The role of partnerships in strengthening local governance in Croatia: key recommendations

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Presentation outline

1. What should be done at national level?

2. How to join up efforts at local level?

3. Partnership working: performance management, monitoring and evaluation system

4. Putting recommendations into practice: The Action Space portal
1. National support framework for local partnerships

- Coordination between different policy areas
- Flexibility vs accountability
- Consider establishing an intermediary agency
- Provision of clear guidance and support for partnership work
- Facilitation of good practice exchange and inter-partnership learning
- Establish guidelines for partnerships’ performance management and evaluation
2. Joining up local development efforts

- Consider establishing an “umbrella” partnership tasked with a greater role in local development strategy design and implementation

- An inclusive partnership: ensure and maintain local stakeholders buy-in

- Building local capacity: technical and “soft” skills
3. Partnership working: performance management and evaluation

– Use performance management and evaluation to:
  • Document partnership successes and create the evidence base of your work
  • Ensure greater role in local strategy design and implementation
  • Ensure partnership legitimacy towards national government and your community

– Provide adequate funding, training and peer-to-peer learning
4. The Action Space portal

A single entry to access lessons learned from the OECD LEED Trento Centre country reviews on local governance, entrepreneurship and social inclusion

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OECD LEED Trento Centre Action Space

Background information

Inspiring innovation in policy and local action
Since 2003 the OECD LEED Trento Centre has been successfully involved in building local development capacity in OECD member and non-member countries.

The Centre’s main objectives are:

- to improve the dissemination capacity of best practices in the design and implementation of local development strategies and facilitate the transfer of expertise and exchange of experience;
- to improve the quality of public policy in economic, labour market and social areas, implemented at the local level;
- to strengthen the relationship between policy makers, local development practitioners and the scientific community;

The Action Space

With these objectives in view, the Trento Centre created an Action Space in order to widely disseminate recommendations and lessons learned from the OECD LEED Trento Centre country reviews in the areas of local governance, entrepreneurship and social inclusion. Selected international learning models are presented with the aim to inspire policy and practice innovation.

The audience

The target audience of the Action Space are practitioners, policy makers, members of the private sector, the civil society and the other actors of local development.

Reviews

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Further policy recommendations and international learning models will be added with the continuation of country reviews and capacity building activities.
Action Space for local partnerships development in Croatia

Background

In 2007, the Trento Centre, together with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) mission in Croatia and the support of World Learning Croatia, have jointly undertaken an active review of local partnerships in Croatia.

Key policy recommendations addressed the need for an increased co-ordination and integration between different policy areas at national level concerning local development issues and greater communication and exchange between local partnerships and central government institutions.

Clear guidance for the work of partnerships, while maintaining the necessary flexibility, will be a pre-requisite for more effective local action. There should be greater support to joining up of efforts at local level within the framework of a local development strategy and regular opportunities for organisational development and specialised training for the partnership and its partners should be considered. Government counterparts of local partnerships will need to assist them in the establishment of strong performance management, monitoring and evaluation systems.

Recommendations

Recommendations and international learning models have been grouped under the following thematic areas:
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- National Support framework for local partnerships
- Joining up efforts at local level
- Performance management, monitoring and evaluation systems

For context specific recommendations tailored to the needs of reviewed localities look at Recommendations at a Glance

Report
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- Supporting Local Partnerships: The Role of an Intermediary Body
- Learning to Deliver: How to Make Local Partnerships More Effective
- Developing a Commissioning Approach to Partnership Work
- Creating Employment Opportunities and Improving Employability – The Role And Contribution of Local Partnerships
- Making Partnerships Effective in Their Contribution to Local Development: Conclusions and Recommendations

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