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Název:

URBACT III OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME (2014-2020)

Mimořádný materiál: 🛛

Důvod předložení:

Termín odeslání podepsané Deklarace městem Děčín je nutný do 29.03.2019 - po projednání v ZM - jedná se o schválení účasti města Děčín v mezinárodním projektu.

Návrh usnesení:

Zastupitelstvo města projednalo informace o programu URBACT III OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME (2014-2020) a o projektu "Revolvingové investice pro města v Evropě zaměřené na strategie zelené a modré infrastruktury" města Thessaloniki a

rozhodlo

o partnerství města Děčín v projektu "Revolvingové investice pro města v Evropě zaměřené na strategie zelené a modré infrastruktury" podpisem deklarace.

Stanovisko RM:

Rada města projednala informace o programu URBACT III OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME (2014-2020) a o projektu "Revolvingové investice pro města v Evropě zaměřené na strategie zelené a modré infrastruktury" města Thessaloniki a svým usnesením č. RM 19 06 36 10 doporučila zastupitelstvu města rozhodnout o partnerství města Děčín v projektu "Revolvingové investice pro města v Evropě zaměřené na strategie zelené a modré infrastruktury" podpisem deklarace.

Cena:	410 000,00
Návrh postupu:	RM doporučuje

Důvodová zpráva:

Jedná se o projekt v Programu URBACT III OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME (2014-2020).

Cíl výzvy: spolupráce měst, zpracování integrovaných řešení pro zlepšení života ve městech, politiky rozvoje měst. NE investice ANI pilotní projekty

- zlepšení kapacit
- vytváření strategií
- inovativní řešení
- školení, komunikace s lokálními a regionálními partnery zapojení všech zainteresovaných lokálních subjektů URBACT Local Group

Výstup: zpracování Akčního plánu

Jsou dvě fáze realizace projektu – celkový rozpočet projektu 600 – 750 000 EUR (všichni partneři obě fáze), dodatečný příspěvek max 127 000 EUR na expertízy (celé konsorcium)

Teď se připravuje 1. fáze projektu: 6 měsíců, 7 partnerů (měst), budget 150 000 EUR pro všechny partnery (města). Pokud město Děčín zorganizuje jednu ze dvou povinných mezinárodních konferencí, k čemuž se předběžně přihlásilo, bude čerpat finance i na konání této konference.

Financování: 85% financuje ERDF (mzdy, admin. náklady, cestovní nákl., externí náklady, vybavení), 15% je spoluúčast měst.

Cílem 1. fáze projektu je uzavřít partnerství a zpracovat žádost do fáze 2, která trvá 24 měsíců. Město Děčín by mělo být partnerem hlavního/lead partnera projektu, kterým je Municipality of Pavlos melas, Thessaloniki. Lead partner připravuje do programu v síti RICE_junior projekt s názvem "Revolvingové investice pro města v Evropě zaměřené na strategie zelené a modré infrastruktury" (příloha č. 1). Tento projekt se zaměřuje především na konkrétní tematický cíl "Ochrana životního prostředí a podpora účinného využívání zdrojů". Jeho cílem je podněcovat městské strategie pro územní plánování s realistickými, realizovatelnými projekty, které zvyšují míra bydlení, zaměstnanosti, vzdělávání, rekreace. Slouží moto udržování / vytváření zelených, kompaktních měst, se zdravým funkčním mixem, s dobrou kvalitou architektury a designu, podporující také kulturní dědictví a historii v rámci zastavěného prostředí. Poskytuje snadný přístup k zeleným, otevřeným prostorům a kulturním památkám. Síť RICE_junior však, vzhledem k tomu, že si uvědomila, že je obtížné zajistit adekvátní veřejné finanční prostředky na realizaci výše uvedené vize, jde ještě o krok dál. Zabývá se také výzvou podpory finančních potřeb měst v různých odvětvích.

Dosavadní činnosti města Děčín na přípravě projektu:

- první jednání na městě proběhlo dne 06.03.2019 se zástupcem Inovačního centra Ústeckého kraje ICUK,
- po té město Děčín vyplnilo požadovaný formulář o obsahu našeho projektu + údaje o městě v AJ, který byl odeslán Lead partnerovi (příloha č. 2).
- dne 13.03.2019 město Děčín obdrželo k podpisu statutárního zástupce města (+ razítko) Commitment/Deklaraci (příloha č. 3) s tím, že scan tohoto podepsaného dokumentu je nutné odeslat nejpozději do 20.03.2019 na uvedený e-mail.

