

FUNDA 2nd partner meeting

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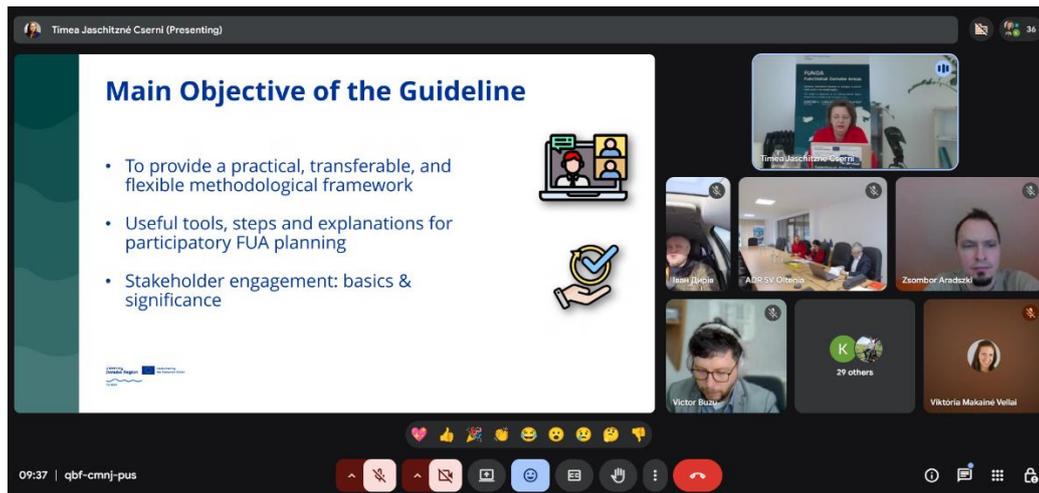
1. Welcome, introduction

The meeting reviewed progress on FUNDA project implementation, aligned immediate objectives, and emphasized the shift from planning to testing and knowledge exchange for inclusive, evidence-based governance. Tímea Jaschitzné Cserni (LP1 Lechner) framed the session around thematic progress, pilot-area workshop experiences, and alignment on next deliverables and deadlines.



2. Overview of progress for thematic Activities, tasks for next 6 months

- **Act. 1.1 – Baseline Study** (Sorin Cosmulescu, PP6 RDA SW)
The study (delivered 30 September) maps FUA governance frameworks, identifies fragmentation and inconsistent definitions, and highlights transferable good practices to guide pilots.
- **Act. 1.2 – Good Practice Collection** (Martin Novisedlák, PP13 KH)
10 practices are registered (target: 18). Partners must submit additional cases via the Google Form, including those already available in the Drive.
- **Act. 1.3 – FUNDA Co-HUB and Monitoring System** (Dénes Móricz LP1 Lechner)
The Hub, dashboard and interactive map were presented. Missing spatial and indicator data remain; partners are requested to submit and correct datasets following circulation of expert-reviewed tables.
- **Act. 2.2 – Participatory Planning & Pilots** (Mariann Majorné Vén LP1 Lechner)
The participatory planning guideline emphasizes stakeholder mapping, thematic working groups aligned to FUNDA priorities, and decision-making models for institutional cooperation in FUAs.



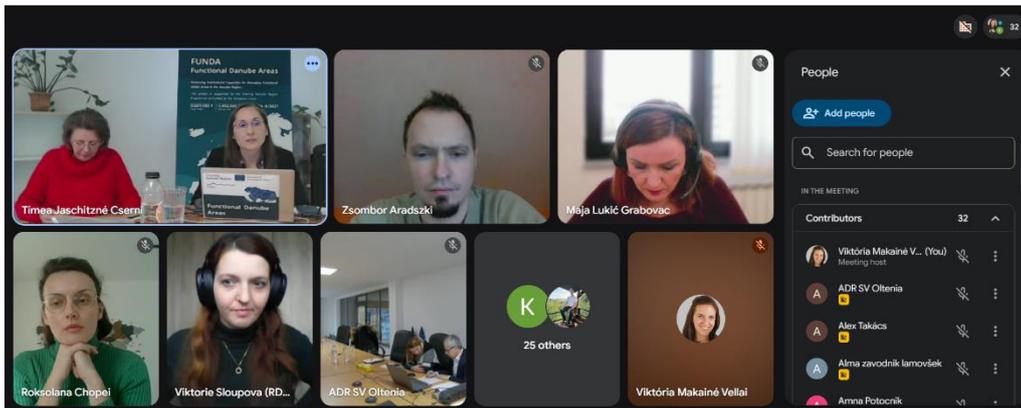
- **Act. 2.2 – Human public services pilot:**

