

NEWSLETTER

ACROSS

An international
cooperation project for
improving integrated urban
development policies



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Editorial

Welcome to the second edition of
the **ACROSS** newsletter!

We will give you an insight into the project
implementation, activities of the project
partners and other exclusive content.

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Activities in Semester 2

2nd Study visit in Debrecen

The 2nd SC meeting, Study visit & Thematic seminar of ACROSS project, organized by EDC Debrecen, took place in Debrecen (HU) on March 25-26. Partners from seven countries attended the event to learn about the local characteristics and good practices in Debrecen.

Impressions from the meeting

“*In connection with the CSR activities, I think the companies find it very helpful to be actively involved in finding solutions for the whole society.*

It's a great way to get the employees involved.

– Ábel Lukács Kiss (managing director, Dorcas Ministries) on the importance of civil sector in CSR activities



Presentation of Ábel Kiss on Day1 of the Study visit in Debrecen

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“*The presentation by Emerson - National Instruments' representative, which focused very much on education issues and science-based education promotion and how the company that's working in the community can give back to the community through education, but also in the very long term.*

– Juris Jerums (Head of Development Committee) on the study visit in Debrecen

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Presentation of Gabriella Kis-Német on Day1 of the Study visit in Debrecen

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EDC has been implemented several successful CSR initiatives in the last years and I think there are 4 main key Success Factors of their work.

The first one is the fact that the staff members of the EDC are very much committed to sustainability issues, so they find it personally important to initiate such actions.

– Kata Bunyevác (key expert, BURST Nonprofit Ltd.) on the Study visit in Debrecen

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Tree planting during
the study visit in
Debrecen



Electric truck at Trans-
Sped Ltd. logistic site

More information about the event



[Article about the study visit](#)



Interview with Kata Bunyevác



Interview with Juris Jerums

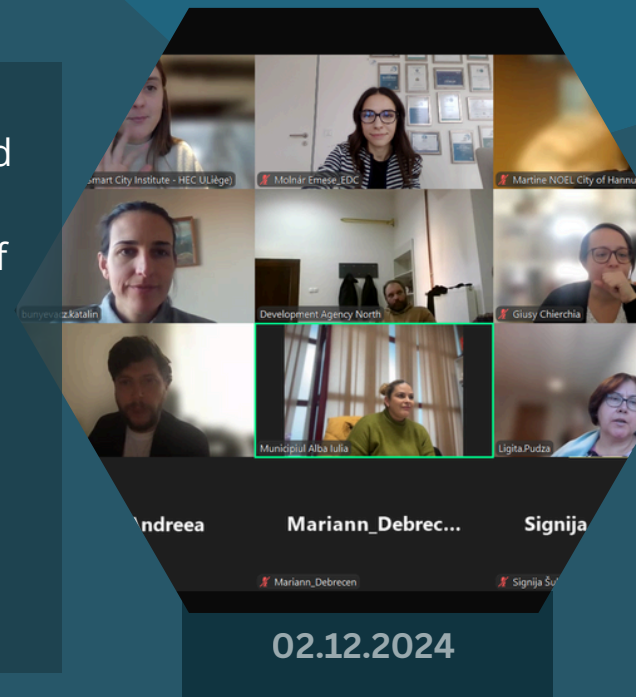


Interview with Ábel Lukács Kiss

Other activities

Thematic Expert Team meeting - online

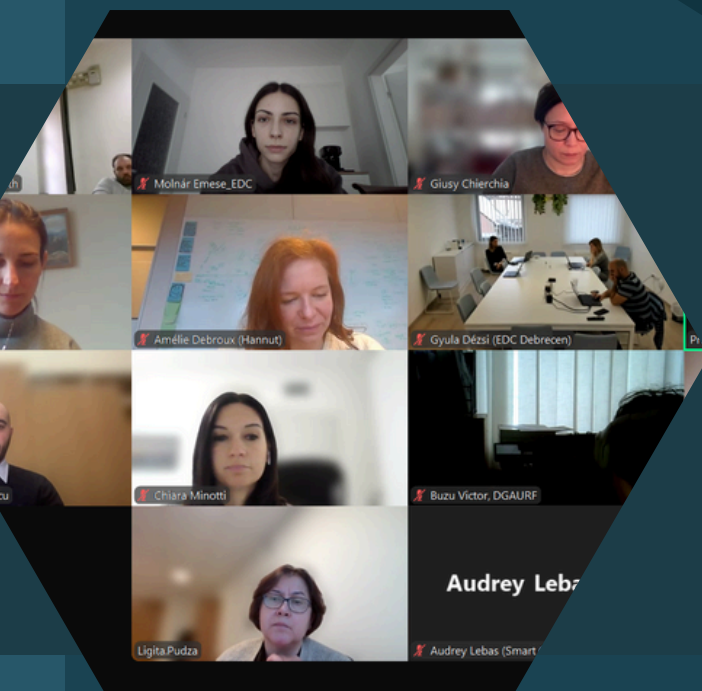
On December 2, 2024, project partners convened online for the third Thematic Expert Team (TET) and management meeting, focusing on three key sessions. The first session involved a peer review of Local Analysis Reports (LARs), where partners exchanged drafts and provided feedback. The second session focused on policy improvement, with each partner presenting their plans based on lessons from the Alba Iulia Study Visit. Finally, the meeting concluded with a project and financial management session.



