument?

No

D.3 Policy instrument 3

D.3.1 Territorial context and general description

D.3.1.1 Territorial context

What is the state of play of the issue addressed by the project in the territory covered by the policy instrument? Which challenge needs to be overcome in this territory? Please be as specific as possible and provide detailed information on the characteristics of the territory.

Manresa is a compacted city surrounded by a natural area called the Green Ring. It has around 80.000 inhabitants in a built area of 8,6 km² over the total municipal area of 41,66 km². Nowadays, due to new functionalization and changes, Manresa offers a peculiar situation in the conception of peripheral urban areas. Differently to other EU contests, in fact, main basic services are concentrated in the modern city center and in the industrial and commercial areas in the surroundings, whereas the old historic area has become a peripheral one, with lack of basic services, difficulties in connections & unsustainable mobility. The historic area copes with few open shops & job opportunities, serious mobility issues mainly due to private cars, poor & limited public urban space, poor-quality affordable housing & very few green areas, cultural facilities & open leisure places. All of this complicates neighbors' relations and community life, lowering quality life and increasing territorial unbalances inside neighborhoods. Similar conditions affects the area next to the historic peripheral center and the residential surrounding areas, where a big "urban hole" formed by "Fàbrica Nova" (a huge old textile factory occupying the 19,13% of the area) has become a barrier for the provision of basic services, affecting neighborhoods and preventing the development of livable conditions in the areas with reference to economic, social & cultural conditions as well as sustainable connections.

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D.3.1.2 General description of the policy instrument

Please name the policy instrument addressed (for Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes, please provide the name of the operational programme concerned).

Integrated Plan of Revitalization of the Historic Centre 2023-2030 (PIRCH)

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Is this instrument an Investment for jobs and growth goal programme (i.e. national or regional operational programme)?

No

Please indicate the geographical scope of this instrument

Local

Please select how the authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved in the project:

The authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved as...

Partner

Please select the authority responsible for this policy instrument.

PP04 Manresa City Council

Please describe the main features of this policy instrument (e.g. objective, characteristics, priority or measure addressed).

PIRCH aims at the urban sustainable development for the integrated regeneration of the historic district of Manresa, which, contrary to other EU cities, represents a peripheral area excluded from the economic development that characterize the modern city center.

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PIRCH's policy objective is to develop specific actions in the peripheral historic area of Manresa to contribute to the compactness of the city, the proximity of basic services (education and health facilities, jobs and trade, green areas, leisure and cultural offer), the creation of sustainable mobility options and the improvement of relational bonds and the quality of life of its residents.

PROXIMITY address a specific measure of the PIRCH, dealing with the design of the strategy for the urban area that covers Fàbrica Nova and its surroundings, with the aim of transforming it into a driving force for the historic district transformation through public-private initiatives. The PIRCH measure intends to regenerate this area, investing on further social, economic and environmental opportunities for the neighborhood. The PIRCH aims to create a wide green area in the industrial site of Fàbrica Nova and to transform the remaining industrial building into a University site. PROXIMITIES will address this measure, by integrating the learning results from the project into the regeneration plans for Fàbrica Nova area and its surroundings.

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D.3.1.3 Expected policy improvement

What kind of improvement do you envisage for this instrument?

New projects financed by the instrument

Yes

The project aims to contribute to new actions not fully envisaged by the PIRCH. Fàbrica Nova area is already one action of the PIRCH but it's only related to the lack of housing and to the allocation of a technological research and university facility. It's not related to the development of other basic services and activities that can transform this area with a 15-minute perspective, in line with the Integrated Action Plan of the Urban Agenda of Manresa 2030, the city strategy on sustainability.

The Urban Agenda, in fact, includes two strategic actions about the improvement of the 15-minute city concept and the promotion of territorial balance across the several urban neighborhoods. The PROXIMITIES project will contribute to the alignment of the development of Fàbrica Nova area with these two actions, among others.

By increasing the synergies between the PIRCH and the Agenda 2030, it will be possible to practice a participatory and inclusive urban development renewal in the deprived area of Historic peripheral center, applying the 15-minute city concept and the co-governance mechanism to the socio-economic development of the neighbourhood.

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Change in the management of the instrument

Yes

In order to assure the PIRCH implementation, the Municipality needs to establish a multi-actor and multilevel governance mechanism to tackle the design, development and assessment of the specific activities with a holistic and integrated vision and a cross-cutting way of working, including public-private partnerships and citizens' active engagement. In fact, the governance element is now briefly tackled in the plan as one simple action, but not as a cross-cutting strategy.

The project will accomplish this mission and thus improve the PIRCH by changing the management of this policy instrument: The project for the Fabrica Nova area will be a testing lab to design the new governance system for the whole plan.

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Revision of the instrument itself

No

D.3.2 Partner(s) addressing policy instrument 3

Partner

PP04 Manresa City Council

What are the partner's competences and experiences in the issue addressed by the project?

Manresa's Presidency department, coordinator of PROXIMITIES, has more than 20 years of expertise in preparing & developing cross-cutting projects at transnational level - Interreg III and IV, URBACT II and III, Horizon 2020 - and it is also part of 2 EU city networks: Eurotowns and ACTE. It is also in charge of the citizens' participatory policy and of the Integrated Action Plan of the Urban Agenda of Manresa 2030, based on a wide participatory process involving municipal staff (both technical and political), local stakeholders and citizens. The Plan foresees a co-governance system, which could have synergies with the co-governance system that Manresa would like to build for the PIRCH in PROXIMITIES. Other departments engaged in the project - Urban Planning, Housing, Mobility, Economic Development - have also extensive experiences in projects connected to sustainable urban development (e.g. buildings sustainable renewal, introduction of electric buses, widening of pedestrian zones..)

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How will the partner benefit from the cooperation? In case this partner plays a particular role in the project (e.g., responsible for a specific topic, for communication activities), please also indicate it here.

Manresa City Council expects to enforce regional and trans-regional learning process, exchange experiences and increase capacities both for organizations and people engaged from regional and local partners, through the identification, dissemination and transfer of good practices and policy improvements actions. By sharing them with municipal staff and local and regional stakeholders, the City expects to improve its overall capacity to design, manage, implement and assess urban sustainable policies related to the proximity approaches and 15-minute city and in particular to the historic peripheral district, based on a proper and efficient governance and a holistic vision of the topic.

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In case the partner is involved in several Interreg Europe applications/ projects, please justify this multiple involvement.

It's not the case.

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D.3.3 Stakeholder group relevant for policy instrument 3

Please provide an indicative list of the most relevant stakeholders (i.e., name of the organisation concerned) to be involved in the project. It is recommended to have no more than 12 entries.

You have 10 entries.

Region of Catalunya

19/300

Polytechnic University of Catalonia

35/300

Bages County Council

20/300

Province of Barcelona

21/300

FORUM, SA Company

17/300

Aigües de Manresa Company

25/300

UBIC Association

16/300

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Manresa

43/300

Federation of Associations of Neighbors of Manresa

50/300

L'Antic – FABa movement

23/300

D.3.4 Pilot action under policy instrument

v3 | Submitted

Is a pilot action proposed to improve this policy instrument?

No

D.4 Policy instrument 4

D.4.1 Territorial context and general description

D.4.1.1 Territorial context

What is the state of play of the issue addressed by the project in the territory covered by the policy instrument? Which challenge needs to be overcome in this territory? Please be as specific as possible and provide detailed information on the characteristics of the territory.

The Riga region in Latvia counts a population of 989,525 inhabitants, over a territory of 3,335 km². Besides the capital city, it is composed of 8 smaller suburban and rural municipalities. As in many other EU capital regions, there are significant discrepancies between the metropolis and the adjacent municipalities.

The overall spatial and economic development patterns are very centralised, with a notable lack of balance in the development processes at different locations, which prevents peripheral neighborhoods from developing all the basic social functions for living and working. The smaller municipalities are somewhat dependent on the metropolis and thus vulnerable; at times, they find it hard to identify themselves as self-sufficient, resilient, and resident-centered communities.

The Riga Planning region, as a regional authority, is responsible for finding the most appropriate solutions to find the right balance between the metropolitan area and the peripheral municipalities, which also includes solutions for certain urban areas (districts) facing difficulties caused by spatial segmentation.

When implementing PROXIMITIES, emphasis will be placed on the 8 suburban municipalities, helping them investing on proximities approaches and on the concept of 15-minute neighborhood through the improvement of their own development planning documents, while simultaneously improving the regional policy instrument addressed by the partner Riga Planning region.

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D.4.1.2 General description of the policy instrument

Please name the policy instrument addressed (for Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes, please provide the name of the operational programme concerned).

The Riga Region Development programme 2022-2027

47/150

Is this instrument an Investment for jobs and growth goal programme (i.e. national or regional operational programme)?

No

Please indicate the geographical scope of this instrument

Regional

Please select how the authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved in the project:

The authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved as...

Partner

Please select the authority responsible for this policy instrument.

PP05 Riga Planning Region

Please describe the main features of this policy instrument (e.g. objective, characteristics, priority or measure addressed).

