

AdCap4GoodGov

Administrative capacity – an essential lever for good governance

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Common challenges of governments:

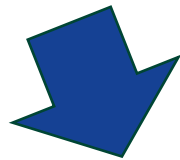
- ✓ Keep up with a constantly changing environment;
 - ✓ Meet the continuous evolving needs of the citizens;
 - ✓ Deal with the pressure to integrate technological developments;
 - ✓ Provide qualitative public services;
 - ✓ Limited resources, both financial and material, as well as in terms of human resources
- ❖ Empirical evidence + other experiences
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Administrative capacity plays an important role



What is administrative capacity?

- Merger of different elements:
 - Human resources
 - Financial resources
 - Infrastructure
- Softer aspects to also be considered:
 - Legislative framework
 - Organisational and functional set-up
 - Management skills



Capacity to EMPOWER or HINDER PROGRESS

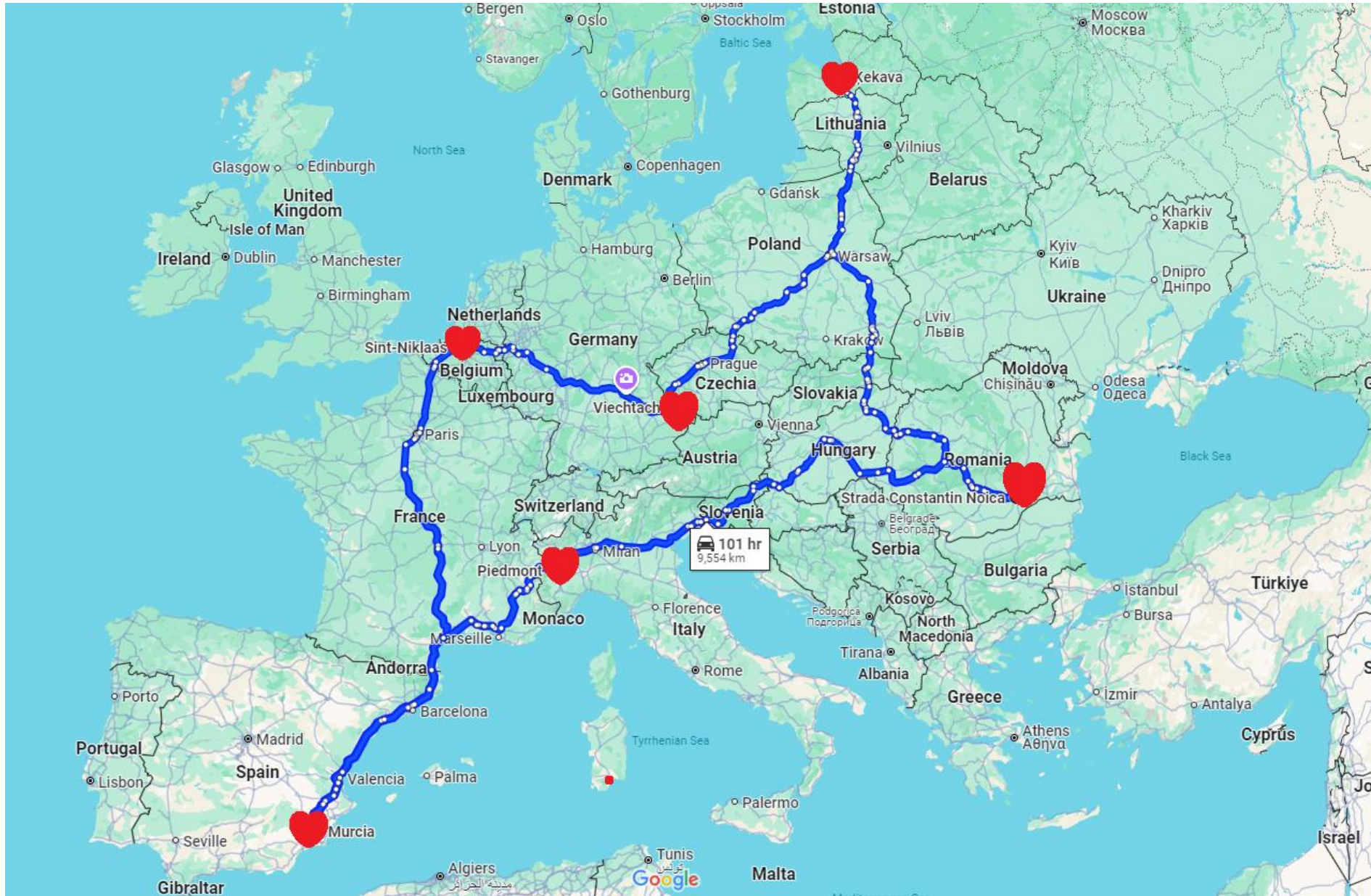


Why administrative capacity?

