

## IUC-NA

### Integrated Local Action Plan (iLAP)

### Summary

<b>City:</b>	<b>Galați</b>	<b>Colima</b>
<b>Province, State, Department...:</b>	Galați County	State of Colima
<b>Country:</b>	Romania	Mexico
<b>Population:</b>	304 340	137,383
<b>Size (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	246.4 km <sup>2</sup>	1,668.2 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Period of cooperation</b>	November 2017- November 2019	

<b>Cooperation Themes:</b>	<p><b>Primary Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Resilience</li> <li>• Inclusive and sustainable economic growth</li> </ul> <p><b>Secondary Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated urban-rural development</li> <li>• Urban mobility</li> <li>• Circular economy</li> </ul>
<b>Related <u>SDGs</u> and <u>Urban Agenda</u> topics:</b>	<p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8- Decent work and economic growth</li> <li>• 11- Sustainable cities and communities</li> <li>• 12- Responsible consumption and production</li> </ul> <p><b>EU Urban Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security in Public Spaces</li> <li>• Circular Economy</li> <li>• Jobs and skills in the local economy</li> </ul>
<b>Key <u>focus</u> of cooperation themes:</b>	<p>-Urban resilience</p> <p>-Citizen participation processes</p>
<b>Key <u>challenges</u> of cooperation theme:</b>	<p>The “tropicalization” of concepts: Expose the meaning and scope of actions to identify the counterpart and articulate it with the local normative framework, where it could be applicable.</p>



	<p>The sporadic communication: As a result of the workload from two teams, it is necessary the implementation of an official schedule, determinate after creating the work proposal.</p> <p>The team in charge profiles differences: Only the first year, was dedicated for contextualize each other about each part terminology, criteria and ambitions, maybe a subtilize time.</p>
<p><b>Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Develop an Urban Resilience Plan based on Colima's knowledge and experience of creating a Resilience Strategy which was shared during the Learning Exchanges, technical visits and several webinars. This process also helped Colima strengthen their own Resilience Strategy.</li> <li>-Urban mobility: Galati aimed to define more efficient communication channels between the center and urban sub-centers and develop a proposal about how to articulate this initiative with the current normative framework.</li> <li>-Capacity building in participatory urban planning based on the experience of Colima's Institute of Planning on the implementation of public engagement strategies and participatory planning approaches.</li> <li>-Urban solid waste management system: Galati aimed to learn strategies for increasing sustainability and efficiency.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):</b></p>	<p>The activities (workshops, master classes, conferences and site visits) which took place during the Learning Exchanges and technical visits in Colima and Galati have had a very strong impact on the urban planning process of both cities, such as on the presentation of the different stages of the development process of the Colima Resilience Strategy, the collective design workshop with institutions of the public and private sectors for the urban public areas and spaces, the presentation of different programs of urban improvement based on citizen consultation, and a master class on citizen participation for public space design.</p> <p>As a result of the exchange process, Galati has improved its institutional capacity in participatory urban planning and identified internal and external stakeholders to be included in the planning process for urban resilience. It has also set adaptation goals and objectives, identified adaptation options, examined possible constraints and drivers to various actions.</p> <p>The knowledge transfer of citizen participation strategies in public space design learned through the Huertas del Cura Arzac Park technical visit helped Galati to understand how citizens can evaluate and get involved in the urban-architectural</p>



	<p>rehabilitation processes. After this field experience, Galati was convinced of the importance and feasibility of launching this type of exercise for citizen participation in public spaces.</p> <p>A working group was established at the city level, gathering relevant stakeholders which will contribute to the completion of the Resilience Action Plan for the city of Galati. A Preliminary Analysis for Urban Resilience in Galati was conducted, establishing the general framework and methodology for the Urban Resilience Plan.</p> <p>A pilot project was implemented regarding the participatory planning process in the rehabilitation of the TV Tower Park, which involved the representatives of the community and institutions of the neighborhood.</p>
<p><b>Expected results and benefits:</b></p>	<p>Through this program, Colima strengthened its international presence as part of the successful Latin American case studies on citizen involvement in public space design. Specifically, this involved the promotion of citizen participation in the design of public spaces through media - such as radio and television- as an alternative way for decision making for public space design (streets, parks, gardens), and the announcement that this concept was applied to a section of Danube's urban riverbank.</p>

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