The Regional Development Programme 2021-2027 is one of the most important medium-term regional development policy instruments of the Riga Planning Region, which sets regional development priorities, lists measures & projects and ensures monitoring over time. Approved in 2023, the policy instrument consists of 3 main parts: 1) the strategic part that describes the existing situation & identifies priorities for 7 years 2) the investment plan that allows for matching the identified priorities with certain activities/projects 3) the monitoring system to measure changes over time. The programme identifies issues related to decentralization, community development, proximity, micromobility, public participation and the provision of public & commercial services in adjacent (sub-urban) neighborhoods as very important future development priorities to achieve sustainable integrated territorial development. The following Strategic Objectives (SO) will be addressed by the project:
SO1: "Socially inclusive life in prosperous communities", priority 1 "Specialized services and sustainability of local communities";
SO2: "Knowledge-based green, innovative and flexible economy, priority 4: "Comfortable, fast and climate-neutral mobility", priority 5: "Quality governance and solutions for territorial development",
SO3: "Ecologically tolerant lifestyles and locations", priority 6 "Sustainable settlement patterns and locations".

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D.4.1.3 Expected policy improvement

What kind of improvement do you envisage for this instrument?

New projects financed by the instrument

No

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Change in the management of the instrument

Yes

As the implementation of PROXIMITIES begins simultaneously with the implementation phase of the new PI, it will be possible to integrate the project's achievements into a wider policy framework through practical experience. PROXIMITIES contributes to the improved management of the Riga Region Development Programme as the project adds the neighbourhood dimension to this development policy planning document, thus contributing to the development of more resilient local communities in the region. The PI will be improved by adding specific references to the SO1, SO2 & SO3. In addition, given that all municipal PIs must be aligned with the regional PI, the improvement of the Programme will also encourage the elaboration and implementation of similar initiatives at the lower level of development planning hierarchy, helping to attract funding from the local, national & EU financial instruments. In fact, 8 suburban municipalities will be engaged in the project, helping them to introduce the concept of 15-minute neighborhood in their own development planning documents. Moreover, the implementation of PROXIMITIES will provide valuable feedback to the PI and allow for the measurement of both qualitative & quantitative performance indicators against strategic objectives. This kind of change in the management of the instrument will allow for improved quality because regional development priorities & tasks will be compared with the results of a practical project within the same framework.

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Revision of the instrument itself

No

D.4.2 Partner(s) addressing policy instrument 4

Partner

PP05 Riga Planning Region

What are the partner's competences and experiences in the issue addressed by the project?

RPR's functions are: • elaboration & monitoring of regional development documents • methodological support & cooperation facilitation for local municipalities • monitoring coherence between local development plans & national guidelines/Ops • identification & implementation of regional development projects • regional representation at national level. Major areas of competence: regional planning, mobility, public services, innovation, public participation. Experts of the Spatial development department, responsible for the elaboration of the PI and change monitoring, will be directly involved in the implementation of PROXIMITIES in the Riga region.

RPR has participated in a number of EU projects related to local self-sufficiency & sustainability, among these: 1) URBACT III 2014-2020 project "Change! - Social Design of Public Services", 2) Horizon 2020 project "In-Habit: Inclusive Health and Well-Being in Small and Medium-Sized Cities," 3) Interreg Europe 2014–2020 project "CHERISH".

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How will the partner benefit from the cooperation? In case this partner plays a particular role in the project (e.g., responsible for a specific topic, for communication activities), please also indicate it here.

Riga Planning Region expects to be inspired by PROXIMITIES partners' experiences on the issue of localization and proximities both for local and regional levels. In particular, RPR expects to deeper knowledge on the mechanisms to enable the practical implementation of the 15-minute concept in peripheral areas and include the concept of proximity services in their policy planning documents or operational instruments. In particular, RPR would like to learn and share expertise on how the 15-minute approach can be applied in peripheral areas that differ in functional or other characteristics. This will lead to increased capacities of organizations, departments and people engaged in the project, both as partners and stakeholders. Such an approach will contribute to the elaboration of modern development planning and operational tools at regional and local levels in Latvia, improve governance and trigger the introduction of potential support mechanisms.

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In case the partner is involved in several Interreg Europe applications/ projects, please justify this multiple involvement.

PROXIMITIES will be managed by the Spatial Planning Department of the RPR, which is not engaged in other proposals. Other departments, such as the Project Management Department, the Entrepreneurship Support Centre and the Tourism Department, will be involved in 5 additional applications addressing other IE priorities: 1) Promotion of slow tourism for sustainable, local economic development and well-being (SLOWDOWN); 2) Co-creation for environment for accessibility of cultural resources for people with special needs (OpenRegioCulture); 3) Capitalising on Youth Volunteering across Europe for personal and professional development growth (YOUvolunteer); 4) Digital Skills for Better Public Governance (DSBPGovernance); 5) Creation of a fair, inclusive, and transparent labour force for EU citizens on the Go. All departments involved have enough capacity to successfully manage their own project activities.

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D.4.3 Stakeholder group relevant for policy instrument 4

Please provide an indicative list of the most relevant stakeholders (i.e., name of the organisation concerned) to be involved in the project. It is recommended to have no more than 12 entries.

You have 10 entries.

ALPS, Ltd

9/300

Grupa 93, Ltd

13/300

Municipality of Mārupe

22/300

The Alliance of the Neighbourhoods of Riga

42/300

Latvian Rural Forum

19/300

Municipality of Ādaži

21/300

Riga Municipality - City Development Department

47/300

Association of the municipalities "Biedrība Rīgas metropole"

60/300

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional development

61/300

Association of the Territorial Planners of Latvija

50/300

D.4.4 Pilot action under policy instrument

v3 | Submitted

Is a pilot action proposed to improve this policy instrument?

No

D.5 Policy instrument 5

D.5.1 Territorial context and general description

D.5.1.1 Territorial context

What is the state of play of the issue addressed by the project in the territory covered by the policy instrument? Which challenge needs to be overcome in this territory? Please be as specific as possible and provide detailed information on the characteristics of the territory.

South West (SW) Oltenia region is located in SW Romania, an area of appr 29,212 sq km, with cca 2.2 million people, 40 towns, 408 communes, which require a particular attention to the sustainable development and the quality of life of residents in peripheral, isolated urban areas. Urban areas in the region concentrate about 50% of the population in 40 towns (5 municipalities county residence, 6 municipalities, 29 small towns), which face complex needs and challenges that affect the residents' quality of life, such as connectivity, urban mobility, environmental quality, degraded public spaces, insufficient valorization of cultural heritage. The quality of life in peripheral urban area is affected by the poor equipment of the public spaces, overcrowding, especially in the block neighborhoods, and the lack of spaces/ buildings with cultural and recreational functions. In response to the identified challenges, the Region priorities are:

- Improving urban environment through physical regeneration and revitalization of urban public spaces, as to improve the quality of life of residents;
- Conservation, protection & sustainable valorisation of cultural heritage & development of proximity services in urban areas, including the cultural ones;
- Development of tourism infrastructure

To address these challenges, the RDA SW Oltenia will address Priority 7 - Sustainable territorial development – of the Regional Operational Programme South-West Oltenia 2021-2027.

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D.5.1.2 General description of the policy instrument

Please name the policy instrument addressed (for Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes, please provide the name of the operational programme concerned).

Regional programme 2021-2027 South-West Oltenia

47/150

Is this instrument an Investment for jobs and growth goal programme (i.e. national or regional operational programme)?

Yes

Please indicate the geographical scope of this instrument

Regional

Please select how the authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved in the project:

The authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved as...

Partner

Please select the authority responsible for this policy instrument.

PP06 Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia

Please describe the main features of this policy instrument (e.g. objective, characteristics, priority or measure addressed).

ROP SWO 2021-2027, PO5: Europe Closer to Citizens, Priority 7 aims to improve MA capacity to apply sustainable territorial development in urban areas to public investments. The Specific Objective v3 | Submitted

Fostering the integrated social, economic & environmental development, cultural heritage & security in urban areas, addressed in PROXIMITIES, aims to consolidate & promote the urban dimension of cohesion policy 2021-2027 through an integrated approach to sustainable territorial development, aimed at tackling several economic, environmental, demographic, social challenges affecting urban areas, in particular:

- Territorial investments in urban strategies
- Integrated projects in the social, economic, environmental, infrastructures, integrated urban strategy fields
- Conservation, protection, sustainable valorisation of cultural heritage
- Development of tourism & recreational infrastructures
- Improving urban environment through physical regeneration of public spaces

Quality and accessibility of information, including data on accessible services, livable spaces and sustainable connections in peripheral urban territories are essential for the implementation of EU directives and urban integrated policies. Policy learning, interregional co-operation & capacity building actions as part of PROXIMITIES will provide tools to measure & implement the concept of peripheral urban territories, to protect the residents by developing economic-social objectives investments.

1475/1500

D.5.1.3 Expected policy improvement

What kind of improvement do you envisage for this instrument?

New projects financed by the instrument

No

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Change in the management of the instrument

Yes

RDA SWO envisages the improvement of its PI through improved governance & optimized decision-making process. Integrated approach to sustainable urban development in SWO region will be improved by developing targeted support & development plans dedicated to peripheral zones of urban areas, having in view their specific challenges and underdevelopment. PROXIMITIES will enable the MA to apply and incorporate the integrated vision to sustainable territorial development in ERDF-funded investments (including in peripheral urban territories) by developing new criteria covering all the aspects foreseen by the project (economic, social, environmental, cultural..).

Region's growth should be sustainable & balanced, as required by Cohesion Policy. In addition to top-down approach, PROXIMITIES will support the MA to embrace a bottom-up approach that takes into account the spatial plans & economic plans of local authorities to ensure that issues raised locally feed into regional policy, for an improved life quality of residents (including in peripheral urban territories). Thanks to engagement of stakeholders and citizens, it will be possible to find out local opinions & proposals on how to better incorporate & consolidate the culture of sustainable territorial development in urban areas and to reflect it in the improvement of PI.