Obsahem Deklarace je, že město Děčín potvrzuje svůj závazek být Partnerem projektu v aktivitách návrhu sítě URBACT pro plánování akcí s názvem "Revolvingové investice pro města v Evropě zaměřené na strategie zelené a modré infrastruktury" vedené obcí Pavlos-Melas. Specifickou výzvou, kterou chceme v této síti pro plánování akcí řešit jako projektový partner, je potřeba ochrany životního prostředí a podpora účinného využívání zdrojů na městské úrovni. Toho bude dosaženo prostřednictvím syntézy integrovaného akčního plánu pro finanční nástroj řízený městem, který bude využívat veřejné a soukromé financování pro zralé středně velké infrastrukturní projekty. Díky účasti města Děčín na projektu očekáváme zlepšení našich integrovaných městských politik a provádění těchto politik na místě. Jsme přesvědčeni, že prostřednictvím této sítě URBACT budeme schopni tyto výzvy lépe řešit. V tomto kontextu, bude-li návrh schválen v rámci programu URBACT III, se zúčastníme projektu, převezmeme role a realizujeme aktivity uvedené v pracovním programu 1. fáze. Konkrétněji se zavazujeme účastnit se plánovaných nadnárodních setkání, přispívat k tvorbě základní studie, identifikovat klíčové zainteresované strany, které mají být zapojeny, a přispět k produkci aplikace 2. fáze. Za tímto účelem jsme se také formálně zavázali k využití prostředků potřebných pro spolufinancování EFRR.

Žádost o dotaci bude teprve podávaná, v této chvíli není tedy známo, zda bude schválena. Jedná se jen o

přípravné práce na projektu.

V průběhu uplynulého týdne byl vyjednán nutný posun termínu odeslání případně podepsané Deklarace městem Děčín z 20.03.2019 na 29.03.2019 - po projednání v ZM - proto byl tento materiál předkládán na mimořádné zasedání rady města dne 22.03.2019, kdy RM nepřijala žádné usnesení. Na pokyn Ing. Smíška byl předložen znova jako mimořádný na jednání RM dne 26.03.2019.

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Concept Note for Urbact III call for Proposals for Action Planning Networks (APNs)

Project Acronym: RICE_junior

<u>Project Title</u>: Revolving Investment for Cities in Europe addressed to green and blue infrastructure strategies

<u>Specific Objective</u> 1.1.2 "To improve the design of sustainable urban strategies and action plans in cities"

Thematic Objective: Urban environment and resilience – 6. Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency

Background of the concept

Green and blue infrastructure strategies are major contributors to the fulfillment of a set of integrated and Sustainable urban Development Goals (SDGs) including good health and wellbeing, life on land, climate action overall leading to the strengthening of sustainability in communities and cities. Despite its critical importance in creating healthy, prosperous and successful cities, investments in green and blue infrastructure face acute market gaps as they consist of projects (such as high quality green spaces, waterways, green corridors etc.) that do not directly generate revenues. Cities' strategic plans in green infrastructure are the hardest to secure funding and without the strong involvement of public and private capital, it is difficult to transform a city's vision into reality posing major setbacks in sustainable development urban goals.

Brief description of project idea

The project primarily addresses the specific thematic objective of "Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency".

It aims to feed urban strategies for spatial planning with realistic, implementable projects that enhance the mixing of housing, employment, education, recreation. It serves the moto of sustaining/ creating green, compact cities, with a healthy functional mix, with a good quality of architecture and design, promoting also cultural heritage and history, within the built environment. It will provide easy access to green, open spaces and cultural sites.

However, the RICE_juior Network, having recognized the difficulty in securing adequate public funding towards the implementation of the vision briefly depicted above, goes one step beyond. It also addresses the challenge of supporting cities financial needs among different sectors.

Thus, RICE_junior will deliver an Action Plan that will serve the protection of cities' environment and resource efficiency, not only in theoretical level, but it will continue one step further, to propose the structure of a fund that will leverage investments through public and private partnership.

