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Integrating horizontal principles into urban
development projects

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AGENDA

DAY 1	
Timing	Content
8.30–9.00	Registration Tehnopark Celje, Gubčeva ulica 1, 3000 Celje
9.00–9.30	Welcome (plenary) • Aleksander Jevšek / Ministry of cohesion and regional development • Matija Kovač / City municipality of Celje • Representative of Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (tbc) • Eilish O'Loughlin / EUI Secretariat • Marko Peterlin / Urban contact point, Institute of Spatial Policies
9.30–10.30	Keynote panel: Urban development in the context of horizontal principles (plenary) • Borut Cink / Joint Research Centre of the European Commission • Gabriel Mezang Nkodo / Ministry of cohesion and regional development • Lenča Humerca Šolar / Ministry of natural resources and spatial planning (tbc) • Janez Berdavs / Ministry of the environment, climate and energy (tbc) • Saša Heath-Drugovič / City municipality of Celje, Association of Urban municipalities of Slovenia • Natalija Šimunović / Ministry for regional development and EU funds of Croatia, responsible for horizontal principles in integrated territorial investments
10.30–11.00	Coffee break
11.00–12.00	Introductory session to all 3 key topics (plenary) 1. Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle & Climate proofing in the context of infrastructure projects related to urban regeneration Theresa Fink / AIT, Austrian Institute of Technology 2. Compliance with the Nature Restoration Regulation in urban planning Goranka Grgić / City of Varaždin, Croatia 3. Adaptation to climate change in urban areas with cultural heritage protection regimes Arianna Guerrini / City of Bologna, Italy
12.00–13.00	Interactive workshop 1 (part 1) Participants attend one of the three key topics (first choice):

	1. Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle & Climate proofing in the context of infrastructure projects related to urban regeneration 2. Compliance with the Nature Restoration Regulation in urban planning 3. Adaptation to climate change in urban areas with cultural heritage protection regimes
13.00–14.30	Lunch break
14.30–15.30	Interactive workshop 1 (part 2) Participants attend one of the three key topics (first choice): 1. Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle & Climate proofing in the context of infrastructure projects related to urban regeneration 2. Compliance with the Nature Restoration Regulation in urban planning 3. Adaptation to climate change in urban areas with cultural heritage protection regimes
15.30–16.00	Coffee break
16.00–18.00	Site visit: Urban transformation through integrated territorial investments • Centre of urban happening • Tehnopark • Other ITIs in Celje Monika Tominšek, Saša Heath-Drugovič / City municipality of Celje
19.30	Dinner Hotel Evropa
DAY 2	
8.30–9.00	Registration for day 2 Tehnopark Celje, Gubčeva ulica 1, 3000 Celje
9.00–9.15	Welcome (plenary)
9.15–11.15	Interactive workshop 2 Participants attend one of the three key topics (second choice): 1. Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle & Climate proofing in the context of infrastructure projects related to urban regeneration 2. Compliance with the Nature Restoration Regulation in urban planning 3. Adaptation to climate change in urban areas with cultural heritage protection regimes
11.15–11.45	Coffee break

11.45–13.15	Interactive workshop: reporting session (plenary, part 1) 1. Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle & Climate proofing in the context of infrastructure projects related to urban regeneration 2. Compliance with the EU Nature Restoration Law
13.15–14.45	Lunch break
14.45–15.30	Interactive workshop: reporting session (plenary, part 2) 3. Adaptation to climate change in urban areas with cultural heritage protection regimes
15.30–16.30	Integration of results into the New European Bauhaus • Borut Cink / Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (tbc) • Ivana Štrkalj / Ministry of cohesion and regional development • Saša Heath-Drugovič / City municipality of Celje, Association of Urban municipalities of Slovenia • Theresa Fink / AIT, Austrian Institute of Technology • Goranka Grgić / City of Varaždin, Croatia • Arianna Guerrini / City of Bologna, Italy

The capacity-building will be led by **Katarina Pogačnik** and **Klemen Strmšnik**.

REGISTRATION *(For registration you must log in to the EUI website.)*