1338/1500

Revision of the instrument itself

No

D.5.2 Partner(s) addressing policy instrument 5

Partner

PP06 Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia

What are the partner's competences and experiences in the issue addressed by the project?

RDA SWO is one of the 8 regional bodies created to manage regional development in Romania. For 2021-2027 period, RDA SW Oltenia acts as M.A. for the Regional Programme South-West Oltenia at regional level. Also, RDA carries out the following activities: Management of Structural Funds in the region (ROP); Intermediate Body for ROP 2014-2020; Regional Planning and Programming; Regional marketing and promotion of investments; Managing business initiatives such as grant schemes, innovation projects & clustering.

As a MA at regional level, RDA SWO is capable of influencing the policy instrument addressed within the project by engaging relevant stakeholders. In particular, the University of Craiova will play a major role when drafting the main principles for the sustainable territorial development in urban areas. Other stakeholders proactive in the field of sustainable territorial development will also be engaged.

922/1000

How will the partner benefit from the cooperation? In case this partner plays a particular role in the project (e.g., responsible for a specific topic, for communication activities), please also indicate it here.

RDA SWO expects to benefit from the interregional exchange among the partners by learning new approaches and integrating the lessons learnt from other regions in SWO development policy, with particular reference to the actions aimed at peripheral urban areas.

RDA aims to benefit from the knowledge and experience of the other partners and to contribute to the shared learning between partners. It will participate in the development of joint events, workshops and conferences by engaging relevant local stakeholders, with the aim of expanding the collective knowledge and experiences related to sustainable territorial development in the region, as well as how to improve the implementation of the whole range of ERDF funded investments at regional level, with particular focus on the peripheral zones of urban areas of South-West Oltenia.

840/1000

In case the partner is involved in several Interreg Europe applications/ projects, please justify this multiple involvement.

RDA SWO, with more than 140 staff members, has the capacity & expertise to implement several EU projects. It has been involved both as LP and as PP in 6 IE 2014-2020 projects, for which different management teams were created in relation to the field of interest & activities.

- REGIOMOB (Interregional Learning towards Sustainable Mobility in Europe: the REGIO-MOB Experience) = Zero-carbon urban mobility
- RECREATE (REinforce Competitiveness of REgionAl Transport SMEs) = SME Competitiveness
- FINCH (Financing impact on regional development of cultural heritage valorisation) = Culture and sustainable tourism
- DECARB = renewable energy
- CLAY = SME Competitiveness
- SMEPLUS = Energy efficiency

For 2021-2027, RDA SWO participates in other 3 Interreg Europe projects according to regional development needs:

- UrbanCOOP (Citizens)
- MONITOR EE
- MAE

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D.5.3 Stakeholder group relevant for policy instrument 5

Please provide an indicative list of the most relevant stakeholders (i.e., name of the organisation concerned) to be involved in the project. It is recommended to have no more than 12 entries.

You have 9 entries.

Association of EU Youth in Dolj county

38/300

Craiova City Hall

17/300

Targu-Jiu Municipality

22/300

University of Craiova

21/300

Ministry of EU Projects & Investments

37/300

Association "Transfrontaliera Equilibrium Environment"

53/300

Cluster "Health Tourism in the South-West Oltenia Region"

57/300

Oltenia Economic-Social Consulting and Counseling Association

61/300

Dolj County Council

19/300

D.5.4 Pilot action under policy instrument

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Is a pilot action proposed to improve this policy instrument?

No

D.6 Policy instrument 6

D.6.1 Territorial context and general description

D.6.1.1 Territorial context

What is the state of play of the issue addressed by the project in the territory covered by the policy instrument? Which challenge needs to be overcome in this territory? Please be as specific as possible and provide detailed information on the characteristics of the territory.

Veszprém is a town in the Central Transdanubia region, with an administrative territory of 126,9 km² and 59.000 inhabitants, slightly declining in the last decade. In 1997 the Municipality distinguished 14 districts and additionally 11 territories of which 10 can be considered as peripheral areas. Veszprém is one of the earliest settlements in the region. The old town is situated on a hilltop, while the suburban neighbourhoods are divided by valleys, creeks & the motorway ring. This geographical outline separates the different parts of the town that have disconnected identities and favours a centralised commercial system where horizontal connections are missing. The town's landscape is designed more to tackle the external commercial challenges than providing services for local citizenry. In peripheral neighbourhoods, some parts of the town outside the motorway ring and nearby villages started to grow and urban sprawl begun to evolve given the lack of common strategic planning for the entire agglomeration. The main functions of the peripheral areas are divers that encompass commercial & shopping districts, agricultural centres, sport courts, industrial parks, abandoned airport & prison facility. Given the available infrastructure new adjacent functions emerged and living spaces and new neighbourhoods started to grow besides the main urban territory. Peripheral areas need more attention in terms of mobility, educational facilities, commercial possibilities and quality of life.

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D.6.1.2 General description of the policy instrument

Please name the policy instrument addressed (for Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes, please provide the name of the operational programme concerned).

Sustainable Urban Development Strategy of Veszprém (SUDS)

57/150

Is this instrument an Investment for jobs and growth goal programme (i.e. national or regional operational programme)?

No

Please indicate the geographical scope of this instrument

Local

Please select how the authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved in the project:

The authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved as...

Partner

Please select the authority responsible for this policy instrument.

PP07 Municipality of Veszprém

Please describe the main features of this policy instrument (e.g. objective, characteristics, priority or measure addressed).

The SUDS is the cross sectoral, integrated strategic document of the Municipality. It is a key background document of the 2021-2027 EU funding cycle, as well as a comprehensive summary of the situation and medium-term objectives of the city. It aims to provide a well-founded identification of Veszprém's development directions, to formulate intervention proposals in line with the needs and opportunities on offer, and to compile documentation in line with the related spatial planning and EU funding requirements while setting out concrete interventions in 5 priority areas: prosperous, greening, digital, retaining and serving city. The overarching objectives are defined as high quality of life, resilient functioning urban area, vibrant cultural life, strong community life and a cohesive region, while the detailed objectives are to promote future-oriented education, a strong presence in shaping housing supply, a framework for sustainable mobility, ensuring high quality and accessible public services, climate-adaptive urban functioning, economic promotion with a green, digital and R&D&I focus, ensuring an internationally visible cultural offer, maintaining a year-round tourism profile, supporting self-organising communities. The objectives of the SUDS are translated into project lists in the "Urban Development Programme for 2021-2027" that allocated funding for the investments.

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D.6.1.3 Expected policy improvement

What kind of improvement do you envisage for this instrument?

New projects financed by the instrument

No

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Change in the management of the instrument

No

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Revision of the instrument itself

Yes

The SUDS deals with the urban development questions from different angle as its precedents. The precedents of the SUDS were focusing on development directions on territorial level, respectively on the level of different districts (in 1997, the Municipality of Veszprém distinguished 14 districts and additionally 11 territorial units, of which 10 can be considered as peripheral areas), while the new SUDS adopted a sectoral approach to urban development (transportation, smart city, green spaces, utilities, environmental protection, city climate, governance questions). In PROXIMITIES, Veszprém aim to explore the best from both approaches and learn about possible synergies between the sectoral and territorial approach. According to this, it will revise the strategy and prepare an action plan with concrete investment and soft element steps specifically addressed to peripheral areas. The SUDS will be regularly updated and synchronized with other programmes like the Equal Opportunities Programme and the Economic Programme.

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D.6.2 Partner(s) addressing policy instrument 6

Partner

PP07 Municipality of Veszprém

What are the partner's competences and experiences in the issue addressed by the project?

The Strategic Department (coordinator) prepares and implement the urban development strategies with relevant departments, institutions, external partners; ensures the coordination of programmes and the liaison with the contributing organisations in connection with externally funded developments. Prepares EU tenders, coordinates the activities, the implementation, accounting and follow-up of the successful EU tenders. Performs project management tasks, registers and aggregates the comments of Veszprém residents and NGOs. Other departments involved in the project: Urban Development Department; Chief Architect's Unit; City Management Department.

Experience in EU project implementation:

- overall management, also as LP
- working in partnership with internal & external experts
- organization of workshops, online/offline meetings, study tours, big consortium meetings
- working with youth organizations
- stronger contact to partner organizations who were involved in projects

985/1000

How will the partner benefit from the cooperation? In case this partner plays a particular role in the project (e.g., responsible for a specific topic, for communication activities), please also indicate it here.

Veszprém will actively participate in the project both locally and transnationally to gain theoretical & practical background for peripheral urban development. We aim to find and adopt policy instruments – efficient in other countries – about how the regional & local authorities can support their citizens on less favourable areas of the city to raise their quality of lives e.g. better transportation, supporting local shops, local markets, cultural activities in the neighbourhood. We also will benefit from seeing the regional perspective of the project, make our policy instrument transferable on the regional – county – level. On local level after identifying our stakeholders we'll establish a local support group to involve them as experts for the SUDS revision from the peripheral areas points of view. We will suggest concrete policy changes into the SUSD and develop programs till the end of the project to overcome the challenges of peripheral areas outside of the transportation rings.

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In case the partner is involved in several Interreg Europe applications/ projects, please justify this multiple involvement.

The Municipality of Veszprém is not working on other Interreg Europe applications or project. PROXIMITIES would be the first Interreg Europe project for the Municipality of Veszprém and a great opportunity to be engaged in the trans-regional exchange of experiences. However, the Municipality of Veszprém is working on a Interreg Central Europe proposal (as associated partner and pilot area) and on a Interreg Danube application (as partner).

