



Effectiveness of Environmental Urban policies to improve Resources Efficiency

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Cities react to the crisis

In the last months, urban areas have been deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, revealing, even more, the role that cities play in moving towards a rethinking of the traditional both economic and social systems. Both cities and peripheral regions are called to adapt and react to the new circumstances while keeping a sustainable trajectory. Interregional cooperation and resource-efficiency strategies can be key in proposing a recovery plan that takes into consideration the multidimensional aspects of the pandemic.

If EURE partners had to adapt the planned activities to the COVID-19 pandemic, postponing meetings and events, they took advantage of this situation to focus with their local stakeholders on the preparation of the **regional reports**, to be published by 2021.

Welcome to the second issue of EUREka! It will inspire you to implement a new kind of territorial development, based on sustainable and resource-efficient urban policies, while also describing and sharing the steps took by EURE partners in the improvements of their own policy instruments. If you were forwarded this newsletter, please **subscribe** [here](#) and receive the next one directly to your mailbox!

IN EURE'S FOOTSTEPS

Follow the main news of the project

What is the role of cities in boosting the transition to sustainable development?

How are smart cities involved in the transition to sustainable urbanisation? What are the challenges and opportunities to reach the digital transformation that is needed to shift into a smart city? A EURE's expert gathered a series of experiences that will inspire and guide EURE's territories in the improvement of their territorial decision-making processes.

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Regional reports from A to Z

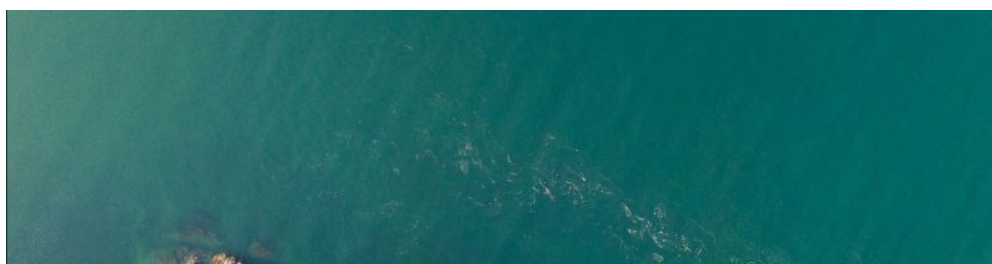
Smart and successful solutions come from a correct analysis of the problems and needs of a territory, encompassing at the same time the environmental, economic, social and cultural aspects. To define their challenges but also identify solutions for their territories, the EURE partners are building a powerful analysis tool: the regional reports.

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The focus: discovering Brittany's challenges

Air and noise pollution, social inclusion, climate adaptation, governance and citizens' engagement are the urban challenges identified by the Brittany region. Practices and initiatives developed in Lorient, Saint-Brieuc, Brest, and other territories in Brittany exemplify the role of urban and peripheral areas in the improvement of the urban environmental quality and resource efficiency.

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EURE speaks local

Local actions mean also local language. If you want to discover all our latest activities in your language and have more details on the local actions implemented and in progress, read our eight latest summaries, available in Czech, French, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Polish, Romanian, and Spanish.

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BEHIND EURE

What's happening at local level

Circular economy against social inequalities in Empoli

During the lockdown, a local circular economy approach has been used in Empoli to reach and support the population most at risks. ASEV joined the municipality to reply to the emergency. Together with volunteers and charity associations, they organised a “food chain” integrating also the support of local food industries, local farmers, local groceries.

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Building synergies in Cyprus

EURE joined the 2nd and 3rd workshops of the Interreg Med project BLUEISLANDS, thanks to ANEL. The high increase of the population in the

Discovering Riga City Council

The Riga City Council City Development Department (RCC CDD), the leading institution in Riga City Municipality, will be hosting the next EURE meeting. Among

summer season, a serious issue for many Mediterranean islands, was in the centre of the discussions.

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the team, the municipality of Riga brings with itself the experience of capital, dynamic and innovative city.

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The pandemic did not stop EURE's local activities

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, several meetings and activities at local level have been postponed if not cancelled. Nonetheless, Eixo Atlantico, Lubelskie Region and Pilsen engaged their local stakeholders in three different but all successful ways.

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AROUND EURE

Keep an eye on what is going on in the nine territories and further

COVID-19 and its impact on municipal waste systems

For already several months, ACR+ has been mapping how public authorities are adapting their waste management systems to the urgency created by the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, a survey will help to better understand the crisis, identify effective solutions and increase the resilience of municipal solid waste collection systems.

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Europe replies to COVID-19

The COVID-19 generated many new challenges for governments and their citizens, not only related to the health emergency but also at economic, social and environmental level. In one of its answers to the crisis, the European Commission called cities to take action and propose solutions. The Hackathon EUvsVirus, which involved Atlantic Cities, aimed to connect local authorities, civil society, innovators, partners and buyers across Europe to develop innovative solutions to reply to the new challenges released by the pandemic.

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Lisbon keeps working on sustainable development

Lisbon, both a founding member of the Atlantic Cities and an ACR+ member, has been proclaimed Europe's Green Capital for 2020. Its green and blue urban strategies were paramount in the winning proposal that convinced the jury in 2018. The COVID-19 did not stop the work of the city, which found solutions to engage people in themes related to the environment even from home.

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Rethinking economy rhymes with green recovery

Eixo Atlantico took part in the series of debates between international institutions and cities at both sides of Atlantic Ocean organised by the European programme International Urban Cooperation with the aim of exchanging, sharing and jointly looking for solutions and new working lines to plan a green recovery for our economy after the COVID-19 crisis.

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EURE NEVER STOPS...

In the upcoming months, the regional experts will finalise the analysis that partners have produced for each targeted territory. The stakeholder groups will be strongly involved in the review of the regional reports, which will be published on the website by the end of January 2021. Furthermore, the next project meeting will take place in Riga in September. It will be a great opportunity to push the work on policy instruments even further. Finally, following ASEV's example, more [Good Practices](#) will be published.



The EURE project - Effectiveness of Environmental Urban policies to improve Resource Efficiency - proposes the exchange of experiences as a way to improve the environmental performance management of EU urban spaces, including the urban areas with a low population density. Find out more on www.interregeurope.eu/eure

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