

IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

City:	Gwalior	Leuven
Province, State, Department...:	Madhya Pradesh	Belgium
Country:	India	Belgium
Population:	2,842,400 (2019)	100,244 (2016)
Size (km²)	289	57
Period of cooperation	May 30 th , 2018 - November 30 th , 2020	

Cooperation Themes:	<i>Conservation and protection of privately-owned heritage buildings.</i>
Related <u>SDGs</u> and <u>Urban Agenda</u> topics:	The area of cooperation is directly related to SDG 11 and indirectly linked to a number of other SDGs including 6, 7, 8, 12 and 17. The action directly relates directly or indirectly to the priority themes of housing. Further, it will strengthen the capacities of people working in the cultural heritage field, and facilitating an environment for creativity, innovation, professionalization and entrepreneurship in cultural heritage & management in order to allow the people to fully benefit from the potential of cultural heritage as an economic value.
Key <u>focus</u> of cooperation themes:	<i>Conservation of specific heritage sites in Gwalior City by encouraging dissemination of technical knowledge and enabling policies implementation mechanisms.</i>
Key <u>challenges</u> of cooperation theme:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of policies to protect/conservate the heritage buildings. • Lack of experience within administration on the value of heritage protection and management. • Lack resources within the designated departments for the heritage buildings in various categories.
Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:	The main objective is to strengthen the capacity of the city administration and institutions through delivering of specific workshop and interactions, and the creation of heritage awareness amongst the stakeholders to prepare policies and carry out necessary activities for the conservation of heritage buildings.



Short description of main activities and key outputs (e.g. pilot projects):

Preparation of a framework to implement the activities in a phased wise manner for the protection of heritage buildings in private sector. The key activities will be the following:

- Identify various concerned **stakeholders** of the privately owned heritage buildings (e.g. owners, residents, shopkeepers, clients, visitors, tourists).
- Review the existing policies for the protection and conservation of heritage buildings.
- Identify gaps in the existing policies.
- Recommend policy level interventions either to be incorporated in the existing programs or new ones.
- Organize workshop for the concerned administration and relevant stakeholders.
- Develop the basic principles of an awareness program for the stakeholders including the broader public.

Expected results and benefits:

Expected Results:

- GMC/GDSCDCL will benefit from the whole process as such a policy of citizens participation has never been executed locally and will lead to a stronger urban governance in which all stakeholders are included.
- Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation (RLICC) will benefit through the experience, and as such be able to refine its knowledge/methodology that has been already tested in Cuenca/Ecuador, and in the application of its “upstream heritage model.”
- The inhabitants will benefit through a better living environment, but also in becoming more “participant citizens” through the whole process.
- The shopkeepers/owners will benefit from the incentives of the heritage-based development policy, and through a greater influx of shoppers. Their “hospitality” training towards tourists/visitors will also influence their business in a positive way.
- In addition to the increase in the number of tourists, the tourists/visitors will benefit from the better, more livable environment for their visit.
- Housing sector in general will benefit with availability of more clarity on policy-level guidelines, bye-laws, incentives and other associated benefits.
- Increased understanding within the resources of GMC / GSCDCL on the topic of heritage conservation.
- A robust framework within GMC / GSCDCL for the protection and regular maintenance of heritage buildings.



- Increase in tourism activities and a boost to tourism industry.
- Improvement in brand value of Gwalior as a culture and heritage city.

Benefits:

- The city will develop its own local policy framework for the protection of heritage buildings in private sector.
- Heritage to become an integral part in urban development (including better experience for locals and tourists).
- A policy model that can be applied to similar situations all over in India.
- More relevant stakeholders could be identified at the local level with a clear mandate for them to work in specific areas.
- Efficient utilization of national and local funds designated to be invested in heritage buildings.

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