

Urban agriculture for changing cities: governance models for better institutional capacities and social inclusion

AgriGo4Cities – project presentation

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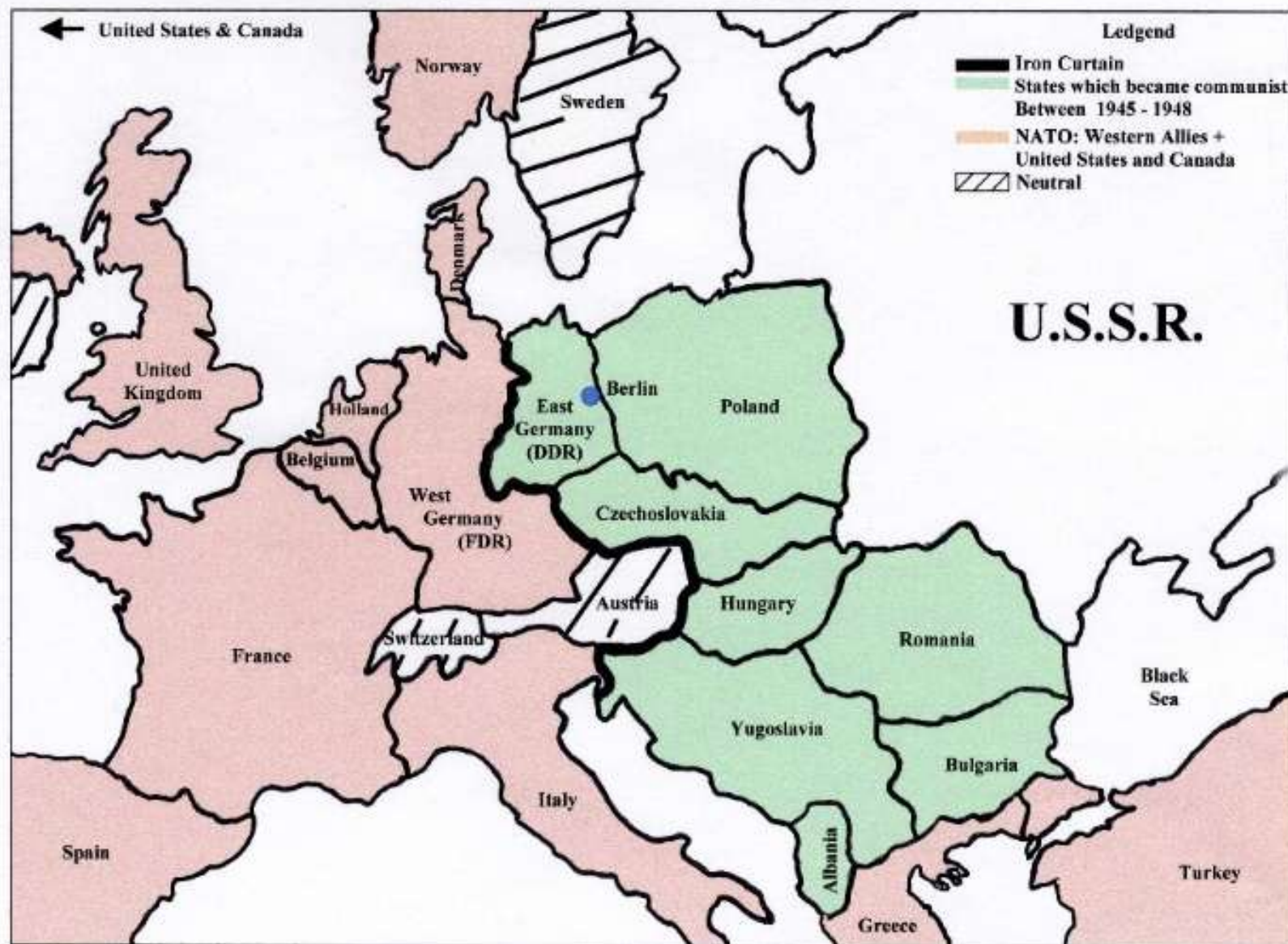
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1. Why?