- **PP4 RDAPM:** 1st NWS experiences and tasks
RDAPM, as the leader of this activity, outlined pilot structure, shared deliverables and timelines. The Maribor workshop (20 January) prioritised healthcare staffing shortages and spatial service disparities.
- **PP7 RDAPR:** 1st NWS experiences
The first national workshop in Pilsen (15 December 2025) gathered 17 representatives from the Regional Authority, City of Pilsen, and relevant service institutions. Participants identified major challenges across pilot topics and agreed on a methodology for further public service planning, confirming strong stakeholder commitment.
- **PP10 PMC:** 1st NWS experiences: As an outcome of the first workshop, and in line with the methodology defined in the FUNDA Guideline, key shortcomings were identified in the case of the Chisinau Municipality FUA, including uneven municipal platform capacity and limited data updating, as reported by PMC.
To address these challenges, the development of video tutorial modules in cooperation with an external vendor was proposed as a potential solution.

A standard workshop report template was agreed.

- **Act. 2.3 – Green infrastructure pilot:**

- **PP3 SERDA:** As activity leader, PP3 SERDA will compile a joint transnational pilot report based on national submissions. A draft template has been shared for partner comments. The planning process should include stakeholder mapping, GIS-based assessment, problem identification, solution mapping, and identification of key actors for the Memorandum. The first workshop in Canton Sarajevo (18 December 2025) focused on engaging stakeholders and introducing the FUA concept, which is not yet formally established in the region.



- **PP2 Westpannon:** The Mosonmagyaróvár workshop engaged 30+ stakeholders to address green and blue infrastructure challenges amid population growth. Next steps include further analysis, stakeholder feedback, additional workshops, and a regional infrastructure plan by September 2026.
 - **PP13 KH:** The Prešov workshop on 29 January 2026 engaged 11 participants to address green infrastructure challenges, including connectivity, water retention, and limited GIS capacity. Next steps include further stakeholder engagement and two follow-up workshops to increase participation.
 - **PP8 PRIKARPATTIA:** The Dolina workshop on 30 January 2026 involved 30 participants to address water supply and drainage challenges. SWOT analysis highlighted outdated infrastructure and potential gravity-based solutions. Next steps include result analysis and two follow-up workshops.
- **Act. 2.4 – Business infrastructure pilot:**
- **PP12 CESC BALKANS:** presented the Business Infrastructure Pilot (Activity 2.4) for the Subotica FUA, noting governance fragmentation despite integrated economic and labor activities. Two national workshops will validate findings and co-design solutions, leading to governance mapping, a draft coordination framework, and integration into the transnational synthesis (Output 3.1).
 - **PP6 RDA SW:** The 21 Jan 2026 workshop engaged stakeholders to strengthen FUA governance and pilot activities. Digital tools enabled high participation and real-time results. Outcomes showed strong engagement, prioritised challenges, and readiness for continued consultation. Next workshop: 19 Mar 2026 to refine GIS functionalities and monitoring indicators.
- **Act. 2.5 – Integrated methodology for participatory planning:**
- UIRS presented Activity 2.5, leading the development of an integrated participatory planning methodology for FUAs, focusing on bottom-up approaches and sustainability. This activity consolidates inputs from pilot actions and guidelines to support the joint transnational strategy, with the final report expected by the end of 4th period (March 2027).

