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A new year is starting... For EURE, 2022 will be synonymous of closure of the so-called first phase dedicated to the exchange of experience and the drafting of Action Plans. But before jumping in the new challenges ahead of us, discover in this new edition of EUREka! what has happened since July 2021. The highlight for us is definitely that we managed to meet again in person, during the 7th EURE meeting that took place in Lugo. It was not our only meeting since earlier in September we had travelled (virtually) to Alba Iulia to discover inspiring good practices and case studies of sustainable development projects contributing to improve the environmental performance of EU peripheral urban spaces, in particular of small and medium-sized cities. And of course, we have more reports to share with you: new Regional Reports, translations of the Executive Summary of the Joint Report and of the Opinion Report.

We hope that this little refreshment inspires you to follow us for another year on our journey towards improved environmental performances in EU urban spaces, and do not forget that you can read about the latest EURE update and local activities also in your language thanks to the regional summaries.

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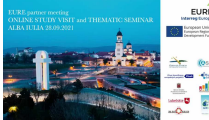
IN EURE'S FOOTSTEPS
Follow the main news of the project

EURE partners discover the Other Capital of Romania

Often considered as an example in Romania when it comes to sustainable development projects, the city of Alba Iulia shared good practices and case studies in recycling, energy efficiency and air quality monitoring with the fellow EURE partners during the project's sixth meeting. Participants also had the opportunity to follow a panel on the importance of the European funds in increasing the administrative capacity of eligible beneficiaries.

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EURE partner meeting
ONLINE STUDY VISIT and THEMATIC SEMINAR
ALBA IULIA 28.09.2021

The role of European funds in the urban transformation of cities discussed in Lugo

An exchange of experience and ideas on the role of European funds in the urban transformation of cities in Europe took place in person in Lugo for the seventh EURE meeting. The event included a Thematic Seminar entitled "EURE – Urban policy of Spain and Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategy", Study Visits, a Steering Committee Meeting, a Meeting of the Pool of Experts and Joint Meeting. It was the occasion for the project partners to discover the projects developed by several Galician cities under their Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategies.

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EURE reports now available in more languages

Good news, the translations of the Executive Summary of the Joint Report "For a better and sustainable quality of life in European cities" and of the Opinion Report "To improve the participation of small, medium and peripheral cities in the definition of the European Urban Policy" are arriving. You can now read these documents in French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish...

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8 additional Good Practices unveiled

On their way to improve the environmental performance management of EU urban spaces, the EURE partners are identifying Good Practices implemented by public authorities across Europe. Have you read the latest ones? Maybe some will sound familiar to you: they have been presented during the EURE meetings!

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BEHIND EURE
What's happening at local level

Urban development in the city of Nicosia

Discover the situation regarding the urban development instruments of the capital city of the third largest island in the Mediterranean. Nicosia, which has experienced rapid economic growth and is an important international business and commercial hub in the Eastern Mediterranean, relies on two main tools for urban planning: a "Sustainable Urban Development" strategy and a Local Plan. Both are detailed in the EURE Regional Report Cyprus, prepared by the Nicosia Development Agency.

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The Pilsen Metropolitan Area, a strong and competitive region

"A strong and competitive region" is the vision for the Pilsen Metropolitan Area (PMA) in the Czech Republic. To fulfill its vision, PMA must boost its greatest potential that is outstanding fields, their products and necessary conditions while eliminating major issues preventing the development of competitiveness. Read the EURE Regional Report Pilsen, prepared by the UKEP - European Projects Coordination Unit of the City of Pilsen to understand how PMA aims to meet its vision through several strategic goals and is preparing for the Strategy of the Regional Development of the Czech Republic 21+.

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Empoli, a city between industry and design

ASEV and the Municipality of Empoli joined forces to organise a public seminar last October to present the Regional Report Empoli entitled "Empoli, a City between Industry and Design". It answered several questions related to the future financing period and connection with the Recovery Fund such as: What are the main challenges facing small and medium-sized European cities in the post-pandemic period? How can we respond to the new social and economic needs that have emerged since Covid-19? What can be the impact of urban and environmental regeneration interventions in the current and future context of our cities? What will be the future of European and regional funds to support urban and environmental regeneration policies?

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EURE promoted at "Be informed and join us in the circle" events

The EURE project was one of the initiatives featured during an exhibition on circular economy actions in Cyprus organised by the Department of Environment of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, Environment of Cyprus. The exhibition ran in parallel to a conference entitled "Be informed and join us in the circle" organised in the framework of the 13th European Week for Waste Reduction. Participants learnt about not only the legal framework on sorting at source and separate collection of municipal waste but also results of a study on food waste and the actions of the National Circular Economy Plan. It closed with a presentation of several projects and initiatives on circular economy.

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AROUND EURE
Keep an eye on what is going on in the nine territories and further

Florence Mayor visits the sites of the HOPE project

On a visit to the Empoli area, the Mayor of the Metropolitan City of Florence made a stop in Empoli to visit the buildings of the city's historical centre that are currently undergoing structural redevelopment, in particular the old "San Giuseppe" hospital of the HOPE project. During the visit, Mr Nardella emphasised that to fully seize the great opportunity represented by the National Recovery Plan three conditions must be met: simplifying bureaucracy; being equipped with the right professionalism and skills to implement public works; having a national government showing real confidence in municipal administrations.

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Cities play pivotal roles in Europe's sustainability transition

Most Europeans live in cities and cities are Europe's economic, cultural, and political hubs. Cities face environmental and climate challenges but also hold keys to realise Europe's sustainability ambitions. Two new assessments on urban sustainability, published by the European Environment Agency, combine several environment and climate themes, calling for better integration of policies to address the complex and interlinked challenges through win-win solutions.

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Financial instruments for the circular economy

Curious about approaches on how regional and local authorities can adapt their funding frameworks to promote and foster the circular transition of the economy? Do you want to know which types of measures are used to foster the circular transition of businesses in general and SMEs in particular? Join the upcoming interactive webinar of the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform on financial instrument for the circular economy next 1 February from 14:00 to 16:00.

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EURE NEVER STOPS...

The buzz words for the EURE partners until the summer will be "Action Plans". The upcoming six months will see partners, supported by their stakeholders, concluding the document providing details on how the lessons learnt and exchange of experience of the first phase of the project will be exploited to improve their regional policy instruments. In the Action Plans, partners will specify the nature of the actions to be implemented, their time frame, stakeholders involved, the costs and funding sources.

You can also look forward to a high-level political event that will present the recommendations of the Opinion Report, the main priorities of each Action Plan, and of course leave room for discussion on the reasons why the EU is, and should continue intervening in urban areas as well as how urban areas actors perceive the EU intervention. As usual, keep an eye on our website to make sure you are not missing out on any exciting news from us!

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