- ✓ Because any public administration needs resources (capacity) to fulfill its role and create the premises for a strong, active community
- ✓ Because, by identifying the most important elements of administrative capacity, correctly evaluating and sustainably improving them, resources can be allocated more efficiently
- ✓ Because, by allocating resources more efficiently, public services will also be more efficient/qualitative
- ✓ **Because increasing administrative capacity fuels local development**



So close, no matter how far



Our common goal: improve the implementation of local/
regional policies by assessing the administrative capacity



The AdCap4GoodGov project focuses on:

- ✓ **Analyzing administrative capacity dimensions and their impact on service delivery and achieving strategic development objectives of public authorities**
- ✓ How administrative capacity is addressed by the local governments in their programmatic documents and what are the elements they should have in mind in order to maximize the achievement of the objectives set through these documents
- ✓ **Learning from good practices related to administrative capacity from different countries and from the partners' experiences**

Just a few facts about the project

✓ **7 partners**, of which:

Lead partner: Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration (Romania)

Advisory partner: The Association of Communes of Romania

Partners:

- ➔ **City of Viechtach (Germany)**
- ➔ **Langhe Monferrato and Roero Development Agency (Italy)**
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- ➔ **City of Sint-Niklaas (Belgium)**
- ➔ **Kekava Municipality Local Government (Latvia)**
- Federation of Municipalities of the Region of Murcia (Spain)**

✓ The project implementation period is **51 months**

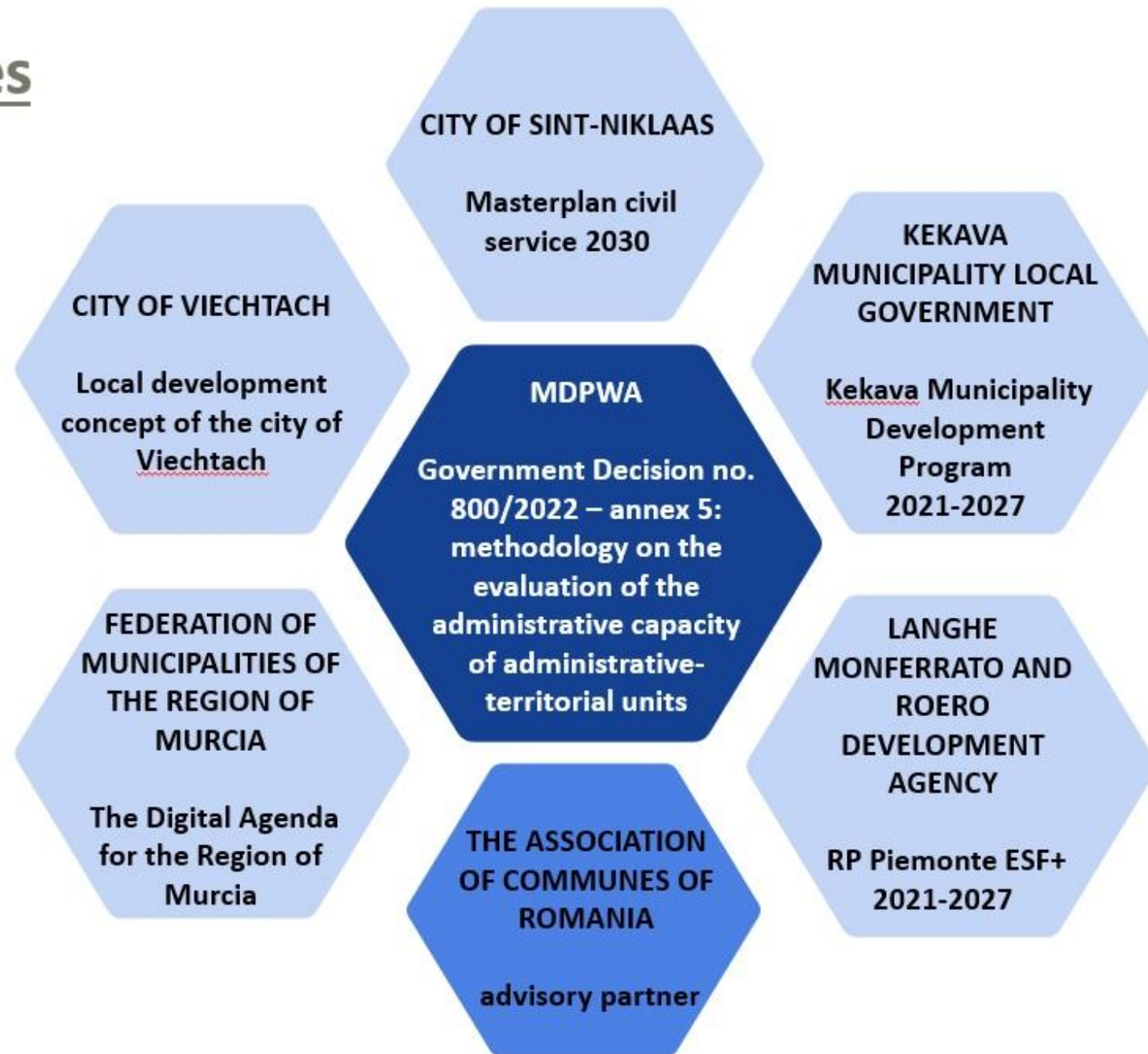
Main phase: April 1st, 2024 (start date) - March 31st, 2027 (36 months)

