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Experiences and results of the first participatory planning workshop

A.2.3 Thematic joint pilot action 2: Defining planning process of green
infrastructure in FUAs

2nd Partner Meeting
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Presentation content:

1. Stakeholders involved
2. Status-Quo Discussion
3. Challenges identified
4. Next steps

Event details

Act. 2.3 – Green infrastructure pilot
Prešov, Slovakia
29. January 2026

11 attendees + project staff

1. Stakeholders involved

Attending Workshop:

- Representatives of 7 local municipalities:**
- Klenov, Ruská Nová Ves
 - Podhorany, Lažany
 - Kvačany, Ondrášovce
 - Župčany
- RIA – Regional Investment Agency
 - City of Prešov
 - Technical services of City Prešov
 - University of Prešov, Faculty of Humanities and Natural Sciences

2. Project presentation



3. Challenges identified

Green Infrastructure Connectivity

Fragmented green corridors, weak links between the city, surrounding municipalities, and the wider landscape.

Climate and Water Risks

Urban heat and lack of shade, surface runoff, local flooding, and missing retention measures.

Land-Use Pressure and Urban Expansion

Rapid growth of residential areas, increasing pressure on agricultural land and natural areas.

Low Awareness of Ecosystem Services and Green Infrastructure

Green infrastructure is still often seen only as “greenery,” not as essential urban infrastructure. Municipalities and some public bodies do not routinely apply GI-based methods in planning and decision-making.

Lack of Data and Limited GIS Capacity

Not all municipalities in the FUA have up-to-date data on green spaces, heat-risk zones, or runoff-risk areas.

Weak Coordination Across the Functional Urban Area

City and surrounding municipalities apply fragmented approaches and lack shared planning, shared data, and a joint GI strategy. (weak cooperation could also be mentioned)

4. Next steps

- Further collaboration with stakeholders
- Processing of data and information gained for the Participatory GI Plan – FUA Prešov
- Reaching out to more stakeholders (to involve & verify)
- Planning of the subsequent 2 events – higher attendance is desired

Thank you for your attention!



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