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D.6.3 Stakeholder group relevant for policy instrument 6

Please provide an indicative list of the most relevant stakeholders (i.e., name of the organisation concerned) to be involved in the project. It is recommended to have no more than 12 entries.

You have 10 entries.

"Community for Kádárta" Association

35/300

Hungarian Railway Company

25/300

"V-Busz" Transport Company

26/300

Public Utility Company

22/300

"Agora" Cultural Centre

23/300

Maltese Charity Hungary

23/300

Eötvös Károly County Library

28/300

Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture

32/300

University of Pannonia

22/300

Veszprém County Chamber of Trade and Commerce

45/300

D.6.4 Pilot action under policy instrument

v3 | Submitted

Is a pilot action proposed to improve this policy instrument?

No

D.7 Policy instrument 7

D.7.1 Territorial context and general description

D.7.1.1 Territorial context

What is the state of play of the issue addressed by the project in the territory covered by the policy instrument? Which challenge needs to be overcome in this territory? Please be as specific as possible and provide detailed information on the characteristics of the territory.

Varberg is located on Sweden west coast (Halland Region). The Municipality is 1703 km² with a land area of 874,40 km². With 66 658 inhabitants, it is sparsely populated, even close to city center. But it is growing fast: the current & expected increase in population enhances the need for sustainable mobility, local services proximity & new governance models. Due to different levels of urbanisation compared to other EU contexts, Varberg has a different perception of the urban dimension, not linked to city center but to urban areas in the countryside within the Municipal territory. Sustainable development of urban areas has become a strategic priority. In 5 communities - Hunnestad, Gödestad, Lindberg, Himle, Tofta - services are limited & barriers exist in transport communications with the city. Nevertheless, more families move to these areas because houses are cheaper & easier to find, increasing need for public & commercial service, housing, sustainable mobility, community building & attractive spaces. This also raises questions about Municipality's role & responsibility in these areas, where municipal functions are different compared to city center. The PI addressed still lacks, among priority focus, the areas closer to City, namely the peripheral urban areas ("the urban countryside"). As Municipality is making a new comprehensive plan, a better understanding of peripheral urban areas, communities close to city (city villages) & connections with the inner city is needed.

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D.7.1.2 General description of the policy instrument

Please name the policy instrument addressed (for Investment for jobs and growth goal programmes, please provide the name of the operational programme concerned).

Landsbygdsstrategin – Development strategy for the countryside of Varberg

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Is this instrument an Investment for jobs and growth goal programme (i.e. national or regional operational programme)?

No

Please indicate the geographical scope of this instrument

Local

Please select how the authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved in the project:

The authority responsible for this policy instrument is involved as...

Partner

Please select the authority responsible for this policy instrument.

PP08 Varberg Municipality

Please describe the main features of this policy instrument (e.g. objective, characteristics, priority or measure addressed).

The main goal of the PI is to improve quality of life and increase local involvement in the countryside areas of the municipality of Varberg. The PI addresses the whole of Varberg except for the city centre. The PI describes the rest of the Municipal territory, dealing with the development of different areas - the urban countryside, the urban villages, the rural countryside. PROXIMITIERS addresses the goals of the PI dealing with the development of the urban countryside.

The strategy addresses 5 development areas:

1. Attractive living conditions – access to public & commercial services, culture and recreation, housing for new inhabitants & generational change
2. Promoting sustainable mobility – new solutions to public transport and digital infrastructures
3. Well-functioning service & welfare – access to service & welfare; need for public environments, meeting places, parks and playgrounds
4. Strengthen local business – need for local businesses as services and food providers
5. Support local involvement and dialogue – inhabitants' involvement in municipal and local issues.

The strategy focuses on one part on the urban countryside closest to the city and the coastline versus the inland and the woodlands. To increase the effectiveness of the PI, the measures in the PI need a specific peripheral urban context. This requires the evaluation of the specific territorial needs, stakeholder involvement and knowledge building in the municipality and with stakeholders.

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D.7.1.3 Expected policy improvement

What kind of improvement do you envisage for this instrument?

New projects financed by the instrument

No

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Change in the management of the instrument

No

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Revision of the instrument itself

Yes

The policy instrument recognizes the differences in development between the city and the urban countryside areas, but do not give any indications on its effects and on what drives development. The exchange of know-how and best practices, it will be possible to include these “urban countryside” areas in the strategic planning of the municipality in a more effective way.

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The improvement of the Policy Instrument is expected to take place in the following ways:

- Specifying the descriptions of the areas and the structures of the communities closest to the city.
- Updating the leverages and the drivers for sustainable development relevant to the urban countryside areas.
- Including a new area in the strategy about the governance of the implementation of the strategy in urban countryside areas.
- Improve the implementation of the strategy by engaging a new local stakeholder group, directly engaging the communities and relevant actors.

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D.7.2 Partner(s) addressing policy instrument 7

Partner

PP08 Varberg Municipality

What are the partner's competences and experiences in the issue addressed by the project?

The Municipality has the authority to adopt a comprehensive plan and a development strategy for the countryside of Varberg. Most of the PROXIMITIES leverages are addressed at local level: public transport, mobility, bike paths and roads are under local planning but have regional authority. The 2 main departments engaged in the project are: business and tourism (coordinator); and strategic development and planning. The coordinating department have at least 5 years of experience in delivering co-creative results and developing innovative cross-border activities to achieve results and positive effects for stakeholders. All the competences required - project management, expertise in rural development, stakeholder dialogues, EU- finance expertise, communication – will be covered by the project management group. The added competences and expertise, mainly connected to municipal urban and spatial planning, will see the engagement of the relevant departments when needed in the project.

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How will the partner benefit from the cooperation? In case this partner plays a particular role in the project (e.g., responsible for a specific topic, for communication activities), please also indicate it here.

Varberg is a sparsely populated Municipality, but it is growing faster and faster and, even if the distance between our urban countryside communities and the city is different compared to larger cities, we do have the same challenges. The exchange of experiences on the leverages addressed by PROXIMITIES project will be relevant to support the Municipality in implementing the policy shift which will lead to the inclusion of the urban countryside context in the planning documents of the municipality. By learning from the other European partners of PROXIMITIES project, Varberg will better understand how other regions are facing sustainable growth and development of peripheral urban areas and this will help the integration of relevant policy instruments. The possibility to cohesion between the stakeholders and the Municipality and between the municipal departments is another important added value of the project's participation.

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In case the partner is involved in several Interreg Europe applications/ projects, please justify this multiple involvement.

No, the Municipality of Varberg is not involved in any other Interreg Europe applications/projects. We have just finished one Interreg Europe project which was the very first for us.

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D.7.3 Stakeholder group relevant for policy instrument 7

Please provide an indicative list of the most relevant stakeholders (i.e., name of the organisation concerned) to be involved in the project. It is recommended to have no more than 12 entries.

You have 9 entries.

NNorth of Varberg cluster

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Derome company

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Landsbygdsrådet Organization

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The Region of Halland

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MUVE Mobile Youth Activities

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Coordination group for the city center

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A taste of Tvååker

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Cycleurope company

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Destination Läjet cluster

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D.7.4 Pilot action under policy instrument

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Is a pilot action proposed to improve this policy instrument?

No

E.1 Core phase (Exchange of experience)

Semester 1 (Core phase)

Exchange of experience

Context Assessment (STEP1) starts with the elaboration of the Proximity Landscape Assessment Tool (PLAT) by P2 (Jan-Feb 24), which provides PPs with a common framework to assess local/regional contexts on the 5 project's leverages. The tool supports PPs in: 1) creating a common ground of comparison/exchange, despite local/regional differences in the definition of proximity approaches; 2) fully adopting an integrated vision to Proximity at all learning levels - individual, organisational, stakeholder, interregional - and throughout Phase 1; 3) creating cross-cutting working groups engaging relevant departments in their own organisations as well as local/regional actors within stakeholder groups, as to fully reflect the integrated vision required by the project. The PLAT is presented to all PPs during the kick-off meeting (KoM) and used for the revision of Proximity Landscape Report (see below).

The KoM, hosted by LP in Mar-24, lasts 1,5 days and sees 3 main sections (half-day each): 1) PPs' presentation of local contexts, policy instruments and regional/local ambitions on the project's goals; 2) Masterclass#1, led by P2, to frame the concept of 'cities of proximities' according to the studies/analysis already developed by some PPs (LP, P3, P5) and the 5 project's leverages. Besides creating a common ground knowledge on the project's topic, the Masterclass also contributes with deeper thematic insights about proximities policies & issues, valuable also for a common reflection on the creation of successful stakeholder groups. P2 also presents the PLAT and further improves it according to the results of the Masterclass. 3) Project management group (PMG) #1 during which, besides project management issues discussed by the Steering Committee (SC), the activities' work plan and specify PPs' contribution in the exchange of experiences activities are discussed.

Back from the KoM, PPs start the context assessment phase in close cooperation with regional/local stakeholders according to PLAT (Mar-June 24). The 1st meeting with stakeholder (LSG) groups is held in each territory according to the methodology agreed during the KoM. PPs present the project's objectives & activities, agree on an internal working model and activate a discussion on local challenges, needs and possible good practices (GPs) for the interregional exchange. The results of the meetings contribute to the drafting of the 7 Proximity Landscape Reports, which provide an overview of the state of art of peripheral urban areas development in each territory according to the 5 project's leverages, as well as a collection of at least 3 GPs to be shared with the other PPs. Each report is peer-reviewed by another PP with reference to the PLAT: in SEM2, the results are summarised by P2 in the "PROXIMITIES Synthesis Report" and serve as a basis for the Matchmaking workshop.

