



# Municipality of Šavnik (Montenegro)

A mountain municipality located in the north-west of Montenegro, known for its rich ecosystems, clean environment and strong community identity.

Strategic priorities: sustainable development, climate adaptation, rural development, tourism, digital inclusion, improved public services.

Experience in EU and regional programmes (Horizon Europe, EU Delegation projects, Eko Fond, GIZ).

Active in international networks, including the Council of Europe's Community of Practice.

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- Municipality of Šavnik demonstrates notable institutional capacity, political commitment and continuity in project implementation.
- The municipality works with a stable internal team dedicated to EU projects. Municipality's experience shows a consistent adherence to European values: transparency, cooperation, citizen engagement, solidarity and sustainable development. Its geographic characteristics make it a relevant testing ground for climate adaptation and rural resilience solutions, while its governance model reflects openness to innovation and cross-border collaboration.
- This combination of environmental importance, administrative commitment and hands-on experience makes Šavnik a reliable partner able to contribute meaningfully to European cooperation frameworks.

# Our Experience in EU-Funded Projects

## Ongoing (2025–2026):

- **SpongeWorks (Horizon Europe):** Nature-based solutions for water management; flood risk reduction; climate adaptation.
- **WiFi4WB (EU & GIZ):** Free public Wi-Fi, digital access for citizens.

## Previous experience:

- **Community of Practice on Deliberative Democracy (CoE):** Peer exchanges, participatory governance, civic involvement.
- **Joint Efforts for 5% Less Waste (EU Delegation BiH):** Integrated waste management, community awareness, cross-border cooperation.
- Awarded for **Best Practice** (Union of Municipalities of Montenegro) for a civic participation mobile app.
- **Strengths:** management of EU projects, environmental planning, community engagement, sustainability, resilience.

# Topics We Would Like to Explore in URBACT

Municipality of Šavnik is interested in joining networks focused on:

1. **Climate Adaptation & Nature-Based Solutions:** flood resilience, green infrastructure, water management protection and valorisation of natural areas
2. **Rural & Mountain Area Development:** revitalisation of villages, sustainable tourism, support to small local economies
3. **Community Participation & Digital Inclusion:** participatory governance, digital tools for citizen engagement, co-design processes
4. **Youth Retention & Local Services:** improvement youth opportunities in small municipalities, improving essential services (transport, culture, health access)
5. **Green Mobility in Small Municipalities:** micro-mobility solutions (e-bikes, shared bikes), inter-village connectivity, last-mile transport in rural areas
6. **Energy Transition & Public Building Efficiency:** renewable energy installations on public buildings, energy management systems for municipal facilities, heating and energy solutions adapted to mountain municipalities
7. **Sustainable Tourism:** eco-trails and nature tourism, visitor management in rural and mountain areas, cultural and heritage valorisation
8. **Circular Economy:** community composting and waste reduction, local waste separation and recycling initiatives, pilot zero-waste projects in municipalities.