Similarly, to the MRA – RICE Network funded by the European Commission (Multi-region assistance project – revolving investment for cities in Europe), a four city partnership that explored the feasibility of a city-led fund as a financial instrument focusing in urban development, MRA_junior aims to replicate/ adopt the structure that can be utilized by cities that do not have past experiences with city funds. This will be accomplished through synthesizing an action plan for a city-led financial instrument that can leverage public and private funding for medium scale green and blue infrastructure projects by mainstreaming the MRA-RICE blueprint.

Proposed partnership

Pavlos Melas municipality, as a lead partner, has developed a full green infrastructure strategy incorporated into its approved by the municipal council operational plan. The flagship initiative of its strategy is a 50 million project for the reuse of a 330 acres' ex-military camp. Initial funding of up to 20 million for this project is secured through structural funding and municipal resources. Remaining funding needs allow a lot of private capital involvement according to the ex-ante study of the economic viability of the project.

The project addresses partner cities with little or no experience in the subject or cities that come from a national state economic culture that allowed confined diffusion of PPP's and EU FI in municipal projects. Interested partner cities should deploy a full range of green or blue infrastructure strategy goals though (through specific projects) as well as flagship initiatives in the sector.

Indicative project activities

Action Planning through the proposed project is expected to enhance institutional capacity, know-how and decision making in revolving investment in city scale towards succeeding sustainability goals.

For this reason, the activities that are envisaged are:

- Exchange on the specific challenge tackled
- Sharing of experiences
- Decision on problems and solutions
- Generation of new ideas to address the challenge
- Creation of tools to implement action plan

Key issues and milestones of action planning process are indicatively, will be tackled throw all the project life span (which is developed in 2 Phases):

- Address and evaluate the potential projects that are eligible for funding by private and public sources.
- Develop city capacity through participatory approach (administrative officers, political representatives, financial operators, technical operators) and define needs in technical assistance to ensure the integrated approach

- Conducting assessment to identify funding gaps in specific and existing green and blue infrastructure strategy (pilot)
- Reveal the "market" value of green infrastructure and stress the implication accruing for private funding intervention.
- Analyze each country's legal framework in respect of the potential financial tools that could be used by the proposed mechanism.
- Defining a replicable structure of the city fund according to economic weaknesses and strengths of green and blue infrastructure projects – define suitable market products (equity, debt, guarantee)
- Identifying co-investing actors profiles and possibilities (public and private)
- Procuring an independent financial manager

More information on MRA-RICE:

MRA – RICE partnership developed a financial instrument blueprint by gathering best practices observed among the four cities. According to its publications the blue print of the MRA-RICE city fund is "a city-led financial instrument, independently managed, with an investment strategy aligned to the city's strategic priorities that achieves significant leverage of the public investment". The MRA-RICE blueprint defines a replicable structure that can be utilized by cities that do not have past experiences with city funds. It recognizes transport, energy, economic development, housing and workspace as well as green and blue infrastructure as possible investment focus areas. According to the same blueprint economic resources of cities like national funds, ESIF, EIB as well as the new "InvestEU Fund" - that's going to replace 15 other EU Financial Instruments after 2020 - are key drivers in succeeding credibility and deploying additional private capital. It is worthy to mention that the core of MRA-RICE thematic partnership was built based in a 2015 Urbact network (CSI Europe network).

Partners' info

Partner's Organization details

Description Country
Czech Republic
Legal Name of partner's organization (in English, NOT in your national language)
Statutory City of Děčín
Acronym
(Administrative Code or ASP reference Code, in case you are already registered)
Mírové náměstí 1175/5, Děčín IV
Address
405 38
Postcode
CZ04 - Severozápad
NUTS2
CZ042 - Ústecký krajÚstí Region
NUTS3
Public
Type of organization (Public)

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Local Public Authority - město

Category (i.e. Local Public Authority)¹

ZUJ (kód obce): 562335

Administrative code

NO.....

VAT recovery (Y/N)²

250 employees ...

Number of employees of the partner

Program Ziel3/Cíl3, Fond malých projektů Euroregionu ELBE/LABE

2007-2013 programming period participation (In which programmes have you participated?)