OUTPUTS

- 1 Kick-off meeting in RE
- 1 Masterclass#1 in RE
- 7 LSG meetings
- 1 PLAT
- 7 drafted Proximity reports, peer-reviewed by PPs

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Communication

P3, comm manager, presents the Comm toolkit & work plan with IE requirements, internal deadlines, PPs expected contributions & templates during PMG#1 in Reggio Emilia.

Project's website & social media (twitter, IG, FB) are launched and updated by P3 with PPs' contributions. PPs open 8 project's pages on institutional websites to keep local citizens updated.

P3 designs the project's brochure & pop-up stand to be used in local events & displayed at PPs' premises with IE mandatory poster. PPs translate (if needed) & print them.

During KoM, 1 press conference is organised to launch the project to media. 1 project-level press release is drafted by P3 & relaunched by PPs in local languages to present the project at local/regional level.

2 video-pills are shot by P3 during the KoM to present the project & disseminate Masterclass#1 on website/social media.

1 PP participates in 1 PLP thematic event to give visibility to the project and disseminate the events' results back to the other PPs.

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N° of interregional policy learning events organised

1

N° of good practices identified

0

Semester 2 (Core phase)

Exchange of experience

PPs finalise the 7 Proximity reports according to peer-review & P2 summarises the results in PROXIMITIES Synthesis Report. P3 uploads the outputs on website.

STEP2 starts with the online organisation of the Matchmaking Workshop (3 hrs) in Sept-24 led by P2 aimed at: 1) Presenting the Synthesis Report to highlight PPs opportunities & needs on project leverages 2) Setting the scene for interregional learning by translating the results in terms of PPs learning needs & expertise potential (GPs) 3) Preparing the ground for the study visit (SV) phase, presenting PPs' GPs & the thematic focus of each SV according to the hosting PPs' GPs & visiting PPs' learning needs.

GPs are uploaded on IE website (at least 3xPP) & presented to LSGs at the 2nd meeting to collect first inputs & interests for specific experiences. PPs engage 2 LSGs members in each SV to see the GPs practical implementation & engage them in the possible replication at local/regional level. The meeting focuses in particular on the GPs of P4 Manresa hosting the 1st SV.

SVs see 2 moments: an online context-learning meeting (2 hrs) where the hosting PP & GP owners present the background of GPs to other PPs & LSGs; and an in-field visit (1,5 days), where PPs & LSGs visit the GPs "in action" within the local context and have in-depth discussions with technicians & GP owners. The application of the blended learning to SV, tested with positive results in previous IE projects, has 2 benefits: by getting some preliminary insights about GP contexts, PPs are able to better plan their participation in the in-field visit, by engaging relevant staff members & LSGs according to the topics of the SV. On the other hand, online preparation improves the effectiveness of in-person visits, where in-depth questions & discussions about GPs transferability are facilitated by the background information already acquired online. All SVs are reported & evaluated according to a standard template to facilitate the transfer of information within PPs organisations & LSGs.

P4 hosts the 1st SV, opening STEP3 of interregional learning: online preparatory meeting in Oct-24 (2h); in-field visit in Nov-24 (1,5 days). All PPs participate with 2 LSGs. During the in-field visit, PMG#2 is held to share updates on project management & a Thematic Experts Exchange is also held to share knowledge among PP's technical experts.

SV results & project's methodology are shared within PPs organisations through intra-organizational meetings with representatives from different departments not directly engaged in the project but active in peripheral urban development & in the 5 leverages. The aim is to amplify the project's impact in terms of capacity building by making more staff members aware of the activities/results.

OUTPUTS

- 7 final Proximity reports
- 1 Synthesis Report
- 1 Online matchmaking workshop
- 1 Online SV for context learning (ES)
- 1 On-field SV#1 + PMG#2 in ES
- 1 Thematic Experts Exchange
- 21 GPs
- 7 LSG meetings
- 8 Intra-org meetings

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Communication

P3 realises 1 videoscribing to present the project's objectives, partnership, expected results in an easy and appealing format. It is shared on the website, social media, PPs' channels.

The results of the SV in Manresa are presented through 1 press release (by P4) and 2 video-pills (interview style) where GPs owners, PPs & their stakeholders share their insights about the SV.

The 1st year of the project ends with the publication of 2 thematic articles by LP and P2 (1 each), linked to a trending news article on PROXIMITIES leverages, peripheral urban development and the topics of Masterclass#1. In the articles, they share views about the topic and provide insights on how the project's activities can inform the thematic area further.

Project's website, social media and PPs website are regularly updated with information about project's activities. 1 PP participates in 1 PLP thematic event or in the EU Week of Regions to give visibility to the project.

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Management

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Ongoing management activities to ensure smooth implementation and reporting of the project

N° of interregional policy learning events organised

3

N° of good practices identified

21

Semester 3 (Core phase)

Exchange of experience

STEP3 continues with the organisation of 2nd & 3rd SVs, hosted by P3 SRA (Mar-25, 1,5 days) and P5 Riga (June-25, 1,5 days). As for the previous SV, online context-learning meetings (2h each) are held in Jan-25 (P3) and in Apr-25 (P5) to introduce PPs and stakeholders to the GPs and local contexts.

The continued engagement of local/regional stakeholders in project's activities is ensured through the organisation of the 3rd LSG meeting in Feb-25 to present the agendas and contents of the upcoming SVs and discuss the most interesting GPs to collect insights, questions and perspectives to be further explored during in-field visits. As for the previous SV, 2 stakeholders are engaged in each SV, while the others are kept informed through the creation of dedicated follow-up & evaluation reports.

During the SV in Ireland, Masterclass#2 led by P2 takes place (half-day). Masterclasses are intended as multiplier supports to interregional learning aimed at 1) increasing professional capacities of PPs and stakeholders by expanding knowledge about project's leverages & possible approaches to proximity and peripheral urban development; 2) enhancing the exchange among PPs with inspirational contents from selected keynote speakers on the specific thematic issue (1 per Masterclass); 3) supporting the process of policy revision and policy improvement by enabling for in-depth reflections on local challenges, needs & possible new approaches and combining dialogue between regional/local level and interregional one.

The topic of Masterclass#2, chosen according to PPs needs & priorities, is "planning for and implementing solutions in the field of green spaces, quality of urban environment, sustainable mobility". 1 Keynote speaker, chosen by P2 in cooperation with the hosting PP (P3), is invited to present added contents linked to this topic to integrate PPs experiences.

During both SVs, Thematic Experts Exchanges are held to share knowledge among PP's technical staff about the visited GPs and the potential for transferability. Thematic Experts Exchanges will be more and more relevant while approaching the policy improvement phase, when discussions will focus on the concrete replication of certain GPs from one context to another.

PMG#3 is held during the 3rd SV in Latvia, hosted by P5, in June-25 to share updates on project management, project communication and agreeing on internal deadlines for the reporting phase. Particular emphasis is given to the instructions/indications received by JS during the previous clarifications phases, as to improve the overall quality of the reporting process. LP also verifies that all PPs have successfully updated the IE website with the identified GPs and urges PPs to provide the required integrations/modifications if needed, as to positively contribute to the PLP activities.

OUTPUTS

- 2 Online SVs for context learning (IE & LV)
- 2 On-field SVs in IE & LV
- 1 Masterclass#2 in IE
- 2 Thematic Experts Exchanges
- 7 LSG meetings
- 1 PMG#3 in LV

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Communication

P3 continues to coordinate and implement communication actions and outputs, guiding PPs in disseminating the project at local/regional level. Comm sessions are held in each PMG to review the work plan and take corrective measures if needed.

P3 & P5 publish 2 press releases to present the results of the 2 SVs. For each SV, P3 shoots 2 video-pills (4 in total) to disseminate the GPs visited and PPs' insights at EU level. Particular focus will be given to the results of Masterclass#2 to expand the learning results beyond the partnership.

EU dissemination & networking becomes more important as the project approaches the mid-term phase. 1 PP attend 1 event which could be 1 PLP thematic event on relevant topics or the Eurocities Brussels Urban Summit (June-25) to share GPs and/or their experiences within the project.

Project's website, social media and PP's websites are updated with information about the project's activities, materials and the participation to EU events.

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Ongoing management activities to ensure smooth implementation and reporting of the project

N° of interregional policy learning events organised

4

N° of good practices identified

0

Semester 4 (Core phase)

Exchange of experience

The 4th & 5th SVs take place in SEM4, hosted by P7 Veszprem (Sept-25, 1,5 days) and LP Reggio Emilia (Nov-25, 1,5 days). 2-hours online context-learning meetings about local contexts and GPs overview are organised in July-25 (for P7) and in Oct-25 (for LP) to prepare PPs and LSGs. During SEM4, the 2 Thematic Experts Exchanges taking place during the 2 SVs become more and more important, as they give PPs the possibility to have in-depth discussions about the concrete replication of certain GPs (or parts of them) within local context.

PPs continue to report the results of in-field visits to LSGs and to the other departments of their own organisation, with the definition of follow-up evaluation reports for each SV. As STEP4 of interregional learning approaches, in fact, it becomes more and more important to collect feedback, inputs and ideas from local/regional levels about the feasibility of GPs replication in peripheral urban contexts. Each PP organises 1 LSG meeting and 1 intra-organisational workshop during SEM4, both focusing on the comparative analysis of the GPs presented by the PPs visited so far. The meetings with relevant stakeholders and internal departments not directly engaged in the project become crucial to support PPs in defying the strategies for policy improvement. In case of LP, dedicated discussions with the associated policy authority (also part of the LSG) takes place to keep them aware of the project's progress & achievements and paving the way for the policy improvement expected by the end of SEM6.