Follow-up phase: April 1st, 2027 - March 31st, 2028 (12 months)

Closure phase: April 1st, 2028 - June 30th, 2028 (3 months)



Our policies



Romanian (MDPWA) policy instrument

Methodology for assessing the administrative capacity of administrative-territorial units (Annex 5 – G.D. 800/2022)

- ✓ **The introduction of the concept of administrative capacity** in the Romanian legislation => in relation with the decentralization process;
- ✓ The **issue of the administrative capacity** of the administrative-territorial units - **the perspective of** establishing the **existence/non-existence of an adequate level of administrative capacity** of ATUs, **in order to take over new competences from the central level;**
- ✓ The methodology for assessing the administrative capacity – currently regulated through **Annex no. 5 to GD 800/2022.**

Current assessment of administrative capacity

6 areas/domains

19 indicators

multiple primary data and formulas



Activities:

Project activities focus on mutual learning from the diversity of experiences and good practices identified:

- During the duration of the project, the partners will organize **8 interregional events** (1 by each partner, 3 by the leader), online and face-to-face meetings, site visits, workshops)
- **Relevant stakeholders** for every partner will be involved
- Other tools as **questionnaires, analysis** will be used by the partners
- Partners will identify **solutions to improve the public policy instruments** targeted by the project

International regional events to be organized:

1st semester - The 1st Interregional event - Administrative capacity and its role in achieving the objectives of any policy instrument (**Ro - Bucharest**)

2nd semester - The Interregional event - focused on Administrative capacity and its human resource component (**De - Viechtacht**)

3rd semester - The Interregional event - Reliable assessment of administrative capacity - basis for the optimal allocation of resources in a changing environment, with a focus on the digital transformation and ITC integration (**Be - Sint Niklaas**)

4th semester - Reshaping administrative capacity's assessment indicators to the current requirements of society and technology - essential condition for realistic strategic planning and impact financing (**Ro - Bucharest**)

5th semester - The Interregional event - focused on Human resources and its training – focus on accreditation systems of service providers and on-the-job training (**IT- Piemont**)

6th semester - The Interregional event – focus on State of play regarding policy instrument improvements and analysis of the way in which administrative capacity has been integrated into the policy instruments addressed by the partners (**LV- Kekava**)

7th semester The Interregional event – focus on Monitoring the first effects of the policy improvements (**ES - Murcia**)

8th semester Monitoring and evaluating the policy instruments' improvement (**RO - Bucharest**)