THE COLD WAR

Post War Division of Europe 1945



Source: The Royal Irish



- World's most international river basin
- Many conflicts, movements of population and undemocratic regimes
- Dramatic changes since 1989
- 100 mio. inh.
- „In the Region, there is a need to connect people, their ideas and needs.“

Problems



Problems

1. Decreasing capacities of public administrators to integrate participatory approach into decision-making processes





Hungary, 2014



Bulgaria, 2016



Slovenia, 2013



Croatia, 2016

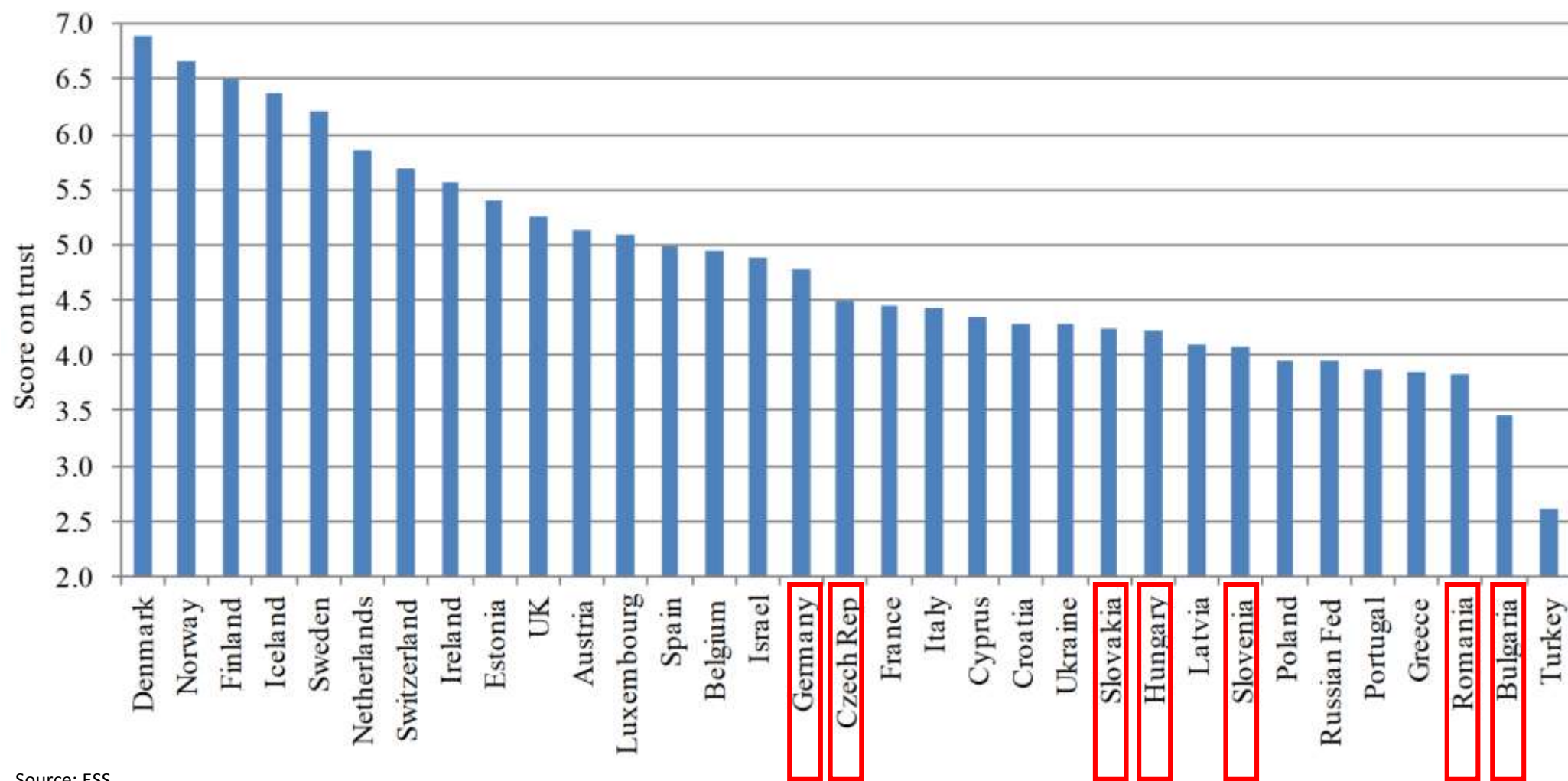


