

## Launch of the “*Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda in the UNECE Region*” Project for Podgorica

**Date:** 06 July 2021

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** 9:30 – 12:00 CET (10:30 – 13:00 MNE)

**Languages:** English, Montenegrin

**Meeting Type:** Online workshop to launch the project in Podgorica

**Moderator:** Nadiia Yeremenko, UNECE consultant

### Agenda Items

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Topic &amp; Presenters:</b>
09:30	Opening and kick off
09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ms. Sladjana Vujacic</b>, Deputy mayor of Podgorica</li><li>- <b>Ms. Gulnara Roll</b>, Secretary to the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management</li><li>- <b>Ms. Katja Schaefer</b>, Regional Adviser, UN-Habitat</li></ul>
09:45	Key objectives and challenges for development of Podgorica
10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Mr. Miljan Barovic</b>, Secretary, Secretariat for Urban Planning and Sustainable Development in Podgorica</li><li>- <b>Representative</b>, Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism</li><li>- <b>Representative</b>, Ministry of Finance and Social care</li><li>- <b>Mr. Mladen Bojanić</b>, Minister, Ministry of Capital Investments</li></ul>
10:30	Planning of cooperative activities for 2021 in Podgorica
11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ms. Nadiia Yeremenko</b>, UNECE Consultant, Project Coordinator - <i>Overview of the project “Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda in the UNECE Region” for Podgorica</i></li><li>- <b>Mr. Tommaso Bassetti</b>, UNECE Consultant, Expert on urban development and data analysis - <i>Development and Goals of Sustainable Smart City Profile; Overview of U4SSC KPI Collection Methodology; Draft Structure of the Profile;</i></li></ul>
11:00	Questions and discussion
11:30	
11:30	Summary and mapping of next steps - <b>Ms. Nadiia Yeremenko</b> , UNECE Consultant, Project Coordinator
11:40	
11:40	Closing Remarks
11:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ms. Sladjana Vujacic</b>, Deputy mayor of Podgorica</li><li>- <b>Ms. Gulnara Roll</b>, Secretary to the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management</li></ul>

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## Concept Note

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### **Background:**

The project supports the transition of beneficiary cities towards being smart and sustainable, with a view to supporting countries in achieving SDG 11 and other urban-related SDGs of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The evaluation of the performance of the cities in the five countries in the UNECE region will result in improved capacities of local and national government officials to develop and implement sustainable urban policies. This will be achieved through capacity-building activities to promote evidence-based policies and the vertical and horizontal coordination between different government agencies with the participation of the cities' inhabitants.

The project uses the UNECE "Sustainable Smart Cities with Innovative Financing" approach to facilitate the work in the cities. The approach takes a city through the full cycle, from its evaluation regarding its sustainability and smartness, through recommendations on how to move it forward in this area and supporting innovative financing and investments, to concrete city projects.

The expected result will be evidenced by each of the participating cities having developed concrete measures, endorsed by both local and national governments, to implement recommendations stemming from the smart sustainable city profile. The project will support achieving SDG 11 "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable" as well as other SDGs, including SDGs 3, 6, 9, and 13, and the New Urban Agenda.

Beneficiary cities: Grodno (Belarus), Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Tbilisi (Georgia), and Podgorica (Montenegro).

Project partners: UN-Habitat; UNDP in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia and Montenegro; and Offices of UN Resident Coordinators in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia and Montenegro.

The project is being implemented from January 2020 to March 2023

### **Objectives of the Workshop:**

The aim of this workshop is to discuss challenges to and opportunities for achieving urban-related SDGs, ways to achieve SDGs and promote resilience at local level in the city of Podgorica.

The objectives of the workshop are:

1. To explore challenges in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially SDG 11: "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable" and its targets, in the city of Podgorica.
2. To provide information to workshop participants on the "Smart Sustainable Cities for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda in the UNECE Region" project, and to discuss the next steps of the project implementation.
3. To introduce the U4SSC "KPI Collection Methodology for Sustainable Smart Cities" and to outline the next steps for the collection of data for the assessment of Podgorica's sustainable and smart development.

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