



COUNTRY Bulgaria
CASE STUDY CODE Bulgaria_Good Practice_O.10_01

MAIN INFORMATION

Title

Location

Responsible Authority

Link

Keywords



IDENTIFICATION

Type	Case (plan, program, project etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stakeholders involved	Public institutions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Method / Tool	<input type="checkbox"/>		Private sector	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>		Civil society organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legal framework	<input type="checkbox"/>		Knowledge institutions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Public or grassroots movements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy field	Urban planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Timeline	Other <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/>		Start date	<input type="text" value="Jan. 2021"/>
	Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>		End date	<input type="text" value="Dec. 2021"/>
	Other <input type="text" value="Cross-border cooperation"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		On going	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Completed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Spatial level	National	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Limited	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Regional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeated overtime	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Local	<input type="checkbox"/>			



Co-funded by
the European Union



CONTENT AND RESULTS

Purpose and context

RoBulUs aimed to improve the involvement of young people in the planning and implementation of the Cohesion policy 2021-2027 at the regional and local level in Bulgaria and Romania focusing on the Romania-Bulgaria Cross-border Cooperation Programme. The initiative was implemented in 2021 as an information measure about the Support for citizen engagement in the implementation of cohesion policy of the DG REGIO. It was presented as a best practice in a Border Focal Point Network Debate of the European Commission in 2022.

Problems and challenges

Organizing, Supporting and Funding Entities

The main output of the initiative was that RoBulUS application has been offering a set of functionalities about civic engagement in the public discussions of integrated territorial development plans of municipalities, of the Operational Programmes for the period 2021-2027 and the RO-BG CBC Programme. In addition, the application has the functionality to link to the open calls providing support to civic initiatives in Bulgaria and Romania.

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

It raised awareness and drive interest in the utilisation of legal opportunities for participation in decision-making processes on the planning and implementation of the Operational Programmes among young people and developed pilot tools to support the engagement of young citizens in the design and future implementation of the RO-BG CBC Programme in their communities and regions

Outcomes, Effects and Lessons Learned

The initiative was implemented within 12 months and resulted in a practical Outline of the Mechanisms through which the citizens can engage in the design and future implementation of the Operational programmes at the regional and local level in Bulgaria and Romania; online Mobile App for raising young people's knowledge of the Cohesion Policy and RO-BG CBC Programme 2021-27 and their new priorities; an online Step-by-step guide for participating in the decision-making process at the regional and local level regarding the planning and future implementation of the RO-BG CBC Programme 2021-27; experimental workshops and a final conference, presenting opportunities for citizen participation and best achievements in the design and implementation of the RO-BG CBC Programme 2014-20.

Bibliography

Project website: <https://robulus.eu/>



Co-funded by
the European Union