

COUNTRY Bulgaria
CASE STUDY CODE Bulgaria_Good Practice_O.09_04

MAIN INFORMATION

Title Mayor's Advisory Council on Urban Development and Public Works

Location Varna, Bulgaria

Responsible Authority Varna Municipality

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Keywords Integrated territorial planning, civic participation, efficiency, redevelopment, rehabilitation



IDENTIFICATION

Type	Case (plan, program, project etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stakeholders involved	Public institutions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Method / Tool	<input type="checkbox"/>		Private sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>		Civil society organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Legal framework	<input type="checkbox"/>		Knowledge institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other <input type="text" value="Administrative structure"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Public or grassroots movements	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Other	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy field	Urban planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Timeline	Start date	<input type="text" value="March 2024"/>
	Mobility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		End date	<input type="text" value=""/>
	Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>		On going	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spatial level	National	<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Regional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeated overtime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			



CONTENT AND RESULTS

Purpose and context

The Mayor's Council will seek quality proposals and long-lasting and sustainable solutions for the development of the city. Engineers, architects, specialists, experts in relevant fields of urban development, representatives from academia, NGOs, artists, people from the creative industries with proven experience and contribution to the improvement of the urban environment in Varna will be invited for membership.

The presence of specialists from outside the structure of the administration will help to prepare comprehensive expertise, select quality ideas, create visions and share best practices in activities related to infrastructure development and urban renewal of the city. The Council will also be relied upon in the preparation of comprehensive visions and strategies for the urban environment, with a focus on publicity of the decisions taken.

Problems and challenges

The Council is in the process of institutionalization and its mode of work has not been established yet.

Organizing, Supporting and Funding Entities

The Council is created as an ad hoc structure with the Varna Municipality. The rules of operation are in the process of development.

Process (including participant recruitment/selection) & Interaction/Participation (including methods/tools) used

The Mayor of Varna declares intentions for long-term partnership and professional interaction on urban design and planning, but also on architectural, regulatory, aesthetic solutions. The composition, frequency of meetings and rules of work of the body are being considered and the experts in the Council will be put to debate and specific cases on which the opinions in society are not unanimous and are of great public interest.

A coordinator on behalf of the municipality was appointed to prepare the first meeting of the Advisory Council and to announce the topics to be discussed. The meetings are to be open to all interested stakeholders and the media.

Outcomes, Effects and Lessons Learned

Citizens and media favour the participatory approach in urban planning. Many activists submit signals against unfair construction practices, damage of public heritage sites, pollution, lack of access, and so on, in the city and demand action on behalf of the municipality. However, they also suggest solutions. The mobilization of civic expertise within the Council is a novel approach with high promises.

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