

# FUNDA

## Enhancing Institutional Capacities for Managing Functional Urban Areas in the Danube Region

### **Act.1.2 Good Practices from Serbia**

**FUNDA Project Meeting**

**online – 12 February  
2026**

**PP12 – CESCİ BALKANS**

Miklós Kószó

# **1. Subotica Regional Waste Management System**

**Country:** Serbia

**Region:** Autonomous Province of Vojvodina

**Territorial Level:** Functional Urban Area / Inter-municipal cooperation

**Municipalities Involved:** Subotica and surrounding municipalities (regional waste management area)

**Stakeholder Institutions:** City of Subotica, partner municipalities, regional waste management company, public utility providers

**Main Topic:** Inter-municipal governance in environmental infrastructure

**Background:** Fragmented municipal waste management required coordinated regional solution beyond administrative borders.

**Main Objectives:** Establish integrated regional waste management system; harmonise infrastructure planning and service provision.

**Activities Implemented:** Creation of joint regional waste company; coordinated infrastructure investments; harmonised operational standards.

**Key Results and Achievements:** Operational regional landfill system; reduced environmental risks; improved service efficiency through cooperation.

**Financial Mechanisms:** Combination of municipal contributions, national support and external funding sources.

**Start Year:** 2010 (operational phase gradually implemented)

**Status:** Operational

## **2. Novi Sad Functional Urban Mobility Coordination Model**

**Country:** Serbia

**Region:** Autonomous Province of Vojvodina

**Territorial Level:** Functional Urban Area

**Municipalities Involved:** City of Novi Sad and surrounding municipalities

**Stakeholder Institutions:** City administration, transport authorities, regional planning institutions

**Main Topic:** FUA-level mobility governance and infrastructure coordination

**Background:** Increasing commuter flows required coordinated transport planning across municipal borders.

**Main Objectives:** Improve mobility efficiency; harmonise planning of transport infrastructure; support regional economic integration.

**Activities Implemented:** Strategic mobility planning; cross-municipal coordination meetings; infrastructure alignment initiatives.

**Key Results and Achievements:** Improved transport connectivity; enhanced institutional coordination between local governments.

**Financial Mechanisms:** Municipal budgets complemented by national and EU-supported project funding.

**Start Year:** 2016

**Status:** Ongoing

### **3. AP Vojvodina Regional Spatial Planning Framework**

**Country:** Serbia

**Region:** Autonomous Province of Vojvodina

**Territorial Level:** Regional / NUTS-like subnational level

**Municipalities Involved:** All municipalities within AP Vojvodina

**Stakeholder Institutions:** Provincial Secretariat for Urban Planning, municipalities, planning institutes

**Main Topic:** Strategic territorial governance and spatial coordination

**Background:** Need for harmonised regional spatial planning to guide infrastructure and economic development.

**Main Objectives:** Provide strategic spatial framework; coordinate municipal development plans; support balanced regional growth.

**Activities Implemented:** Preparation and adoption of regional spatial plan; consultation with municipalities; integration into local planning documents.

**Key Results and Achievements:** Unified spatial development framework; improved policy coherence across municipalities.

**Financial Mechanisms:** Provincial budget with institutional implementation mechanisms.

**Start Year:** Initial framework adopted 2011 (updated subsequently)

**Status:** Operational

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR ATTENTION !**

**Interreg  
Danube Region**



Co-funded by  
the European Union



**<https://interreg-danube.eu/projects/funda>**

**CESCI BALKANS**

Web: <https://https://www.cesci-balkans.eu/>

Miklós Kószó  
[miklos.koszo@cesci-net.eu](mailto:miklos.koszo@cesci-net.eu)

