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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR EFFECTIVE LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Opatija, Croatia 28 - 29 May 2007

Programme

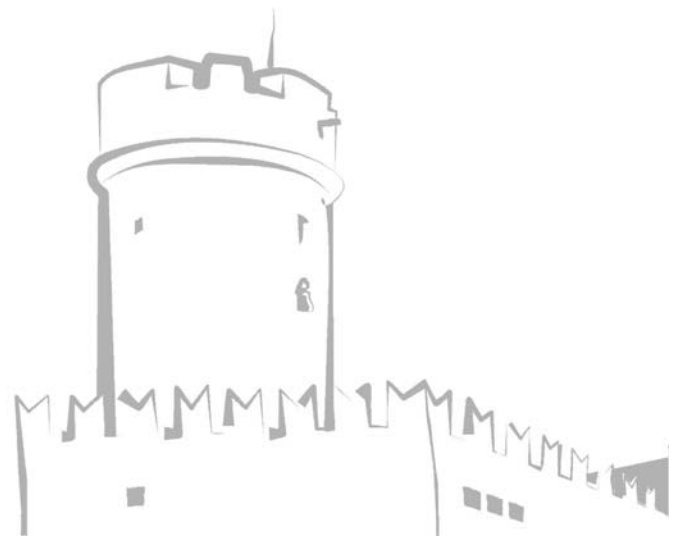
Venue

Hotel Milenij

M. Tita 109

Opatija - Croatia

Conference Room "Milenij"



Monday, 28 May 2007

Hotel Milenij, M. Tita 109, Opatija

Conference Room "Milenij"

16:00 – 18:30

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT SUMMARY REPORT

Chair: Nenad Klapcic, Local Government Reform Project, The Urban Institute, Croatia

16:00 – 16:15

Opening remarks

Lucijan Kos, Deputy Mayor of Opatija

Rebecca Latorraca, USAID Croatia

Peter Tatarko, OECD LEED Centre for Local Development, OECD

16:15 – 18:15

Summary of USAID/OECD review panel findings and recommendations

Presentation and moderated discussion

Presenters: Arsen Juric, USAID Croatia and *Andrea R. Hofer*, OECD LEED Centre for Local Development, OECD

18:15 – 18:30

Closing remarks

19:00

Welcome drink, Conf. Room "Milenij" terrace

19:30

Brief presentation about OECD LEED Forum for Partnerships and Local Governance: what does it offer for local partnerships

Presenter: Elisa Campestrin, OECD LEED Centre for Local Development, OECD

20:00

Dinner, Restaurant "Sveti Jakov"

Tuesday, 29 May 2007

Hotel Milenij, M. Tita 109, Opatija

Conference Rooms "Milenij" and "Opatija"

9:00 – 12:30

BUILDING LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Chair: *Nenad Klapcic*, Local Government Reform Project, The Urban Institute, Croatia

9:00 – 10:30

The Art of Building and Maintaining Local Partnership

An overview of the organisational challenges of partnerships and the contribution of partnerships in building and implementing a local development strategy

Presenter: *Mike Geddes*, Local Government Centre, Warwick Business School, University of Warwick, United Kingdom

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00

Work in small teams on

A) The organisational challenges of partnerships

Ensuring the commitment of public services and government agencies; getting support from business; facilitating the transparent representation of civil society; communication; public accountability; performance management; evaluation; managing collaboration and conflict.

B) Strategic planning and implementation

Designing a strategy; overcoming the barriers to implementation; addressing employment, social and economic development issues; influencing policies and programmes; stimulating local projects and initiatives.

12:00 – 12:30

Reporting back from working groups

Moderators: *Mike Geddes*, Local Government Centre, Warwick Business School, University of Warwick, United Kingdom and *Maria Rauch*, Competences Development Project, Equalmünchen GmbH, Germany

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 17:45

PRESENTATION OF GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES

Chair: *Nenad Klapcic*, Local Government Reform Project, The Urban Institute, Croatia

Group 1 - participants from Vukovar

Moderators: *Maria Rauch*, Competences Development Project, Equalmünchen GmbH, Germany and *Sasa Devic*, Vukovarsko-srijemska County, Croatia

Group 2 - participants from Varazdin

Moderators: *Mike Geddes*, Local Government Centre, Warwick Business School, University of Warwick, United Kingdom and *Andrea Vugrinović*, Varazdinska County Development Agency, Croatia

14:00 – 15:15

Good practice example I

Coventry Partnership, UK

presented by *David Galliers*, Coventry's Local Strategic Partnership, United Kingdom

The Coventry Partnership has been successful in continuously develop the skills of partners and to develop effective partnership working

Good practice example II

POBAL, Ireland

presented by *Marion Byrne*, Pobal, Ireland

POBAL is an intermediary body between the central government and local partnerships and their networks in Ireland.

15:15– 15:45

Coffee break

15:45 – 17:00

Good practice example II

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17:00 – 17:45

Learning points for and outlook on local partnerships in Croatia: a round table discussion

This round table discussion will pick up on the main recommendations for partnership building in Croatia and set out main approaches to their implementation.

Moderator: *Nenad Klapcic*, Local Government Reform Project, The Urban Institute, Croatia

17:45 – 18:00

Closing remarks

Rebecca Latorraca, USAID Croatia

Peter Tatarko, OECD LEED Centre for Local Development, OECD

18:00

End of seminar

20:00

Dinner