

European Week of Regions and Cities:

Concept design of the workshop session of the regional partnership 'Social progress in European regions and cities'.

Title of the workshop session: Measuring social progress in European regions and cities

Date/Time/Venue: 09 October 2019, 14:30 - 17:00, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to the EU, Rue du Commerce 44, 1000 Brussels

Setting: The workshop session is organised by the pilot regions of the project Eastern Slovenia Region, Western Greece Region, Bucharest-Ilfov, City of Umea - in the format of a regional partnership and *with the support of the EU SPI Pilot project.*

Participants: Interested attendees of the EWRC.

Introduction:

The overall aim of the workshop is to generate new knowledge through the application of indicator frameworks, which are measuring human well-being and social progress at the international, European and regional level – especially the EU Regional Social Progress Index. Stakeholders of the regional partnership will share the experiences they have made during the intense engagement with the "EU Regional Social Progress Index " during a case study in the context of the EU-SPI project (Measuring what matters to EU Citizens: Social Progress in European Region) and other indicators (e.g. the Regional Well Being Index of the OECD) in different European cities and regions. After the sharing of experiences, a moderated discussion along different questions follows:

- Do the results of the tested indicator frameworks translate the reality on regional level?
- Are the tested indicators useful in monitoring social policies?
- Can the results help to improve (regional) policy making and multilevel-governance?
- Should other criteria or factors be added to these indicators?
- What is the interrelatedness of existing EU, national and regional policies with social progress?
- How should the existing measurement of social progress be strengthened in order to ensure its more useful uptake by the regional governments?

When	What on the agenda	Comments
14:00.	Registration Provision of coffee, tea, and snacks	Divided responsibility between <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA), • the Centre for Social Innovation • Intrasoft (Brussels office)
14.30	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By the local host (representative of the permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to the EU / the Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA)) - By the lead partner of the EWRC partnership - By a representative of the EU-SPI pilot project 	Welcome Who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Director of the SBRA (tbc) - NN from the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to the EU (tbc) Welcome and introduction of the regional partnership resp. its partners. Who: Peter Medved / representing the lead partner Eastern Slovenia Welcome and short presentation of the EU-SPI project as well as the workshop session programme. Who: Tonia Damvakeraki / EU-SPI project coordinator
14.45	Inputs from the partners <u>Presentation of selected results of the EU-SPI case studies, conducted in the regions/cities, presented below.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Slovenia Region (by Ivan Žagar), • Western Greece Region (by Lena Tsipouri), • Bucharest-Ilfov (by Simona Curpan) and • City of Umeå (by Linda Gustafsson); The speakers will be asked to focus on case study results/aspects, they are proud of. Q&A session	Duration of each presentation: 10-12 minutes. Moderated by: NN (EU-SPI project)
15.45	Short break	
15.55	Parallel discussion along different topics/question in the workshop: Starting with a detailed discussion of one or two results/aspects the region is proud of and then pass to	Work in four groups. Contacts of the pilot regions or EU-SPI project partners will act as the group facilitators. Each group discusses at one table for ~ 20-25 minutes. Afterwards each group moves to the next table. All in all, <u>one</u> change is foreseen.

	selected questions (page 1) which fit to the discussed results/aspects.	<p>The four table facilitators collect the discussion contributions.</p> <p>Table 1 – Ivan Žagar + Peter Medved (Eastern Slovenia)</p> <p>Table 2 – Lena Tsipouri + Ursula Holtgrewe (EU-SPI project consortium)</p> <p>Table 3 – Simona Curpan + Liviu Rancioaga (Bucharest-Ilfov)</p> <p>Table 4 – Linda Gustafsson + Berenike Ecker (EU-SPI consortium)</p>
16.45	<p>Presentation of the discussion results by the four facilitators.</p> <p>Note of thanks and closure by the workshop session moderator.</p>	
17.00	Some refreshments can be organised/served	

Workshop moderator: NN

Viktor offered/asked whether a representative from Western Slovenia could actively contribute as well. Concrete opportunities will be deliberated: one integration opportunity: invitation of the representative from Western Slovenia to sum up the discussion at the end of the workshop / act as workshop rapporteur – and involving the views from Western Slovenia.