PMG#4 is held during the 4th SV in Veszprem in Sept-25 to share updates on project management and do a mid-term review of the project implementation, both from a financial perspective (budget review) and in terms of activity work plan. PPs are asked to fill in an evaluation questionnaire about project's implementation, by making the LP aware of critical aspects both at interregional and local/regional level. The results of the questionnaire will support the improvement of project implementation activities before the beginning of the most delicate phase of the project dedicated to policy improvement. It will also enable LP to investigate which PPs are making progress in achieving the expected policy change and which ones might not be able to improve the policy instrument by the end of the core phase. Supportive actions will be discussed and agreed with the rest of the PPs during the SV in Reggio Emilia in Nov-25 to ensure a smooth implementation during the last year of the core phase.

During PMG#4, PPs will also discuss the possibility of requesting the JS the implementation of specific pilot actions to support policy improvement. LP will inform the JS if such a request will arise in the partnership.

OUTPUTS

- 2 Online SVs for context learning (HU & IT)
- 2 On-field SVs in HU & IT
- 2 Thematic Experts Exchanges
- 7 LSG meetings
- 1 PMG#4 in HU
- 8 Mid-term evaluation questionnaires
- 8 intra-organizational meetings

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Communication

P7&LP publishes 2 press releases on SVs results. 2 video-pills (4 in total) give broad visibility to visited GPs, PPs insights & stakeholders' impressions.

At PMG#4, 1 mid-term evaluation report is presented by P3 to discuss the impact of project's comm activities at local/regional/EU level and eventual corrective measures. The project's outreach through the participation in EU thematic events & networking activities is also evaluated.

By the end of the 2nd year, 2 thematic articles by P3 & P8 (1 each) are published on project's website & launched on external media. PPs choose a trending news article linked to PROXIMITIES topics to present their organisation's views & innovative insights arising from project's activities.

Project's website, social media & PPs website are regularly updated. 1 PP participates in 1 PLP event on relevant topics or in the ECDay in Sept-25 to share the project's activities & results with a wider EU audience.

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Ongoing management activities to ensure smooth implementation and reporting of the project

N° of interregional policy learning events organised

4

N° of good practices identified

0

Semester 5 (Core phase)

Exchange of experience

SEM5 closes the exchange of experiences based on SV: the last 2 SVs are organised by P6 RDA SWO in Mar-26 (with online context-learning meeting in Jan-26) and by P8 Varberg in May-26 (with online context-learning meeting in Apr-26). In both cases, Thematic Experts Exchanges (1 per SV) take place to share perspectives on the possible transferability of the GPs in local/regional contexts. Progress on the improvement of the chosen policy instruments are also discussed with thematic experts, other staff members and LSG representatives.

During the 6th SV in Romania (Mar-26), Masterclass#3 led by P2 takes place. The Masterclass intends to increase PPs and stakeholders' competences on "Proximity economy and services", by combining inspirational thematic contents from 1 Key-note speaker with a more practical workshop on PPs needs and local contexts, with the aim of supporting the policy improvement phase.

PPs present the GPs of P6 and P8 during the periodical LSG meeting, where also the other PPs' GPs will be reviewed to identify the most interesting experiences for policy improvement. In SEM5, in fact, STEP4 of the interregional learning starts, focusing on GPs transferability assessment to identify the most suitable GPs to influence the PPs' policy instruments. PPs will also make stakeholders aware of the possibility of organising online transfer workshops with GP owners/experts from other partner countries.

Online transfer workshops may be organised according to PPs' needs and requests to provide support in the transferability of the experiences from one context to another. All PPs make themselves available to reply to eventual questions on the practical implementation of their own GPs into other PPs' contexts, by engaging relevant stakeholders and GP owners if needed.

PMG#5 is held during the 7th SV in Varberg in May-26. As the last in-person meeting of the core phase, PPs review the remaining tasks to be performed and plan next activities. Further bilateral meetings between the LP and specific PP could be organised to discuss in detail critical situations in the improvement of the policy instrument: the LP reports in the relevant progress report if the action plan is expected to be foreseen for some PPs.

OUTPUTS

2 Online SVs for context learning (RO & SE)

2 On-field SVs in RO & SE

1 Masterclass#3 in RO

2 Thematic Experts Exchanges

Online transfer workshops (activated according to PPs' requests)

7 LSG meetings

1 PMG#5 in SE

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Communication

P6 & P8 publishes 2 press releases to present the results of their SVs at local/regional level. 2 video-pills (4 in total) are shot to give broad visibility to visited GPs, PPs' insights & stakeholders' impressions, as well as to Masterclass#3.

In SEM5, 1 PP participate in 1 event which could be: 1 PLP thematic event on relevant topics; 1 event organised by an EU research centre (e.g. EURA Conference in June-26); 1 event organised by a relevant EU city-to-city programme or cities network (e.g. IURC event; & Urban Future Conference; CITIES forum...). The participation in the events enables the project to give broad visibility to the results achieved and contribute to the EU debate on integrated sustainable urban development in peripheral urban territories with the lessons learnt from the interregional exchange of experience.

Project's website, social media & PPs website are regularly updated.

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Management

Ongoing management activities to ensure smooth implementation and reporting of the project

N° of interregional policy learning events organised

N° of good practices identified

0

Semester 6 (Core phase)

Exchange of experience

SEM6 is fully dedicated to STEP5 of interregional learning, namely the improvement of 7 policy instruments through the lessons learnt from the exchange of experiences. In this sense, during SEM6, interregional learning exchanges focus mainly on the support to policy instrument influence: online transfer workshops between importing/exporting PPs might be organised to support importing PPs in the successful influence of the policy instrument according to visited GPs. 2 online monitoring meetings are organised to exchange experiences on STEP5 results & monitor PPs' achievements on policy improvement.

By the end of SEM6, 7 policy instruments related to the integrated sustainable development of peripheral urban areas are improved according to the proximity approach defined by the project and the exchange of experience among PPs. In case PPs are not able to achieve a policy change by the end of SEM6, local/regional action plans will be designed and submitted to the JS. PPs might also ask for the support of the other PPs in the revision of their action plan(s) according to the lessons learnt from interregional learning.

The policy improvement phase sees the strong engagement of local/regional stakeholders and of other departments within PPs' organisation, through the organisation of 1 LSG meeting and 1 intra-organizational meeting. These meetings have a three-fold function: 1) collect feedback and inputs on the policy improvement, as to include in the policy instrument's revisions as many perspectives as possible; 2) guarantee the adoption of a cross-sectoral approach in the policy instrument revision, as required by the project, by engaging stakeholders & internal departments active in different policy fields; 3) foster the future sustainability of the project's results, by engaging several actors in the co-design process & guaranteeing their active engagement during the implementation of the policy change. PPs share their policy changes during 1 Online Exchange Event (3hrs) in Dec-26, thus also drawing conclusions on the benefits of interregional exchange during the core phase for the improvement of local and regional policy instruments.

In parallel, PPs collect the lessons learnt from GPs transfer in the "PROXIMITIES Good Practices portfolio" coordinated by P2: each GP is described both in its original version & as transferred by the other(s) PP(s). The PROXIMITIES GP Portfolio, presented during the Online Exchange Event, is uploaded on the project's website, disseminated during local/EU events and made available on the PLP to inspire other local and regional authorities in the implementation of Proximity approaches to the sustainable development of peripheral urban areas.

OUTPUTS

- 1 Online Exchange Event on PPs' policy improvements
- 2 Online monitoring meetings
- 1 PROXIMITIES GP Portfolio
- 7 Policy instruments improved
- Online transfer workshops (activated according to PPs' needs)
- 7 Local events organised
- 7 LSG meetings
- 8 Intra-organizational meetings

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Communication

Core phase results are presented through:

- * 2 thematic articles on PROXIMITIES's topics & Masterclass#3 published by P4 & P6 (1 each) on website & external media to contribute to EU debate on project's topics
- * 1 project-level press release, published by P3 after the Online Exchange Event and relaunched in local languages by PPs (7 press releases)
- * 7 local dissemination events, organised around Oct-26 in each PP country, where comm materials are used to disseminate the results
- * 2 video-pills, created by P3 by collecting PPs contributions on local dissemination events as well as the impressions of stakeholders & policy makers on the results of the core phase
- * Website, social media and PPs pages updated.

In SEM6, 1 PP participates in 1 event to give proper EU dissemination to the project: 1 PLP thematic event or 1 event by EU institutions (e.g. ECDay; EU Week of Regions) or by cities network/organisations (e.g. IURC event; Eurocities; Eurotowns; JPI Urban Europe..).

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Management

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Ongoing management activities to ensure smooth implementation and reporting of the project

N° of interregional policy learning events organised

1

N° of good practices identified

0

N° of pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects

0

E.2 Follow-up phase

Semester 7 (Follow-up phase)

Monitoring results of main phase and, if applicable, exchange of experience

SEM7 opens the last step of the interregional exchange (STEP6) dedicated to the monitoring and the dissemination of the policy improvement's results. PPs also monitor if other policy instruments are impacted by the project and/or by the improvement of the chosen policy instrument.