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¹ Cities, municipalities, towns; • Infra-municipal tiers of government such as city districts and boroughs in cases where they are represented by a politico-administrative institution having competences for policymaking and implementation in the policy area covered by the URBACT network concerned in which they are willing to get involved; • Metropolitan authorities and organized agglomerations in cases where they are represented by a politico-administrative institution having delegated competences for policy-making and implementation in the policy area covered by the URBACT network. Local agencies defined as public or semi-public organisations set up by a city, partially or fully owned by the city authority, and responsible for the design and implementation of specific policies (economic development, energy supply, health services, transport, etc.)
In addition to city partners, Action Planning Networks can also include a limited number of other beneficiaries (non-city partners). In the case of Action Planning Networks, non-city partners as defined below are eligible: • Provincial,

city partners). In the case of Action Planning Networks, non-city partners as defined below are eligible: • Provincial, regional and national authorities, as far as urban issues are concerned; • Universities and research centres, as far as urban issues are concerned

² VAT does not constitute an eligible expenditure unless it is genuinely and definitely borne by the Partner/ lead partner' institution. Rules on VAT vary between countries, detailed specific national VAT legislation and restrictions apply. If VAT is partially recovered, please provide explanations

One project

Number of projects approved in which the partner was involved /2014-20

Project title: "Hodnoty ekosystémových služeb, biodiverzity a zeleno-modré infrastruktury ve městech na příkladu Drážďan, Liberce a Děčína (BIDELIN)" (environmental values, biodiversity and green infrastructure in the city presented by Dresden, Liberec and Děčín)

Lead partner: IÖR Leibnitz-Institut für ökologische Raumentwicklung e.V. Dresden

Project objective: Arise awareness on links among city infrastructure and nature, sustainable values and living standards, to develop the design for application of the concept of environmental services and to provide the implementation.

Total project budget 802 tis. CZK – 30 000 EUR, grant 90%, cofinancing 10%

Regrouping (EU more developed regions/ Transition/ Less developed)³



<u>Please keep in mind that for more developed regions, funding is 70% where is it is 85%</u> for less and transition regions.

Finance

Where does your co-financing come from? (could be from the partner's internal financial resources)

Mgr. Jiří Veselý

Contacts⁴

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³ Go to map: https://ec.europa.eu/regional policy/sources/what/future/img/eligibility20142020.pdf

⁴ You must provide at least with 1 contact, the legal representative. It is advised to also provide one project coordinator)

Title (Mrs) Mgr.

Name: Veselý

First Name: Jiří

Email: jiri.vesely@mmdecin.cz

Address: Mírové náměstí 1175/5, 405 38 Děčín IV

Type of contact (i.e. Project coordinator, Local coordinator, Communication Officer,

Legal Representative, Financial manager)

Staff monthly rate (Euros)⁵

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PAST AND CURRENT URBACT INVOLVEMENT

Have you implemented project funded by URBACT in the past? If yes, which and ur	ıder
which role?	

...NO.....

What have you gained through this participation?

Xxx

Are you currently an active partner in one or more URBACT network? Which one(s)? ...NO.......

Under which thematic and what have you gained so far?

XXX.....

Are you applying to join others under the current open call for Action Planning Networks? If yes which one(s) and under which role (PL/ partner)?⁶

NO

Which are the thematic objectives of the proposals you have or are about to join? xxx.......

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⁵ Please be aware that we cannot assign more than 35-40% of your budget to staff. We will calculate 3% of adinistrative costs, to the total eligible budget of each partner. Total eligible budget for this Phase (I) max 150000.

⁶ Please be careful. You are not allowed to participate in more than 3 proposals in the current open call and you cannot participate in more than 1 as LP. If you are not complying, please, let us know because you will put the whole initiative into great risk.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

What is the size of your city? 50 000 inhabitalnts

Who from your city would take part in transnational exchange meetings? (ability to speak English & in depth knowledge of the topic needed). Please provide a short profile of the abilities, past experience, background of the person that will take part in the two transnational exchange meeting that will take place during the 6 months of implementation of the project if approved.

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Magistrát města Děčín Mírové náměstí 1175/5 405 38 Děčín IV

We foresee 2 transnational working meetings for this project, between September 2019 and March 2020. Are you willing to hold one of them?

Yes.....

Can you please keep a gender equality and give equal opportunities to your teams? If you have any hints, please share them with us. Involvement of women is very much supported by EU programmes.

Yes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<u>This section is very important</u>. We will use the information that you provide us, to justify the rationale of our proposal. For this reason, we need you to be fully descriptive. We provide with some hints, to help you respond each question, in a consistent way. *Take attention to the italics below each question*. There is no limitation in characters.