Montenegro, 2016



Romania, 2017

General trust by country, 2002-2010

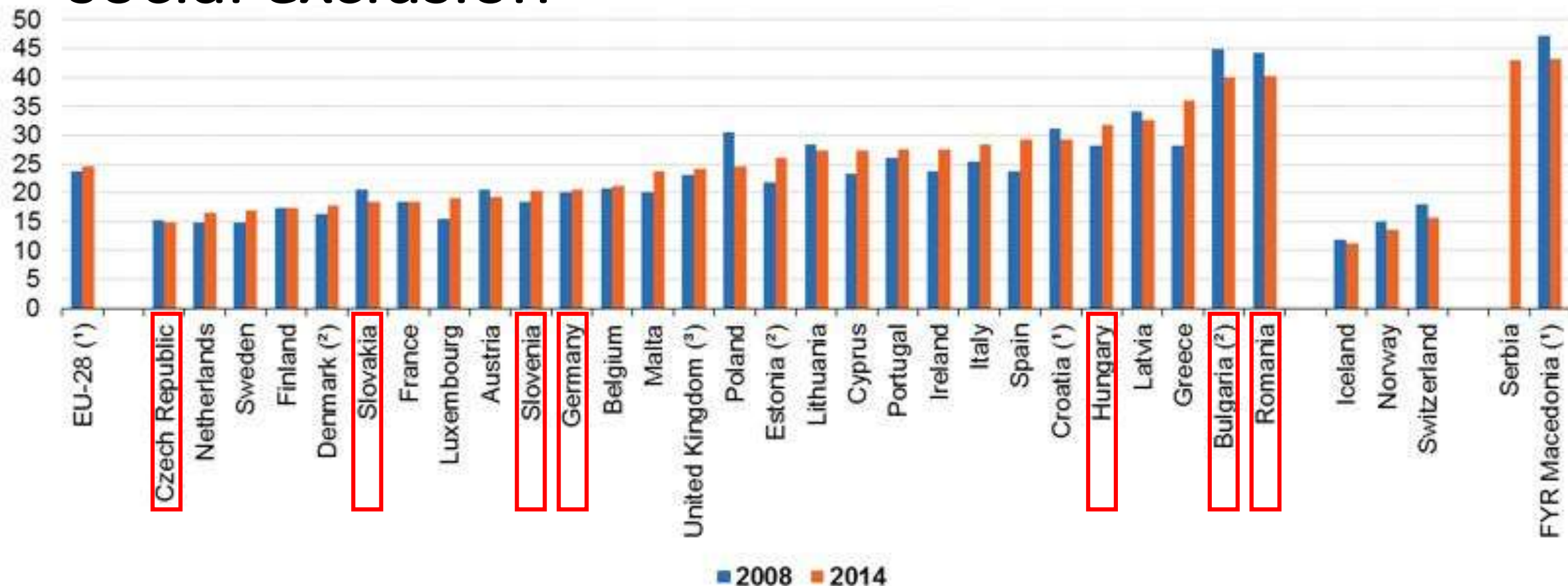


Problems

1. Decreasing capacities of public administrators to integrate participatory approach into decision-making processes
2. Exclusion of disadvantaged communities from political, social and economic agendas and with low involvement in lifelong learning practices



People at risk of poverty or social exclusion



(¹) 2010 data (instead of 2008).

(²) Break in time series in 2014.

(³) Break in time series in 2012.