If one or more PPs have not achieved the policy improvement by the end of the core phase, they will be requested to monitor to what extent the measures described in their local/regional action plans are ultimately implemented. They will therefore evaluate the results and gather evidence of any achievements to be reported to the JS & the Policy Learning Platform.

As for the previous SEMs, PPs keep regular online contacts with relevant local/regional stakeholders, as well as with any other actors involved in the policy improvement and/or in implementation of the action plan.

LP guarantees a continued coordination throughout the follow-up phase, by ensuring support in the realisation of the activities at local/regional level. 2 online monitoring meetings are organised in SEM7 to enable PPs to exchange information/updates about policy improvement/action plan implementation and share learnings from the mutual successes and difficulties met during the process.

Except for these 2 online meetings, the activities of SEM7 will take place mainly at local/regional level, where each PP will be requested to monitor:

- The impact on the policy instrument(s)
- The achievement of key performance indicators
- The engagement of actors and stakeholders
- The financial sustainability of the actions
- The compliance with the activity timeline

Bilateral online meetings among PPs are organised in case a further analysis or discussion on the transferred GPs is necessary to fine-tune a specific action.

OUTPUTS

2 Online monitoring meetings

Policy improvement monitoring

Action plan implementation and monitoring if needed

1905/3000

Communication

Comm activities focus on the dissemination of the monitoring results related to policy improvements &/or Action Plans implementation. P3 regularly updates the website & social media by collecting contributions from PPs. PPs update their institutional website with relevant project's information.

On the 2nd online monitoring meeting (Apr-27), P3 presents the final evaluation report about comm activities, where an overview of the impact at EU/regional/local level is assessed. Drafting the report before SEM8 is functional to improve comm activities before the beginning of the last SEM, where other important outputs are produced & disseminated.

In SEM7 LP & P2 attend 2 events to network with other EU projects & give visibility to policy improvements results & the benefits of interregional learning: 1 PLP thematic event (as speaker); 1 event by EU institutions/cities network/organisations (e.g. EURA Conference; CITIES Forum; Urban Future Conference; Eurocities; Eurotowns; JPI Urban Europe).

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Management

Ongoing management activities to ensure smooth implementation and reporting of the project

N° of interregional policy learning events organised

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Semester 8 (Follow-up phase)

Monitoring results of main phase and, if applicable, exchange of experience

STEP6 of interregional learning comes to an end in SEM8. Monitoring activities are finalised and each PP discusses the results with the relevant local stakeholders and beneficiaries at local & regional level. The engagement of LSG in the last SEM is also functional to assess the impact of the project in terms of increased organizational capacities: PPs submit a common questionnaire to their stakeholders & colleagues to collect feedback & evidence of the successful impact of the interregional activities on the professional capacities of engaged organizations and to what extent the project learning contributed to improve/enrich their work.

PPs meet in Latvia for the high-level dissemination event in Nov-27 (hosted by P5) to present the results of the project in each country, share experiences on policy improvements and draw conclusions on the lessons learnt. The event also represents the opportunity to deepen collaboration and identify new thematic areas for further exchanges and cooperation. All PPs participate in the final dissemination event by gathering policy makers and executives as well as relevant stakeholders from their organisations. The event is also promoted at EU level to provide a wide visibility to the PROXIMITIES project achievements, by engaging other cities and regions representatives outside the partnership.

To ensure an adequate dissemination of PROXIMITIES project results at EU level, PPs, coordinated by LP, draft a Policy Recommendation EBook to summarise the results of the policy improvement phase and inspire other local and regional authorities across Europe in the implementation of Proximities approaches to the sustainable development of peripheral urban areas according to the 5 project's leverages. The Policy Recommendations EBook (realised in English), also collects all the videos, interviews, images and other interactive features to communicate the project's achievement in an accessible and user-friendly way. The Ebook is shared on the website, on the Policy Learning Platform and during relevant local/regional/EU events.

The last PMG is organised in Latvia back-to-back the final dissemination event to inform PPs about the project's closure and the necessary administrative steps to comply with the given deadline. 1 Online monitoring meeting is also organised before the event to arrange PPs' contributions to the event and ensure an adequate representation from each country.

As for the previous SEMs, bilateral online meetings are organised in case a further analysis and discussions on the transferred GPs is needed or in case of eventual emerging needs.

OUTPUTS

1 High-level event in LV

1 Final PMG meeting

1 Policy recommendation Ebook for EU dissemination

1 Online monitoring meeting

Policy improvement monitoring

Action plan implementation and monitoring if needed

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Communication

Policy improvement results & interregional learning benefits are presented through:

*1 Final event in Latvia (Nov-27)

*1 final video, produced by P3, presented during final event & disseminated on project's and PPs' channels

* 1 final brochure, designed by P3, translated (if needed) & printed by PPs

* 1 project-level press release, published by P3 after the Final event & relaunched in PPs' local languages (7 press releases)

* 2 thematic articles on project's topics & results published by P7 & P5 (1 each) on website & external media to contribute to EU debate on peripheral urban development

*1 Policy Recomm. E-book, drafted by P3 with PPs contributions, disseminated during Final event & other EU events

LP & P2 attend 2 events to give visibility to policy improvements results & the benefits of interregional learning: 1 PLP thematic event (as speaker); 1 event by EU institutions (e.g. ECDay; EU Week of Regions) or cities network (e.g. IURC event; Eurocities; Eurotowns; JPI Urban Europe..)

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Management

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N° of interregional policy learning events organised

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F Project budget

F.1 Budget breakdown per cost category and partner

Partner †	Country	Preparation costs	Staff costs	Office and administration	Travel and accommodation	External expertise and services	Equipment	Infrastructure and works	TOTAL BUDGET
LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia	Italy (Italia)	17,500.00	249,994.00	37,499.00	37,499.00	62,100.00	0.00	0.00	404,592.00
AP02 Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics BV	Netherlands (Nederland)	0.00	156,500.00	23,475.00	23,475.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	211,450.00
PP03 Southern Regional Assembly	Ireland (Éire/Ireland)	0.00	183,933.00	27,589.00	27,589.00	76,400.00	0.00	0.00	315,511.00
PP04 Manresa City Council	Spain (España)	0.00	135,308.00	20,296.00	20,296.00	41,600.00	0.00	0.00	217,500.00
PP05 Riga Planning Region	Latvia (Latvija)	0.00	132,096.00	19,814.00	19,814.00	36,500.00	1,200.00	0.00	209,424.00
PP06 Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia	Romania (România)	0.00	126,480.00	18,972.00	18,972.00	44,300.00	0.00	0.00	208,724.00
PP07 Municipality of Veszprém	Hungary (Magyarország)	0.00	123,600.00	18,540.00	18,540.00	32,400.00	0.00	0.00	193,080.00
PP08 Varberg Municipality	Sweden (Sverige)	0.00	171,353.00	25,702.00	25,702.00	34,200.00	0.00	0.00	256,957.00
Total		17,500.00	1,279,264.00	191,887.00	191,887.00	335,500.00	1,200.00	0.00	2,017,238.00
% of Total budget		0.9%	63.4%	9.5%	9.5%	16.6%	0.1%	0.0%	100.0%

* Real cost, no flatrate

F.2 External expertise and services

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Item #	Description	Contracting partner	Type of costs	TOTAL
1	interregional partner meetings, regional stakeholder group meetings	LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia	Exchange of experience – meetings	11,700.00
2	associated policy responsible authority, stakeholders	LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia	Exchange of experience – travel and accommodation external bodies	14,000.00
3	Support in the context analysis phase and mapping of local needs connected to project leverages (10 days); local stakeholder group thematic support (24 days); thematic support for GPs assessment and transferability according to local needs and context analysis (10 days); technical support in the policy improvement (16 days). Total 60 working days * 450 €	LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia	Exchange of experience – external support	27,000.00
4	regional and interregional dissemination events	LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia	Communication – events	1,500.00
5	Printing of 2 brochures, 1 mandatory poster, 1 pop-up stand to be used for local dissemination during events & workshops	LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia	Communication – material	1,500.00
6		LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia	Management – expenditure control	6,400.00
7		AP02 Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics BV	Management – expenditure control	8,000.00
8	interregional partner meetings, regional stakeholder group meetings	PP03 Southern Regional Assembly	Exchange of experience – meetings	11,600.00
9	associated policy responsible authority, stakeholders	PP03 Southern Regional Assembly	Exchange of experience – travel and accommodation external bodies	10,500.00
10	Thematic expertise to support local implementation: LSG engagement (5 days), study visit & masterclass organization (2 days), GPs revision & transferability assessment (3 days), review of innovative governance models & urban sustainable place frameworks (4 days), design & co creation of new governance model & sustainable place framework (10 days). Support in the dissemination of new framework to PPs, SRA elected members and Local Authorities in Southern Ireland (6 days). Tot: 30 days * 1000€	PP03 Southern Regional Assembly	Exchange of experience – external support	30,000.00
11	regional and interregional dissemination events	PP03 Southern Regional Assembly	Communication – events	1,600.00
			TOTAL	335,500.00