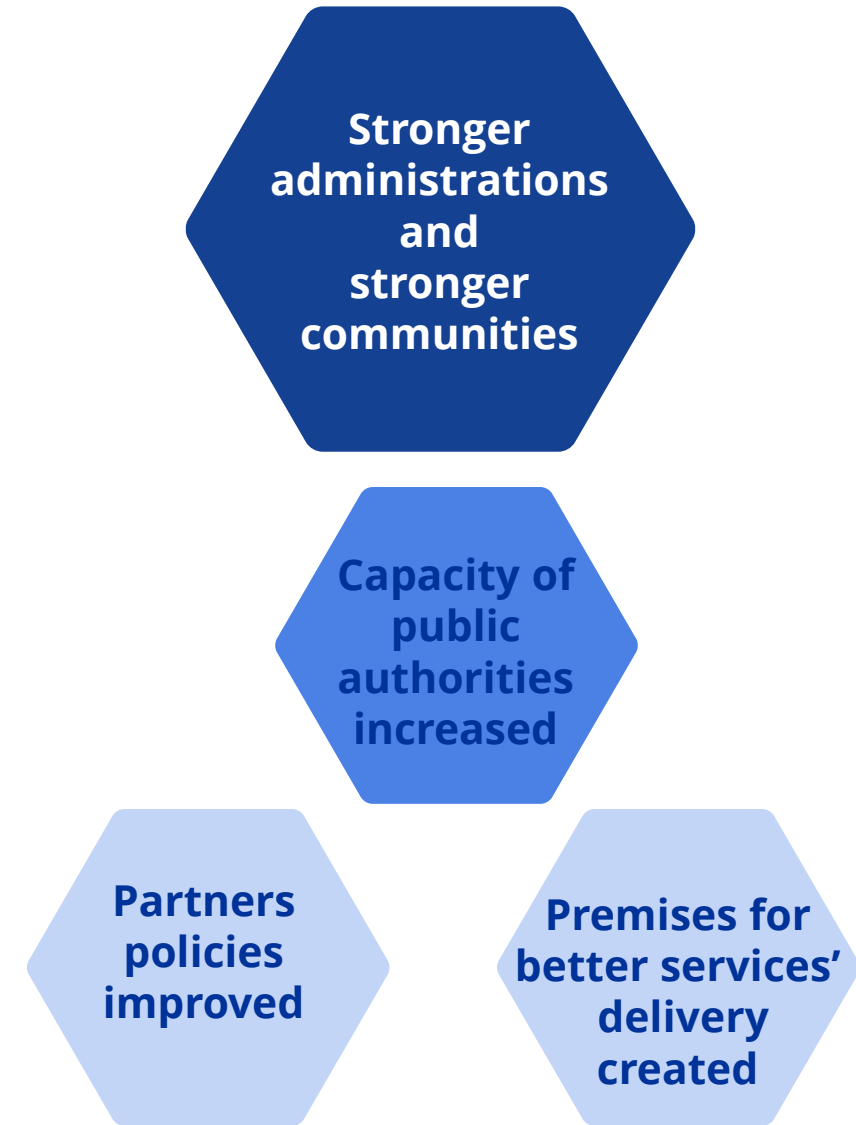
Assets for a high quality partnership

- Public authorities and entities representing **different national, regional or local perspectives and administrative levels**
- **Partners with policy making, regulatory and nationwide assessment of administrative capacity roles**, and also **institutions that design, implement and monitor** local policies and public services delivery as well as the day-to-day inner performance
- Our partnership covers **different dimensions of the administrative capacity** (such as human resources, digitalization, public services delivery etc.) as well as **tools for assessing administrative capacity both nationwide and at local scale**
- It is based on a **major potential research base for good practices**: from Romania (through an advisory partner where over 2000 municipalities are represented), but also from Spain and Italy (our partners cover more local communities in their area)

Expected results

Improving the public policy instruments addressed, on the administrative capacity measures, in order to design and implement better policies, favoring the development of the necessary conditions for an open, participatory, inclusive and accountable government, able to provide quality services, meeting the evolving needs of citizens.

Administrative capacity is not about having more, but about doing things better



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AdCap4GoodGov aims at increasing administrative capacity as an essential element that fuels local development.

An interregional cooperation project for improving **Policy governance** policies

Project Partners

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- City of Sint-Niklaas (BE)
- City of Viedtman (DE)
- Federation of Municipalities of the Region of Murcia (ES)
- Kekava Municipality Local Government (LV)
- Lenghe Montemaro and Romeno Development Agency (IT)
- Association of Communes of Romania (RO)

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