

EVENT REPORT

Peer review & Partner Meeting

- Baia Mare, 12 - 15 nov. 2018 -

<Baia Mare Metropolitan Area> Intercommunity Development Association is currently implementing as partner the Project OptiTrans [PGI01997], financed through Interreg Europe 2014 - 2020, Priority Axis 3- Low carbon economy, addressing the transition to a low-carbon economy especially in urban areas and promoting sustainable urban mobility and multimodal adaptation measures in transport. The implementation period is between 2017 - 2021, and participants in the project are representatives from 7 European Countries (Germany as Lead Partner, Spain, Greece, Italy, Croatia, Estonia, Romania).

Between 12 - 15 nov. 2018, the partners from 5 countries (Germany - two representatives, Italy - one representative, Greece - one representative, Estonia - 3 representatives, Spain - one representative) visited the Romanian partner for two activities in the project, peer review & partner meeting.

On the first day, the participants discussed issues related to the Baia Mare Metropolitan Area baseline study on public transport, after which they had the chance to talk with two stakeholders in the project: the Projects Department of Baia Mare City Hall and the Transport Department



of Baia Mare City Hall. A representative of the Project Department presented how the city hall improved the public transport system by extending the trolley line in the Vasile Alecsandri

neighbourhood through an EU funded project, and how future plans include buying, also on EU funds, a number of 33 vehicles to be used in public transport in Baia Mare city. The main issues which the second project wishes to resolve are reducing emissions to achievable levels through



new technologies especially hybrid and partial vehicles (for trains with a daily distance below 150 km) and to provide an upgraded fleet with easier access to public transport for users. Another project to be implemented by Baia Mare City Hall related to public transport is implementing an e-ticketing system and

upgrading the current bus stations.

On the second day, the participants started the morning with a visit to the headquarters of the public operator S.C. URBIS S.A., where they exchanged good practices and ideas with the General Director and the Technical Director. After the discussions, the participants were taken to the station where the trolley lines are powered with electricity, which was also made through an EU funded project. Later, the participants went to the periodical technical inspection station belonging to the public transport operator, which is the only one in the country having trolley lines inside. At the same location is the maintenance and washing station for the fleet of the operator.

The next location of the meeting was at Baia Sprie City Hall, a city located 10 km away of Baia Mare, which is also in the metropolitan transport system. There, the representatives of the project partners had the chance to



talk to the Mayor regarding the existent situation of the public transport system and what are the future plans of improving and upgrading it. Baia Sprie City applied for funding on the same financing source that Baia Mare City applied on, the Regional Operational Program 2014 - 2020,

in order to purchase new hybrid and electric means of public transport. Baia Sprie City Hall is also a stakeholder in the OptiTrans Project.

On the third day, the meeting started in the morning with the project representatives, together with representatives of Baia Mare and Tăuții Măgherauș City Halls. The discussions in the afternoon and of the fourth day of the event took place only with the participants of the project representatives, seeing that topics included methodology, usability of results, need for adjustment, elaboration of the Action Plan. During the last day of the meeting, the previous peer reviews from Granada, Spain (september 2017) and Tartu, Estonia (october 2018) were also brought into discussion.

The meeting concluded with the actions which will follow in the next implementation period, including a meeting in Berlin and the next peer review, which will take place in Greece.

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