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**ABCitiEs**  
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Entrepreneurs, policymakers and researchers from five European cities co-create new policy to support Area Based Collaborative Entrepreneurship.

*In this newsletter we share news about the ABCitiEs project, financed by Interreg Europe.*



**Co-creation in Croatia**

Panel discussions, plenary sessions and plenty of site visits and pumpkin seeds. The 3rd Interregional Meeting in Varaždin and Čakovec was a blast. Watch our clip.



## Interregional meet-up in Croatia

During the ABCitiEs interregional workshop in October 2019 two panel discussions were organized with relevant stakeholders. Each partner city had invited local stakeholders, either entrepreneurs, or founders of a collective and a policymaker or representative of the city council. During the discussion, the most important obstacles for collaboration were regarded lack of resources, skilled experts and personnel, and time to spend on the collective. [Read more about the outcome of this discussion.](#)



## State-of-plays, case studies and action

On Monday 14 October 2019, the ABCitiEs Interregional Meeting Varaždin – Čakovec started off with three panel sessions on the state-of-plays and case studies in the five partner regions, as well as some first suggestions for interregional actions. [Read more about these sessions.](#)



## Inspiration from SME-owners

A particular type of inspiration emerges when researchers and policymakers get together with the people working in the field they are studying and formulating policy for. Such synergy between research, policy and practice is essential for a project like ABCitiEs, which aims to suggest research-based policy initiatives to better support Area-Based Collaborative Entrepreneurs (ABCEs). [Read the whole story.](#)



## ABCitiEs on national television

During the 3rd Interregional Meeting in Croatia visited one of our seminars. Four members of our ABCitiEs Project Team have been interviewed. The item has been broadcasted on national Croatian television. You can watch the newsitem [here](#).



## On collaboration and measuring impact

The meetings that we had for the project ABCitiEs in Varaždin and Čakovec were very fruitful for the members of the Municipality of Athens. According to Eleftheria Alexandri the warm welcome by the Croatian team and also by the rest of the ABCitiEs partners to the relatively new members from Athens made the Greek team blend easily and comprehend much easier the needs of the project and the next steps the Greek team need to make, than just reading about it. [Read more](#).



## Looking back on the ABCitiEs Interregional Meet-Up

Our Croatian colleagues set up interesting program with plenty of site visits, room for discussion and spare time according to Mark van Marken en Hettie Politiek (City of Amsterdam). The most valuable part during our stay were the informal conversations with the other stakeholders. [Read more](#).



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