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ELoGE Study Visit

April 17-21, 2023

Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy



AGENDA



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Expected outcomes:

- ELoGE awarded municipalities, from both Slovakia and Italy, capitalise on the ELoGE awarded municipality international network by sharing their experiences in implementing the ELoGE programme, focusing on the value added of the processes and its legacy at local level;
- ELoGE awarded municipalities engage in a study visit workshop, to be delivered by ISIG, focusing on fostering the engagement of citizens in local policy-making processes. The workshop will allow the participants to share lessons learnt and build upon past experiences to identify possible common project ideas, while contributing to the preparation of a peer-to-peer guide on the implementation of ELoGE;
- ELoGE awarded municipalities reinforce the sense of belonging to an international network of “champions of good democratic governance” at local level.
- ELoGE awarded municipalities acquire information on the Council of Europe tools targeting cooperation opportunities among municipalities, namely the Cross-border Cooperation Toolkit and the City-to-City Cooperation toolkit.
- ELoGE awarded municipalities are invited to consider engaging in international partnership under the viable funding opportunities.

Expected output:

- A co-produced, peer-to-peer guide on the benefits and best practices in the implementation of ELoGE at the local level, to facilitate future ELoGE programmes in Slovakia.
 - The guide is intended as a promotional tool for ELoGE aiming to answer the question “Why should a municipality join the programme?”. Experience has shown, over the years, that it is not always easy for municipalities to understand upfront the benefits of participating to the programme. Consolidating in a structured way the experience of both Slovak and Italian awarded municipalities is believed to be a useful opportunity upon which to build the guide. During the study visit, facilitated workshops will support the participants’ brainstorming on this topic collecting insights, perceptions and best practices. Moreover, an effort will be made to collect further information on the solutions that awarded municipalities found in overcoming potential implementation challenges (e.g. on citizens engagement, on staff engagement and trust of the process, data collection issues, etc.).
After the study visit, the collected data will be consolidated and transposed in a brief, user-friendly guide to facilitate future implementation of ELoGE.
- A presentation of the Cross-border cooperation opportunities for municipalities in Slovakia and North-East Italy.

Participants:

- 14 representatives of Slovak municipalities
- 1 representative from the Slovak Ministry of Interior
- 1 representative of the Slovak accredited institution
- Representatives of Italian ELoGE awarded municipalities
- Representatives of Italian regional authorities
- Representative/s of the Italian ELoGE accredited institution
- CoE consultants
- 1 interpreter (consecutive interpretation provided by the Slovak Mol)
- CoE staff

Venue (accommodation¹ + conference hall):

- Starhotels Savoia Excelsior Palace (address: Riva del Mandracchio, 4, 34124 Trieste, Italy)
- Note: parking for the bus of the Slovak participants is not available on the hotel ground.

Agenda

Time	Venue	Activity
Day 1 (17 April 2023)		
As of 14:00h	Hotel	Arrival and check-in
19:00h	Hotel	Dinner (Slovak participants + representatives of ISIG + representatives of AICCRE FVG - Friuli-Venezia Giulia + CoE staff)
Day 2 (18 April 2023)		
9:30h - 12:00h	Hotel conference room "Imperator"	Presentation of the programme and workshop by ISIG <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consolidating the lessons learnt from the implementation of the programme in Slovakia- Identification of main topics/interest to exchange with Italian peers- Identification of project ideas to be developed in cooperation with Italian peers
12:00h - 13:00h	Hotel	Lunch (Slovak participants + representatives of ISIG + AICCRE FVG + CoE staff)
14:00h - 16:00h	Chamber of Commerce, Sala Maggiore – piazza della Borsa, 14, Trieste	Exchange with the Italian authorities and institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meeting with AICCRE FVG, ELoGE accredited institution- Meeting with Italian ELoGE awarded municipalities- Presentation of the Cross-Border Cooperation Toolkit- Presentation of the City-To-City Cooperation Toolkit

¹ Note: All hotel guests are required to pay individually the city tax for their stay in Trieste (approximately € 2.20 per night / per person), directly in the hotel.

16:00h - 17:00h	Chamber of Commerce, Sala Maggiore – piazza della Borsa, 14, Trieste	Workshop with Italian ELoGE awarded municipalities - ELoGE next steps: - Joint project opportunities for cooperation among Slovak and Italian municipalities.
19:00h	Hotel	Dinner (Slovak participants)
Day 3 (19 April 2023)		
09:00h - 10:00h	Mol bus	Transfer to Udine (Slovak participants + CoE staff)
10:00h - 12:00h	Udine Municipality, Salone del Popolo – Via Nicolò Lionello 1, Udine ²	Meeting with ELoGE awarded municipalities of Friuli Venezia Giulia - ELoGE in Italy: Lessons learnt - ELoGE in Slovakia: Lessons learnt - ELoGE – next steps: building a peer-to-peer guide on the implementation of ELoGE
12:30h - 14:00h	Restaurant Hostaria Alla Tavernetta (address: Via di Prampero Artico, 2, 33100 Udine UD, Italy)	Lunch (Slovak participants + representatives of ISIG + representatives of the Italian local authorities + CoE staff)
14:00h - 14:30h	Mol bus	Transfer to Aquileia – UNESCO Heritage Site
14:30h - 16:00h	Aquileia ³	Sightseeing in Aquileia (Main attractions to visit in Aquileia: https://www.fondazioneaquileia.it/en/visit-aquileia Costs for entrance tickets are borne by participants individually)
16:00h - 17:00h	Mol bus	Transfer to Trieste
19:00h	Hotel	Dinner (Slovak participants)
Day 4 (20 April 2023)		
9:00h - 10:30h	Hotel conference room “Imperator”	Workshop on the 12 Principles of Good Governance Benchmark - Participatory review of the Slovak Benchmark - Compiling a list of evidence on the respect of the 12 Principles
10:30h - 11:00h	Hotel	Coffee break
11:00h -12:30h	Hotel conference room “Imperator”	2 nd part of the workshop
12:30h - 13:30h	Hotel	Lunch (Slovak participants + representatives of ISIG + AICCRE FVG + CoE staff)

² Note: The driver of the bus should ensure a proper parking place during the visit in Udine.

³ Note: The driver of the bus should ensure a proper parking place during the visit in Aquileia.

14:00h - 15:30h	Hotel conference room "Imperator"	Workshop: Cooperating across borders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying challenges and opportunities for cooperation across borders - Drafting concrete Cross-Border Cooperation project concepts
15:30h – 16:00h	Hotel	Coffee break
16:00h – 17:00h	Hotel conference room "Imperator"	2 nd part of the workshop
19:00h	Hotel	Dinner (Slovak participants)
Day 5 (21 April 2023)		
9:00h - 10:00h	Hotel conference room "Imperator"	Workshop with the Council of Europe project staff and ISIG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drafting the peer-to-peer guide on implementation of ELoGE - Consolidating the lessons learnt from the study visit
10:00h - 10:30h	Hotel	Coffee break
10:30h – 11:30h	Hotel conference room "Imperator"	2 nd part of the workshop and wrap up of the study visit
Check out until: 12:00h	Hotel	Slovak participants and CoE staff check out from the hotel
12:00h - 13:00h	Hotel	Lunch (Slovak participants)
		Departure