- Act. 3.2 – Capacity building

- SERDA presented upcoming capacity-building activities, including awareness-raising workshop on city-region cooperation, demographic challenges, and mitigation strategies, plus transnational capacity building workshop for decision-makers. Partners will localise materials, support dissemination, and engage external experts for methodology, regional feedback, and workshop delivery.

3. Good practice introduction per country

PP2 – West Pannon Nonprofit Ltd. (Hungary)

Zsombor Aradszki, Project Manager at West Pannon Nonprofit Ltd., presented the intermunicipal social-welfare cooperation model in the Mosonmagyaróvár region. The good practice demonstrates a 27-municipality association delivering integrated and jointly financed social services across the functional urban area, ensuring stable governance and sustainable service provision.

PP3 – SERDA (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Maja Lukić Grabovac from the Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency (SERDA) presented three good practices: the Action Plan for the Development of Green Urban Areas in Sarajevo, the participacija.ba public participation portal (developed within the UTPS project), and the Net Zero Mission Sarajevo FUA programme. These initiatives strengthen green infrastructure, climate resilience, air quality improvement, and participatory urban governance at FUA level.

PP4 – RDAPM (Slovenia)

Špela Flegar from the Regional Development Agency for Podravje (RDAPM) introduced the Regional Development Network of Podravje and the Regional Mobility Center Podravje. The examples demonstrate structured intermunicipal cooperation, multi-level governance coordination, and sustainable mobility planning at regional/FUA scale.

PP6 – Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia (Romania)

Sorin Cosmulescu presented the Integrated Urban Innovation Strategy of the Cluj-Napoca FUA. The good practice highlights how green governance, innovation ecosystems, digital public services, and participatory processes can be integrated into a long-term metropolitan strategy supported by multi-level financing.

PP7 – Regional Development Agency of Pilsen Region (Czech Republic)

Viktorie Sloupová presented the expansion of the elementary school in Starý Plzeň within the Pilsen agglomeration. The project is an example of intermunicipal cooperation responding to suburbanization pressures through coordinated infrastructure development and shared educational capacity planning.

PP8 – Prikarpattia (Ukraine)

The partner presented the Development Strategy of the Dolyna Subregion 2027, involving multiple municipalities within the Ivano-Frankivsk region. The strategy establishes strategic and operational goals to enhance economic development, territorial cohesion, and coordinated governance within the subregional functional area.

PP10 – PMC (Moldova)

Victor Buzu presented the Metropolitan Public Transport Integration and Reform in Chişinău. The good practice demonstrates how public transport services were extended beyond administrative borders, supported by fleet modernization, route restructuring, digital ticketing, and institutional strengthening to create a de facto FUA-level mobility governance system.

PP12 – CESC Balkans (Serbia)

CESCI Balkans presented three evidence-based good practices: (1) the Subotica Regional Waste Management model as an institutionalized intermunicipal environmental governance system with pooled financing and EU support; (2) Novi Sad's suburban commuter integration model demonstrating mobility-based functional governance; and (3) the Regional Spatial Plan of AP Vojvodina as a formal multi-level territorial coordination framework embedding functional-area thinking into spatial planning.

PP13 – Know-How (Slovakia)

Martin Novysedlák from Know-How presented two good practices from Slovakia: Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) in the Prešov FUA, based on a shared Integrated Territorial Strategy and joint project governance, and the Participatory Budgeting model of the Prešov Self-Governing Region (PSK), which strengthens civic engagement and transparent regional decision-making through community voting mechanisms.

4. Closing

After the Good Practice section, Tímea Jaschitzné Cserni (LP1 Lechner) thanked the partners for their work and presentations, as well as the ASP partners for their participation in the event. She also emphasised the role of the ASP partners in disseminating the results of the FUNDA project at the decision-making level.

She further drew their attention to the 3rd partner meeting to be held in September 2026, which will take place in person and where the participation of the full partnership is expected.

With this, the partner meeting was officially closed. Subsequently, an operational coordination meeting of the financed partners was held within the framework of the SCOM meeting.