

## IUC-NA Integrated Local Action Plan (iLAP) Summary

<u>City:</u>	<b>Rijeka</b>	<b>Guelph</b>
<u>Province, State, Department...:</u>	Primorje-Gorski Kotar County	Ontario
<u>Country:</u>	Croatia	Canada
<u>Population:</u>	128,384	131,000
<u>Size (km<sup>2</sup>)</u>	44 km <sup>2</sup>	87.22 km <sup>2</sup>
<u>Period of cooperation</u>	November 2017- November 2019	

<u>Cooperation Themes:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smart City solutions to support open data, energy management and small-medium enterprises (Rijeka).</li> <li>• Community Energy Management plans to comply with ISO 50001 (Guelph).</li> <li>• Economic Development (Guelph and Rijeka).</li> </ul>
<u>Related SDGs and Urban Agenda topics:</u>	<p><b>SDGs:</b> 7- Affordable and Clean Energy 9- Industry, innovation, and infrastructure 11- Sustainable cities and communities</p> <p><b>EU Urban Agenda:</b> -Energy transition -Digital transition -Jobs and skills in the local economy</p>
<u>Key focus of cooperation themes:</u>	<p>-Smart cities and regional/urban innovation and competitiveness. -Energy transition. -Digital transition.</p>
<u>Key challenges of cooperation theme:</u>	<p>- Increased knowledge of the ISO 50001 Energy Management Systems in the municipal context and that knowledge is transferred to relevant experts in the municipality throughout the program.</p>



<p><b>Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge sharing and capacity building for respective partner city Corporate Energy Management teams on ISO 50001 Energy Management Systems.</li> <li>- Business to business/trade relationships established between NA city and EU City.</li> <li>- Knowledge sharing and capacity building for respective partner city Open Data teams.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):</b></p>	<p>The most meaningful and impactful activities have definitely been both learning exchanges between Rijeka and Guelph. These were opportunities to gain a better understanding of the respective cities' interests, achievements and challenges and also to bring different perspectives and a chance for reflection for each member city.</p> <p>Partner City delegates also attended the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) Summit in New York. Participants shared learnings from the "smart city," urban planning and economic development conference. The ICF Summit brought together cities and towns from Canada, Taiwan, Scandinavia, Europe and South America.</p> <p>Finally, the cities participated in a joint learning exchange on the topic of ISO 50001 hosted by the City of Murcia. Murcia shared their first-hand experience going through the implementation and certification of their ISO 50001 Energy Management System.</p> <p>Guelph and Rijeka have committed to designing an Investment Ready Pilot Project. Members of Delegation attending the Learning Exchanges in partner cities will learn from and be inspired by good practice or an innovative project and will set up a cross-departmental team to design a pilot project for their own city by the end of the cooperation program.</p> <p>The City of Guelph is currently underway in enhancing its existing energy management system to be compliant with the ISO 50001 standard.</p> <p>Rijeka is currently improving its smart city initiatives and considering adopting the ISO 50001 standard.</p>
<p><b>Expected <u>results</u> and <u>benefits</u>:</b></p>	<p>This program enabled the City of Rijeka and the City of Guelph to form a strong and meaningful relationship that would have likely never formed had it not been for this program and will continue past the program's end date.</p>



To promote trade relationships, members of the business sector working in clean energy were invited on the Learning Exchanges to make connections with each partner city through pre-planned meetings.

Guelph's efforts to adopt the ISO 50001 standards were strengthened and increased with the IUC project activities and Rijeka is now considering a universal standard it had not before.

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