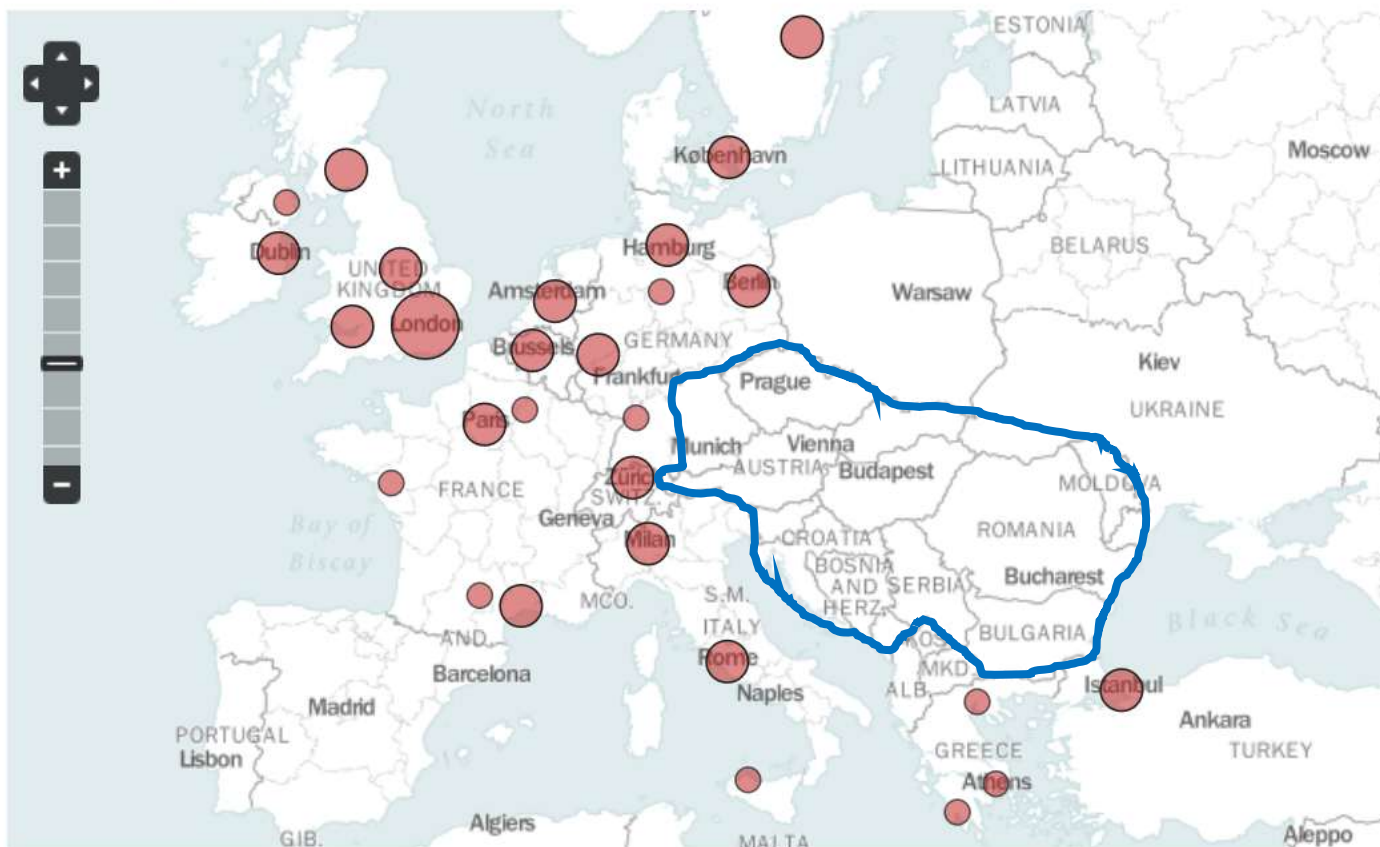
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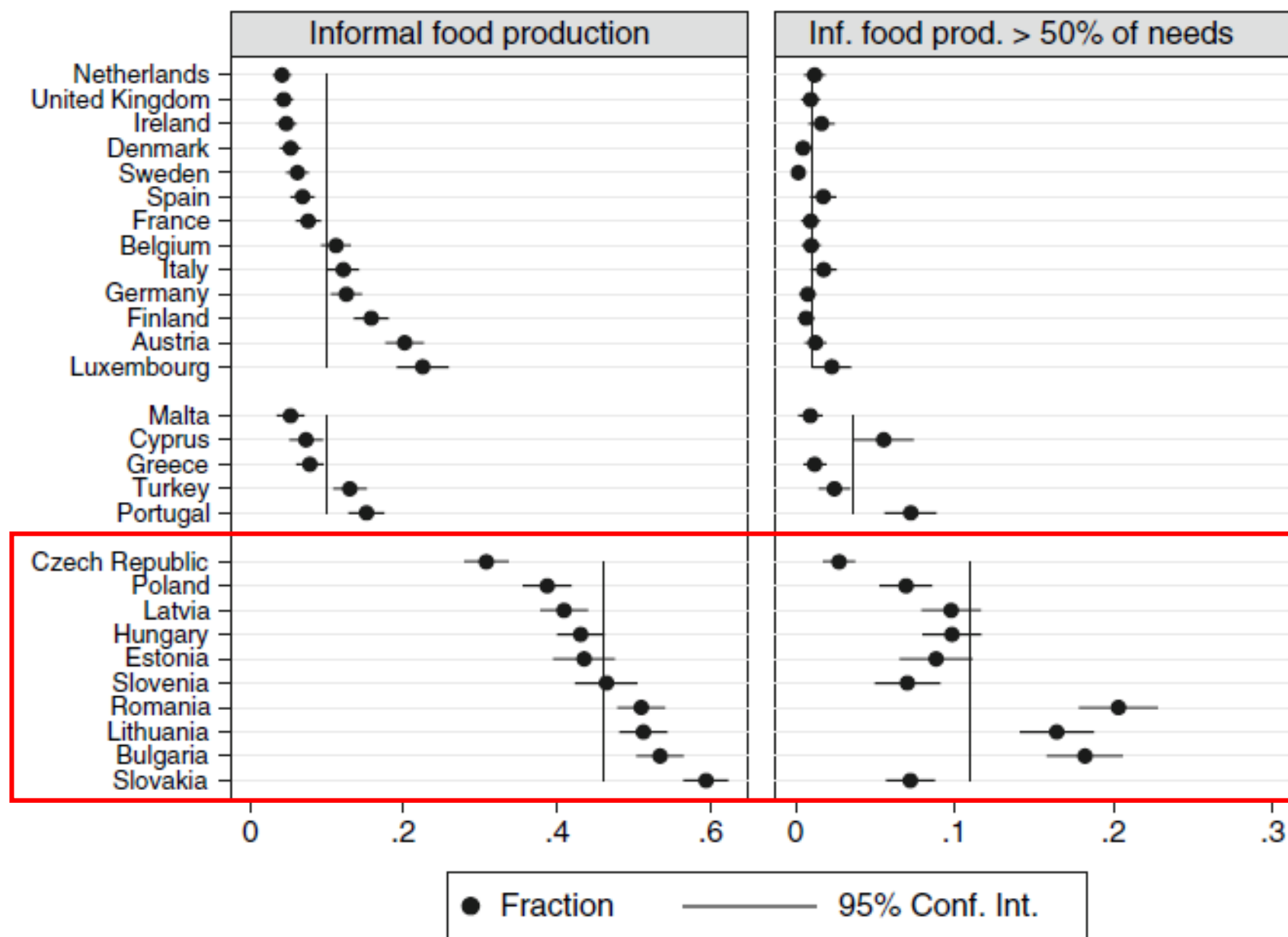
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2. Exclusion of disadvantaged communities from political, social and economic agendas and with low involvement in lifelong learning practices
3. Unsustainable urban development