What are the problems and local challenges faced by the partner city in relation to the thematic objective tackled?

(here, we need you to describe problems and challenges in terms of urban sustainability and need to feed urban strategies for spatial planning with realistic,

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implementable projects that enhance the mixing of housing, employment, education, recreation. Try to reveal the lack of the moto of sustaining/ creating green, compact cities, with a healthy functional mix, with a good quality of architecture and design, promoting also cultural heritage and history, within the built environment. Refer to the need to provide easy access to green, open spaces and cultural sites.)

There exist a number of derelict, neglicted and unused spaces in the City – brownfields, i.e. neglected spaces, which might be also contamined due to the former industrial, agricultural, residential or military utilisation of the area. The effective and sensible utilisation of such areas is not possible without the suitable way of their revitalisation.

On the opposite side there are not suitable areas for environmentally friendly manufacturing. The City suffers of depopulation due to the lack of job possibilities and the establishment of the new development zone in the City represents the good solution how to reduce the depopulation by creation of new working places and simultaneously to improve the living environment in the City.

Mapping of brownfields and communication with their owners is also an important issue, because only part of these areas are in the ownership of the City, majority of them are owned by private owners. Communication with owners, legislation burdens, etc. are also importants matters.

The big area of former railway station connected with the historical building represents the opportunity to improve the living conditions in the City by redevelopment of these spaces.

What are the local regional or national strategies and concrete actions developed by the partner city so far in relation to the objective tackled? (we will make reference to EU strategies, but we cannot be aware of your local, national, regional strategies, so please, provide us with this information)

Strategický plán rozvoje města Děčín na roky 2014-2020 – Strategic Development Plan of the City of Děčín 2014-2020

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Development objective A4: Develop and support the unused spaces and areas in the City for enterprising

City objective: To motivate the owners of brownfields by effective tools and by communication to revitalise and to redevelop the deprivated and peripheral areas.

The industrial development of the City represents in the moment the main challenge of the future existence of Děčín. There are no suitable spaces or areas for existing companies nor for new investors in the City, the City administration wants to solve the situation by revitalisation of brownfields and development of the new development zone. Such solution will also represent the important and key improveent of the living environment in the City, the improvement of the living standards and will contribute to bring life back into the City centre. The former space of the railway station has been evaluated as a suitable area for establishment of such zone (13 ha), with the neighbouring historical

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building of the railway station – the innovative utilisation of this historical space is under discussion – there the project partners experience are expected to contribute. The utilisation of the building by the Czech Technical University seems to be a good solution.

The strengthening of the industrial activities in the City by establishment of the development zone will contribute to the development of new job occassions and will reduce the depopulating of the territory, and from the long-term perspective will significally support the development potential of the City.

The City administration is aware of the importance of such decision and development of solutions and there the transfer of experience and know how to support the design of the concept of environmentally friendly revitalisation and future utilisation of the space together with the improvement of the City environment represents an important contribution of high value, brownfields revitalisation is always an expensive and complicated action, so there the involvement of transnational experts is supporting.

Smart City Děčín 2019+ concept – under finalisation

What is your motivation and commitment to join this network?

- Transfer of experience among EU partners in the respective area solving the similar problems
- Development zone and its utilisation also by the Czech Technical University Děčíně

Who are the local stakeholders that you are thinking to involve in the URBACT Local Group?

(try to include people from the academia, public authorities, business – entrepreneurs individually or through chambers and general public. Everyone must have a voice. To implement a project successfully you need social acceptance from the citizens, consensus by politicians and decision makers, funds from entrepreneurs and knowledge from the academia. So every participation is critical to be described. Make references to names of institutions. They will be indicative, don't be afraid. Also, try to include financial players, eg Banks)

- City of Děčín
- ČVUT Czech Technical University
- Regional Economy Chamber

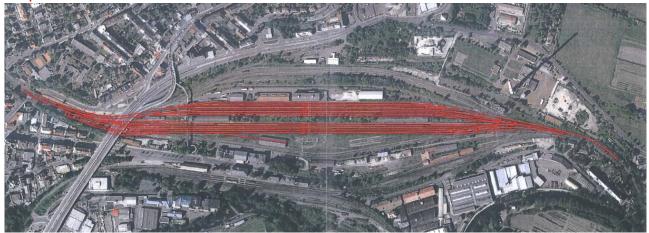
Which will be your flagship area and project that you intend to plan through this Action Plan?

