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## **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP**

### **„THE EXPAND II PROJECT - WIDENING PARTICIPATION OF COUNTRIES AND STAKEHOLDERS IN JPI URBAN EUROPE THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING IN URBAN POLICY, FUNDING AND RESEARCH“**

**Organized by: Bulgarian National Science Fund (BNSF), Joint  
Programming Initiative Urban Europe (JPI UE) and Urban Europe  
Research Alliance (UERA) on behalf of the EXPAND II Project  
Consortium**

**2021 June 16-17, Sofia, Bulgaria**

**Venue: Best Western Plus Hotel Expo ( <https://www.hotelexposofia.com> ),  
Address: 149 Tsarigradsko Shosse, Blvd., 1784 Sofia**

***Working language: English***

**Day 1 (Wednesday), 16.06.2021**

10:00 – 11:00 – Registration

11:00 – 11:20 – Opening

*Opening by Prof. Neli Koseva, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Bulgaria*

11:20 – 12:00 – Presentation of JPI Urban Europe and related funding opportunities

*Presenter: Mrs. Margit Noll, Chair of the Management Board of JPI Urban Europe*

12:00 – 12:20 – Presentation of EXPAND II

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12:20 – 12:40 – Presentation of MRDPW (and the new operational programme)

*Presenter: Mr. Ivaylo Stoyanov, Head of Department "Strategic Planning and Programming", Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works (MRDPW)*

12:40 – 13:00 – Presentation of NAMRB

*Presenter: Mr. Simeon Petkov, Agriculture, Forests, Rural and Mountains Regions Senior Expert, National Association of the Municipalities in Republic of Bulgaria (NAMRB)*

13:00 – 14:30 – Lunch

14:30 – 14:50 – Presentation of successful project 1 (from JPI UE)

*Presenter: Jesse Pappers, VUB, Brussels, presenting the LOOPER project, <https://looperproject.eu/>*

14:50 – 15:10 – Presentation of successful project 2 (from JPI UE)

*Presenter: Chiara Cicchianni, Architecture Workroom, Brussels, presenting the Cities4PED project, <https://www.urbaninnovation.at/en/Cities4PEDs>*

15:10 – 15:40 – Presentation of successful project 3 (from JPI UE)

*Presenter: Joanna Bach-Glowinska from Politechnika Gdansk, Poland, presenting the JPI UE SUGI CRUNCH project, <http://www.fwe-nexus.eu/>*

15:30 – 16:10 – Horizon Europe” – the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Ministry of Education and Science)

*Presenter: Mr. Yumer Kodzhayumer, National Coordinator of the “Horizon Europe” NCP System, Chief Expert at Science Directorate, Ministry of Education and Science*

16:10 – 16:30 – Presentation of BNSF calls

*Presenter: Prof. Georgi Vayssilov, manager, Bulgarian National Science Fund*

16:30 – 17:00 – Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30 – General discussion on potential projects and joint activities

**19:00 – 21:00 – Dinner**

## **Day 2 (Thursday), 17.06.2021**

9:00 – 9:30 – Presentation of Urban Europe Research Alliance (UERA)

*Presenter: Mr. Edoardo Croci, Chair of the Steering Board*

9:30 – 11:10 – Presentations of Bulgarian researchers

- *“Innovative solutions to the challenges of sustainable urban development”, Prof. Rossitsa Chobanova, Economic research institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)*

- *“Re-imagining Europolis: The Role of Culture for the Sustainable Development of European Small and Medium-Sized Cities”, Assoc. Prof. Svetlana Hristova, South-West University "Neofit Rilsky", Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria*

- *“Research of Urban Spaces through a Dedicated Sensor System”, Assoc. Prof. Stela Tasheva, Assoc. Prof. Desislava Angelova and Assoc. Prof. Pavlina Vodenova from Faculty of Forest Industry, University of Forestry, Sofia*

- *“Modelling and optimization of urban traffic in network of crossroads”, Prof. Krasimira Stoilova, Institute of Information and Communication Technologies - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*

- *“Sustainable Urban Consumption – Regional Differences”, Assist. Prof. Dr. Svilen Ivanov from University of Economics, Varna, Assist. Prof. Dr. Borislava Stoimenova from University of National and World Economy (UNWE), Sofia, and Ph.D. Student Veneta Lyubenova, Academy of Economics - Svishtov, Bulgaria*

- *“Urban climate - examples of coastal and valley cities”, Prof. Ekaterina Batchvarova, Climate, Atmosphere and Water Research Institute at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*

- *“Nanobiosensors for ecological monitoring of pollution”, Assoc. Prof. George Ivanov, University of Architecture, Civil Eng. and Geodesy (UACEG), Sofia, and Advanced Technologies Ltd.*

11:10 – 11:30 – *Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:30 – Discussion on research cooperation and funding

12:30 – 14:00 – *Lunch*

### **End of the meeting**

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