

# Fostering Citizens' Participation and Volunteering in Wider Europe Launching Conference

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- 15 members

4000 local authorities

80 Million citizens in the region



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- Knowledge Management Centre
- 4 Task Forces
- Task Force on Urban Planning
- 2 ongoing Pilot Projects, 1 finalized CLA



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# NALAS Task Force on Urban Planning

## Project “Urban Integration of Informal Settlements”:

- Comparative Legal Analysis
- 2 Pilot Projects



# Pilot Projects

- Sukth, Albania
- Prijedor, Republika Srpska

Socio-demographic analysis  
SWOT

Manual for Citizens' Participation



# Introduction of Comprehensive Participation of Citizens as well as Governmental and Non-governmental Organizations in the Urban Planning Process

## General Objective:

- To contribute in stimulating “demand” for public participation in the planning process, inviting the local major stakeholders to navigate through the large array of techniques



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- Urban Planning Departments have no or only little practice in implementing the legal provision in order to engage more citizens in the planning process
- Means of communication applicable in practice, most regarding the information and minimum consultation, are legally adequate, but there is only weak response by residents who are not used to participate in plan preparation
- Citizens focus on immediate solutions employed to improve their present living conditions and solving actual problems rather than looking ahead



# Citizens' Participation Handbook



## Objectives:

- To transfer relevant knowledge to the main urban stakeholders, public administration and communities living in the informal settlements
- To make possible the construction of a sustainable dialog through participatory organizational structures
- To offer a variety of instruments which may encourage, support and organize the participants in the development of an initial plan of action in the field of urban development planning

# Citizens' Participation Handbook



## Structure:

The document has been designed to cover three main areas:

- Relevant information about cities Prijedor and Sukth, and the stakeholders' analysis;
- Management aspects regarding participation in the spatial planning process
- Inventory of the tools, methods and techniques may be employed in the planning process

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