02.12.2024

Project management meeting - online

Project partners convened online on January 21, 2025, led by Alba Iulia Municipality, to plan for the upcoming period. Discussions focused on the validation of the first progress report and tasks for the second semester, including finalizing Local Analysis Reports and Good Practices. The meeting also addressed local and regional activities, such as Local Stakeholder Group (LSG) meetings and workshops.



24.01.2025

Selection of local activities of Project Partners

Local Stakeholder Group meeting in Alba Iulia



21.02.2025

The second Local Stakeholder Group (LSG) meeting, held on 21 February 2025, focused on collaboration between the private sector and local administration regarding CSR. An external expert presented an analysis of the local CSR context in Alba Iulia, identifying key stakeholders and factors influencing sustainable partnerships. Participants engaged in discussions about aligning CSR with local needs, collaboration barriers and opportunities, and the identification of good practices, ultimately agreeing on the creation of an online platform to manage relationships and promote transparency in CSR initiatives.

Local Stakeholder Group meeting in Milan

The third Local Stakeholder Group (LSG) meeting in Milan brought together various stakeholders for updates, presentations on topics like the city's Air and Climate Plan and examples of CSR activities from local companies. A key focus was the Vice Mayor's presentation on collaboration between citizens, the private sector, and public administration, followed by networking opportunities.



19.03.2025

Intra-organisational meeting at DAN in Varaždin



31.03.2025

The aim of the Intra-organizational learning event was to:

- ▲ present the Local Analysis Report of the city of Varaždin to members of the partner organization DAN
- ▲ get feedback from DAN members related to the presented LAT and their assessment as a guidelines for local Policy instrument adaptation

Intra-organisational meeting at EDC Debrecen

The aim of the meeting was to:

- ▲ present the main objectives of the project
- ▲ talk about the impressions and lessons learnt from the Study visit in Alba Iulia in Semester1
- ▲ discuss the expected outcomes of the project in the field of CSR in the city of Debrecen



21.03.2025

Intra-organisational meeting in Alba Iulia

The meeting focused on:

- ▲ improving the Policy Instrument (PI)
- ▲ Participants learning about the ideas discussed during the interregional meetings and how these ideas could be adapted to the local context
- ▲ how these ideas could be incorporated into the improved PI



31.03.2025

Check our Good Practices on the website!

Alba Iulia's Smart City Public-Private Partnership; Laptops and tablets circular supply chain; Implementation of the "Water is our common treasure" awareness-raising campaign and The Ride & Buy app ... only a couple of the Good Practices (GP) collected by partners of ACROSS project and uploaded to our website.

But why are Good Practices important?

Good practices are crucial for Interreg Europe projects as they represent concrete, successful solutions that have been implemented and tested in a specific regional context. Sharing these examples facilitates learning and the transfer of knowledge among participating regions, enabling them to adapt and adopt effective approaches to address similar challenges or achieve common goals. By showcasing tangible results, good practices also inspire stakeholders and build confidence in the potential for interregional cooperation to drive positive change.

Interested in our GPs? Visit our [website](#)!

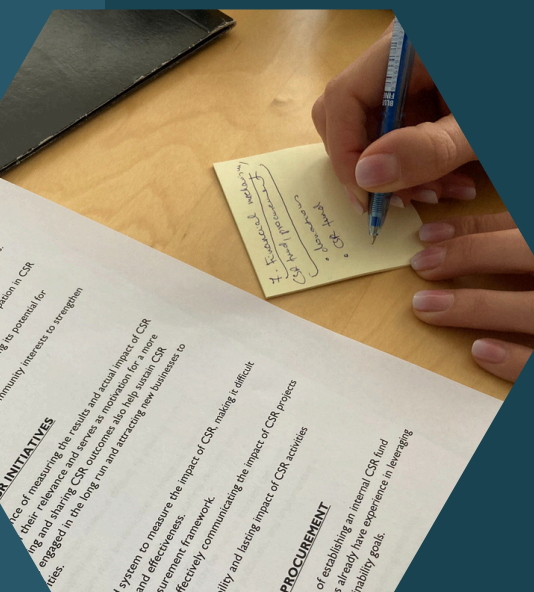


On the Local Analysis Reports created by the project partners

Local Analysis Report is essential in international projects as it provides a deep understanding of the specific context, challenges, and opportunities within each participating region. This detailed insight ensures that project activities and solutions are tailored to the unique needs and characteristics of each locality, increasing their relevance and effectiveness. Furthermore, it serves as a baseline for measuring the project's impact and facilitates the exchange of valuable local knowledge among partners.

Check out the Local Analysis Report of partner regions [here](#)!

Activities planned in Semester 3



- ▶ 3rd Steering Committee (SC) meeting, Study Visit (SV), and Thematic Seminar in Milan;
- ▶ Two online Knowledge Exchange Webinars;
- ▶ Six Local Stakeholder meetings;
- ▶ Two internal project management meetings online;
- ▶ One bilateral online meeting
- ▶ Participate in Policy Learning Platform activity/Programme Events.

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