

Local Support Group meeting

In 12 of September 2012, took place the first USE ACT Local Support Group meeting, in the location of Millennium III Business Centre Baia Mare.

The project, financed by the URBACT II Programme, has a number of 5 initial partners, among them being Baia Mare Metropolitan Area Association, representing Romania.



As an activity of the project first phase, our association has invited the USE ACT stakeholders to attend an interactive meeting in order to set up a Local Support Group for the project.



The agenda for the event included:

1. Presentation of the project implementation stage;
2. Analyse of the questionnaire answers received from the metropolitan area municipalities;
3. USE ACT Local Support Group set up;
4. Discussions.

At the meeting attended most of the Baia Mare metropolitan area municipalities' representatives, moreover, all the 18 localities being interested in the project topic, especially the issue regarding land use efficiency, either greenfield or brownfield.



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The local USE ACT management team presented to the stakeholders the project implementation stage, project partners and the base situation of the land use management in our metropolitan area. Baia Mare municipality representatives emphasized that the city was partner in the LUMASEC project (Land Use Management for Sustainable European Cities), in the 2008 – 2010 period, an URBACT project that firstly tackled the issue of land use efficiency and brownfield regeneration.



Through August, the local management team has sent a questionnaire to each of the 18 municipalities forming our association, with questions regarding local urban regulations, the situation of „new developments” and the existing incentives at local level. The answers were discussed with the LSG members in order to complete our base vision of the metropolitan planning and the existing land use policy.

Regarding the „new developments”, in the first half of 2012, we can notice a light decrease of the investment intentions comparing to the annual average of the past 5 years.

Analysing the questionnaire answers, the local support group members concluded that all the metropolitan area municipalities have their General Urban Plans updated and legally developed. The municipalities nearby Baia Mare City (Baia Sprie, Cavnic, Tăuții Măgherauș, Recea), along with the city itself, hold on their administrative area, brownfield areas, resulted from the past mining activities, as well as unused & damaged buildings. Unfortunately, the owner of these polluted & damaged sites is a state company and the local administrations cannot interfere in the polluted sites, but only press the owner to start the regeneration/ rehabilitation process. LSG members proposed an approach which encourage finding individual solutions for each municipality, having doubts that a common, general solution can work.