

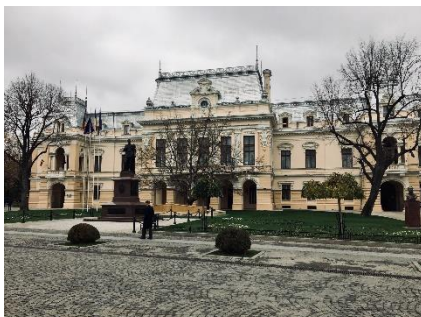


Reflections after the Transnational Meeting in Iasi November 19th-20th 2019

After the Transnational Meeting in Gdansk in October, we prepared for the next in Iasi in November: we wrote transfer diaries, filled in the mid-term questionnaire, prepared presentations, finalized the legal brief, etc. At the same time, we worked further on our pilot projects and organized several meetings related to the Civic eState project. We were prepared 😊

Unfortunately, Eleke was hospitalized with meningitis a couple of days before our departure to Iasi and was thus not able to join us. Josefien, who coordinates our main pilot project, Saint Joseph Church, and I formed the Ghentian delegation in Iasi.

The day of arrival, we joined the welcome dinner at the Ramada Hotel. It was really nice to meet our colleagues of the partner cities again. You can feel that since the Transnational Meeting in Barcelona the end of February, we have got to know each other better and better, which makes meeting each other even more enjoyable 😊



Iasi's City Hall – a very nice building – was our place to be for the 2-day exchange. There, we were welcomed by Marius, who was waiting for us outside, ready to guide us to our most luxurious working place up until now: no laptops on our laps but comfortable chairs, desks, and ... everybody had a microphone 😊



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Dorina Tuca, LAWG member of the City of Iasi, welcomed us and presented an insight of the (legal) context in Romania, explaining that the form of co-governance proposed in the Civic eState project is not common in Romania nor Iasi. Iasi will have to create legal instruments facilitating public-civic partnerships that go beyond the classic model of a concession agreement.

After this, Christian explained that the Urbact methodology implies working together with the partner cities to create city software (policies and regulations) based on common principles. He divided the group in 3 smaller groups composed of colleagues from different partner cities to work together to think about and define these common principles.





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This exercise was very interesting and I am convinced it will be useful in the process of drafting the city policies.

After lunch, the time had come for the Mid Term Reflections. To start, each partner city presented its Mid Term Review on the Civic eState project. Following these presentations, Céline from Urbact presented the results of the questionnaire the partner cities were asked to complete concerning the evaluation of the Civic eState project. The results were discussed plenary and we did some exercises in smaller groups to further evaluate the project and to formulate some insights and suggestions for improvement. Part of the results of the exercise were presented at the end of the first day. At around 6 we stopped, everyone was tired, but satisfied.

In the evening, we went for dinner at the Unirea Hotel. It was great: good food and ditto company! A nice ending to a fruitful day 😊



The second day, we continued the presentation of the results of the evaluation exercise.

Next up, Gregorio gave a presentation on the project's communication tools. It was a good, practical presentation, with a lot of tips. It's nice to have someone highly motivated in the team to support us on this point 😊 After this, Nicola clarified the financial aspects of the project.



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Finally, we visited the city center of Iasi. We were in good company of a guide who gave us an insight in the historical context wherein the city of Iasi has to operate. It was an interesting tour. After this tour, we had a late lunch, after which a lot of colleagues had to leave back home.

We stayed until the next day and visited the city some more and started working on the required outputs: no time like the present ☺

Thank you to the organizing team of the city of Iasi: a job well done!

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