(i.e. Pavlos -Melas will try to leverage investments for the rehabilitation/revitalisation of the open space that used to be an ex-military camp, inside the city, to give it back for cultural, entertainment uses, business use, i.e. restoration of a building to become a hotel etc)

The area will be used for business

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map:



Please provide some justification of the maturity of the project you intend to plan – Likelihood of actions to be funded or implemented.

(i.e. do you have already the social acceptance? Have you assessed this idea from an environmental point of view? Will it add on sustainability performance of your city? Do you have an initial consensus of the decision-makers about this project? Do you already have some funding secured, so you need the Fund mechanism to leverage public-private investment?)

The planned revitalisation corresponds with the objectives of the programme RE:START

RE:START – national platform – strategy for structural change of the Moravian Silesian, Karlovy Vary and Ústí Regions, to provide the population in these affected regions the chance for living and motivation. The realisation has been already launched and the subsidies are invested in the regions.

The idea of revitalisation of the railway station has been already approved by the Czech Government. The aim is to link the new development zone, historical building, life in the City and the University, and this will affect the living conditions of the City centre.

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historical building:



What are the potential risks that you have identified that could put your idea into failure?

(showing that you have identified risks, you show that you have a maturity level in your idea and this is positive)

- 1. Development of the suitable project in time
- 2. Cooperation with the University

What is the experience of the partner city in terms of working through transnational exchange in relation to policy challenges in general (past projects, even through other Programmes, give emphasis to organization or participation to transnational working groups tacking a specific thematic, organization and implementation of stdy visits, organization of local working groups, training of stakeholders, working with different kinds of stakeholders, use of ICT tools to get in touch with different stakeholders, like smart phone applications, collaborative awareness platforms, etc. GIVE EXAMPLES, don't be afraid to be very analytic.)

2012 – 2014 - project "Podporou trhu práce k vyšší atraktivitě regionu Děčínska" (to increase the attractiveness of the City of Děčín by support of the labour market) in cooperation with the economy chamber, NGO Business and Professional Women Praha II, city of Ružomberok, SK and City of Lecce, IT (4 mil. CZK – 153 000 EUR)

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OP LZZ (call č. 77; MPSV), CZ.1.04/5.1.01/77.00438.

Ongoing project – crossborder cooperation (DE-Saxony):

"Hodnoty ekosystémových služeb, biodiverzity a zeleno-modré infrastruktury ve městech na příkladu Drážďan, Liberce a Děčína (BIDELIN)" (environmental values, biodiversity and green infrastructure in the city presented by Dresden, Liberec and Děčín)

Lead partner:

IÖR Leibnitz-Institut für ökologische Raumentwicklung e.V. Dresden Project Manager: Mgr. Jiří Veselý, Department of City development

Partner cities:

- Pirna (SRN)
- Ružomberok (Slovensko)
- Jonava (Litva)

All projects correspond with Smart City.

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Dear Madam, Sir,

The city of Děčín, Czech Republic, confirms its commitment to be Project Partner in the activities of the URBACT Action planning network proposal entitled [Revolving Investment for Cities in Europe addressed to green and blue infrastructure strategies] led by [Municipality of Pavlos-Melas].

The specific challenge we wish to address in this Action planning network as a Project Partner is [the need to protect the environment and promote resource efficiency at urban level. This will be accomplished through synthesizing the integrated action plan for the city-led financial instrument, which will leverage public and private funding, for mature medium- scale infrastructure projects. Ultimately, through our participation to the project, we expect to improve our integrated urban policies and the delivery of these policies on the ground].

We are convinced that by working through this URBACT network, we will be able to better address these challenges. In this context, if the proposal is approved within the framework of the URBACT III Programme, we will participate in the project, take on roles and implement activities as indicated in the Phase 1 work programme. More especially, we commit to participate in the transnational meetings planned, to contribute to the production of the Baseline study, to identify key stakeholders to be involved and to contribute to the production of the Phase 2 Application.

To this end we also formally commit to engaging the funds needed to co-finance ERDF. The details of this contribution are outlined within the Phase 1 application. Yours sincerely

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