Item #	Description	Contracting partner	Type of costs	v3 Submitted
12	Printing of 2 brochures, 1 mandatory poster, 1 pop-up stand to be used for local dissemination during events & workshops	PP03 Southern Regional Assembly	Communication – material	1,000.00
13	External expert for the design and realization of project's communication materials (1 pop up stand, 2 brochures, 2 project's videos, 1 interactive Ebook)	PP03 Southern Regional Assembly	Communication – material	21,700.00
14	interregional partner meetings, regional stakeholder group meetings	PP04 Manresa City Council	Exchange of experience – meetings	7,400.00
15	associated policy responsible authority, stakeholders	PP04 Manresa City Council	Exchange of experience – travel and accommodation external bodies	11,200.00
16	Thematic support in the elaboration of the Proximity Landscape Report through the identification of local challenges and needs in local peripheral urban areas (10 days); Support in the identification of GPs to be included in the report (8 days); SWOT analysis of the selected policy instrument to support the policy improvement process (20 days); The co-organisation of the study visit, LSG meetings and local events (12 days). Tot: 46 working days * 400€	PP04 Manresa City Council	Exchange of experience – external support	18,500.00
17	regional and interregional dissemination events	PP04 Manresa City Council	Communication – events	1,500.00
18	Printing of 2 brochures, 1 mandatory poster, 1 pop-up stand to be used for local dissemination during events & workshops	PP04 Manresa City Council	Communication – material	1,500.00
19	interregional partner meetings, regional stakeholder group meetings	PP05 Riga Planning Region	Exchange of experience – meetings	9,000.00
20	associated policy responsible authority, stakeholders	PP05 Riga Planning Region	Exchange of experience – travel and accommodation external bodies	12,000.00
21	2 External experts engaged in: Regional self-assessment (RSA) study on the existing situation on localization and proximity services - existing practices and a review of successful projects; evaluation of local policy instruments; SWOT analysis; financial support instruments; recommendations (2 experts, 25 working days*200 €)	PP05 Riga Planning Region	Exchange of experience – external support	10,000.00
22	regional and interregional dissemination events	PP05 Riga Planning Region	Communication – events	4,000.00
23	Printing of 2 brochures, 1 mandatory poster, 1 pop-up stand to be used for local dissemination during events & workshops	PP05 Riga Planning Region	Communication – material	1,500.00
24	interregional partner meetings, regional stakeholder group meetings	PP06 Regional Development Agency	Exchange of experience – meetings	11,000.00
			TOTAL	335,500.00

Item #	Description	Contracting partner	Type of costs	v3 Submitted
South-West Oltenia				
25	associated policy responsible authority, stakeholders	PP06 Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia	Exchange of experience – travel and accommodation external bodies	16,800.00
26	Technical support for: coordination of stakeholder group (10 days); analysis of regional context related to Proximities topics (20 days); presentation & dissemination of analysis' results at regional & interregional level (15 days); designing of possible scenarios for policy improvement through good practices' transfer (20 days); good practices' transferability assessment (10 days). TOT: 75 working days * 200€	PP06 Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia	Exchange of experience – external support	15,000.00
27	regional and interregional dissemination events	PP06 Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia	Communication – events	1,000.00
28	Printing of 2 brochures, 1 mandatory poster, 1 pop-up stand to be used for local dissemination during events & workshops	PP06 Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia	Communication – material	500.00
29	interregional partner meetings, regional stakeholder group meetings	PP07 Municipality of Veszprém	Exchange of experience – meetings	9,200.00
30	associated policy responsible authority, stakeholders	PP07 Municipality of Veszprém	Exchange of experience – travel and accommodation external bodies	11,200.00
31	Thematic expert on public policy analysis to support in SUDS revision: workplan design, data collection, current situation assessment (12 days); design of the governance & operational model for peripheral areas, formulation of possible future scenarios based on PROXIMITIES learning outcomes (18 days); creation of monitoring system & indicators (10 days). TOT: 40 days * 200 €	PP07 Municipality of Veszprém	Exchange of experience – external support	8,000.00
32	regional and interregional dissemination events	PP07 Municipality of Veszprém	Communication – events	2,000.00
33	Printing of 2 brochures, 1 mandatory poster, 1 pop-up stand to be used for local dissemination during events & workshops	PP07 Municipality of Veszprém	Communication – material	2,000.00
34	interregional partner meetings, regional stakeholder group meetings	PP08 Varberg Municipality	Exchange of experience – meetings	7,700.00
35	associated policy responsible authority, stakeholders	PP08 Varberg Municipality	Exchange of experience – travel and accommodation external bodies	14,000.00
			TOTAL	335,500.00

Item ↑ Description		Contracting partner	Type of costs	v3 Submitted
36	External support for: Designing of the proximity landscape analysis report - including gathering of data and statistics of the area and the leverages of the project, mobility, housing, services etc. (5 days); external stakeholder engagement and thematic support during 6 meetings (10 days); planning and organization of exchange of experience, including GPs transfer (3 days); organization of study visit and GP presentation (2 days). TOT: 20 working days * 500 €	PP08 Varberg Municipality	Exchange of experience – external support	10,000.00
37	regional and interregional dissemination events	PP08 Varberg Municipality	Communication – events	1,500.00
38	Printing of 2 brochures, 1 mandatory poster, 1 pop-up stand to be used for local dissemination during events & workshops	PP08 Varberg Municipality	Communication – material	1,000.00
39		PP04 Manresa City Council	Management – expenditure control	1,500.00
			TOTAL	335,500.00

F.3 Equipment

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Item ↑	Description	Contracting partner	Type of costs	TOTAL
1	e.g. Computer/laptop, software licences	PP05 Riga Planning Region	Office Equipment	1,200.00
			TOTAL	1,200.00

F.4 Infrastructure and works

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Create a pilot action in the *policy instrument* section to add entries to "Infrastructure and works".

Item ↑	Description	Contracting partner	Type of costs	TOTAL
			TOTAL	0.00

F.5 Project budget per co-financing source - breakdown per partner

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Partner ↑	Country	Total	Interreg funds	Interreg/ Norwegian funds rate (%)	Norwegian	Partner contribution from public sources	Partner contribution from private sources	Total partner contribution
LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia	Italy (Italia)	404,592.00	323,673.60	80.0%	0.00	80,918.40	0.00	80,918.40
AP02 Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics BV	Netherlands (Nederland)	211,450.00	148,015.00	70.0%	0.00	0.00	63,435.00	63,435.00
PP03 Southern Regional Assembly	Ireland (Éire/Ireland)	315,511.00	252,408.80	80.0%	0.00	63,102.20	0.00	63,102.20
PP04 Manresa City Council	Spain (España)	217,500.00	174,000.00	80.0%	0.00	43,500.00	0.00	43,500.00
PP05 Riga Planning Region	Latvia (Latvija)	209,424.00	167,539.20	80.0%	0.00	41,884.80	0.00	41,884.80
PP06 Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia	Romania (România)	208,724.00	166,979.20	80.0%	0.00	41,744.80	0.00	41,744.80
PP07 Municipality of Veszprém	Hungary (Magyarország)	193,080.00	154,464.00	80.0%	0.00	38,616.00	0.00	38,616.00
PP08 Varberg Municipality	Sweden (Sverige)	256,957.00	205,565.60	80.0%	0.00	51,391.40	0.00	51,391.40
Total		2,017,238.00	1,592,645.40	0.0%	0.00	361,157.60	63,435.00	424,592.60

F.6 Spending plan

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Core phase

Partner ↑	Preparation costs	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6	TOTAL BUDGET
LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia	17,500.00	50,321.00	54,192.00	61,934.00	69,676.00	65,810.00	46,451.00	404,592.00
AP02 Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics BV	0.00	33,834.00	35,946.00	38,061.00	35,946.00	33,832.00	23,259.00	211,450.00
PP03 Southern Regional Assembly	0.00	37,861.00	44,171.00	53,641.00	50,481.00	47,326.00	44,171.00	315,511.00
PP04 Manresa City Council	0.00	23,925.00	39,150.00	41,325.00	34,800.00	32,625.00	26,100.00	217,500.00
PP05 Riga Planning Region	0.00	20,942.00	25,130.00	35,602.00	37,696.00	33,511.00	29,319.00	209,424.00
PP06 Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia	0.00	22,959.00	27,138.00	31,308.00	33,395.00	39,657.00	35,483.00	208,724.00
PP07 Municipality of Veszprém	0.00	19,308.00	25,100.00	30,892.00	36,685.00	34,754.00	28,964.00	193,080.00
PP08 Varberg Municipality	0.00	28,265.00	33,404.00	38,543.00	43,682.00	46,256.00	43,682.00	256,957.00
Total	17,500.00	237,415.00	284,231.00	331,306.00	342,361.00	333,771.00	277,429.00	2,017,238.00
% of Total budget	0.9%	11.8%	14.1%	16.4%	17.0%	16.5%	13.8%	100.0%

Follow-up and closure phase

Partner ↑	Semester 7	Semester 8 and closure	TOTAL BUDGET
LP01 Municipality of Reggio Emilia	15,483.00	23,225.00	404,592.00
AP02 Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics BV	4,229.00	6,343.00	211,450.00
Total	78,912.00	114,313.00	2,017,238.00
% of Total budget	3.9%	5.7%	100.0%

Partner ↑	Semester 7	Semester 8 and closure	TOTAL BUDGET
PP03 Southern Regional Assembly	15,775.00	22,085.00	315,511.00
PP04 Manresa City Council	8,700.00	10,875.00	217,500.00
PP05 Riga Planning Region	8,376.00	18,848.00	209,424.00
PP06 Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia	8,348.00	10,436.00	208,724.00
PP07 Municipality of Veszprém	7,723.00	9,654.00	193,080.00
PP08 Varberg Municipality	10,278.00	12,847.00	256,957.00
Total	78,912.00	114,313.00	2,017,238.00
% of Total budget	3.9%	5.7%	100.0%

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Partners

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PP05 Riga Planning Region

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PP07 Municipality of Veszprém

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Associated policy authorities

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