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2. What?

Project main objective

The **AgriGo4Cities** project main objective is to employ participatory urban and peri-urban agriculture (UPA) as a **method** to improve public institutional capacities for tackling socio-economic exclusion of vulnerable/marginalized groups and stimulating liveable cities in the Danube region.

Project specific objectives

1. To integrate participatory approach into decision-making processes
2. To increase socio-economic inclusion of vulnerable/marginalized groups
3. To promote sustainable urban development

Urban and peri-urban agriculture (UPA)

Participatory
planning

Socio-economic
inclusion

Sustainable
urban
development

If your plan is for one, year plant rice.

If your plan is for ten, years plant trees.

If your plan is for one hundred years, educate children.

Confucius

If your plan is for 2.5 year, apply for EU funding
by writing an appealing project proposal.

AgriGo4Cities partnership

First call for proposals

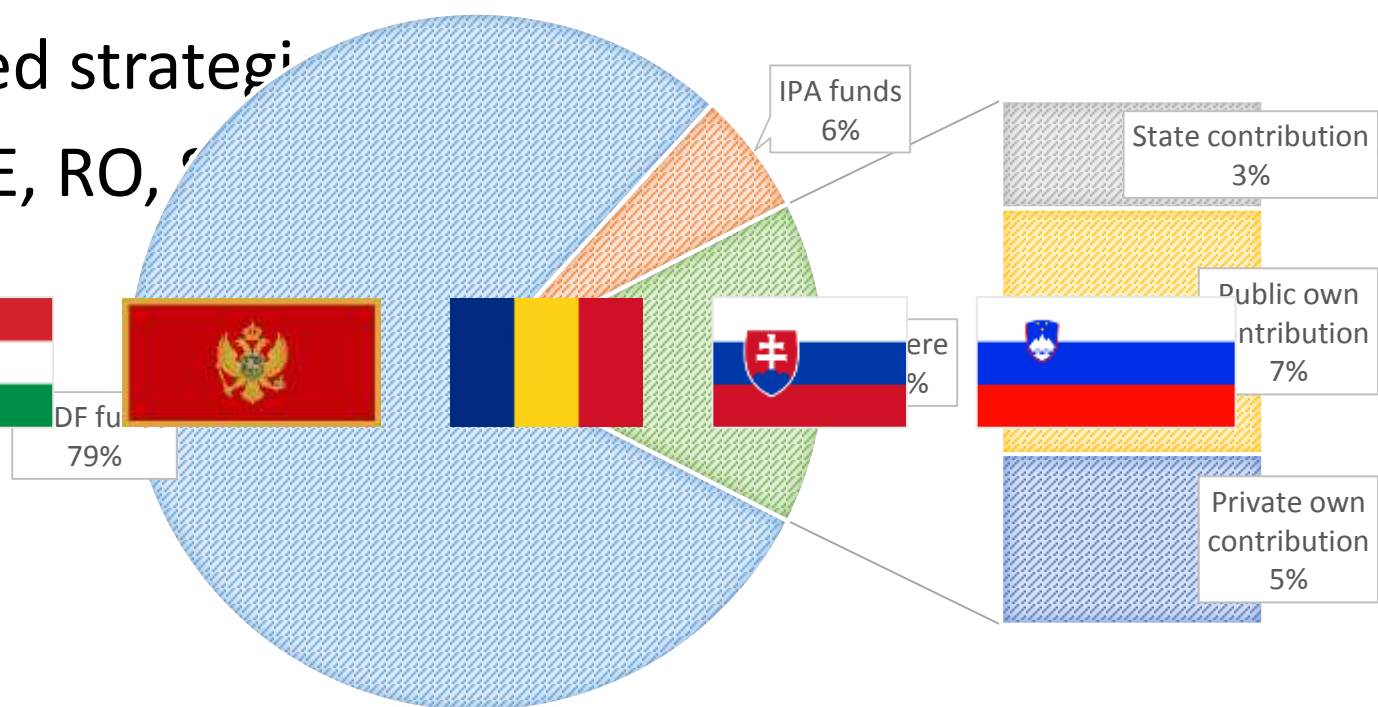
Submitted for the 1st step (Eol)	Pre-selected for the 2nd step	Submitted for the 2nd step	Approved with conditions	Finally approved
From 23rd September to 3rd November 2015	22nd March 2016	From 29th March to 9th May 2016	27th and 28th September 2016	8th December 2016
576	100	91	55	54

Success rate: 9,38 %



Project basics

- From 1/2017 to 6/2019
- Total budget: 1.474.190,20 €
- 11 project partners, 6 associated strategies
- 8 countries (BG, CZ, DE, HU, ME, RO, SR, UA)



3. How?

Project structure

WP1: Project management

WP2: Communication activities

WP3:
Common
methodology

WP4:
Pilot actions

WP5:
Transnational
transferring

WP3: Common methodology

- Output 3.1: Good practices catalogue of participatory UPA (TOOL)
- Output 3.2: Evaluation questionnaire on effectiveness of participatory UPA (TOOL)
- Output 3.3: Common transnational training framework (LEARNING INTERACTION)



WP4: Pilot actions

- Output 4.1: Local partnerships for an effective participatory UPA (TOOL)
- Output 4.2: Development and implementation of action plans (PILOT ACTIONS)
- Output 4.3: Local plans of follow-up activities in pilot areas (STRATEGY)



WP5: Transnational transferring

- Output 5.1: Transnational multi-level partnership for a better governance framework in the Danube region (TOOL)
- Output 5.2: Transnational participatory UPA governance plan (STRATEGY)
- Output 5.3: Transnational plan of follow-up activities in the Danube region (STRATEGY)



4. Who?





Strategic

- Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SI)
- European Development Agency (CZ)
- Central Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency Nonprofit Ltd. (HU)
- ENVICORP Slovakia (SK)
- Association for culture and education, PiNA (SI)
- Ifuplan – Institute for Environmental Planning and Spatial Development (DK)

Territorial

- Municipal District Prague 9 (CZ)
- Municipality of Velenje (SI)
- Vaslui Municipality (RO)
- Municipality of Ulcinj (ME)
- Association of South-Western Municipalities (BG)

Associated strategic

- Regional Development Agency of the Ljubljana Urban Region (SI)
- Prague City Hall (CZ)
- Association of City Municipalities of Slovenia (SI)
- Employment Service of Slovenia, Regional Office Koper (SI)
- Association Euni Partners (BG)
- EBB Europaberatung (DK)

National

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Regional

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Municipal

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- Vaslui Municipality (RO)
- Municipality of Ulcinj (ME)
- Prague City Hall (CZ)

Sub-municipal

- Municipal District Prague 9 (CZ)

Old member states

- Ifuplan – Institute for Environmental Planning and Spatial Development (DK)

New member states

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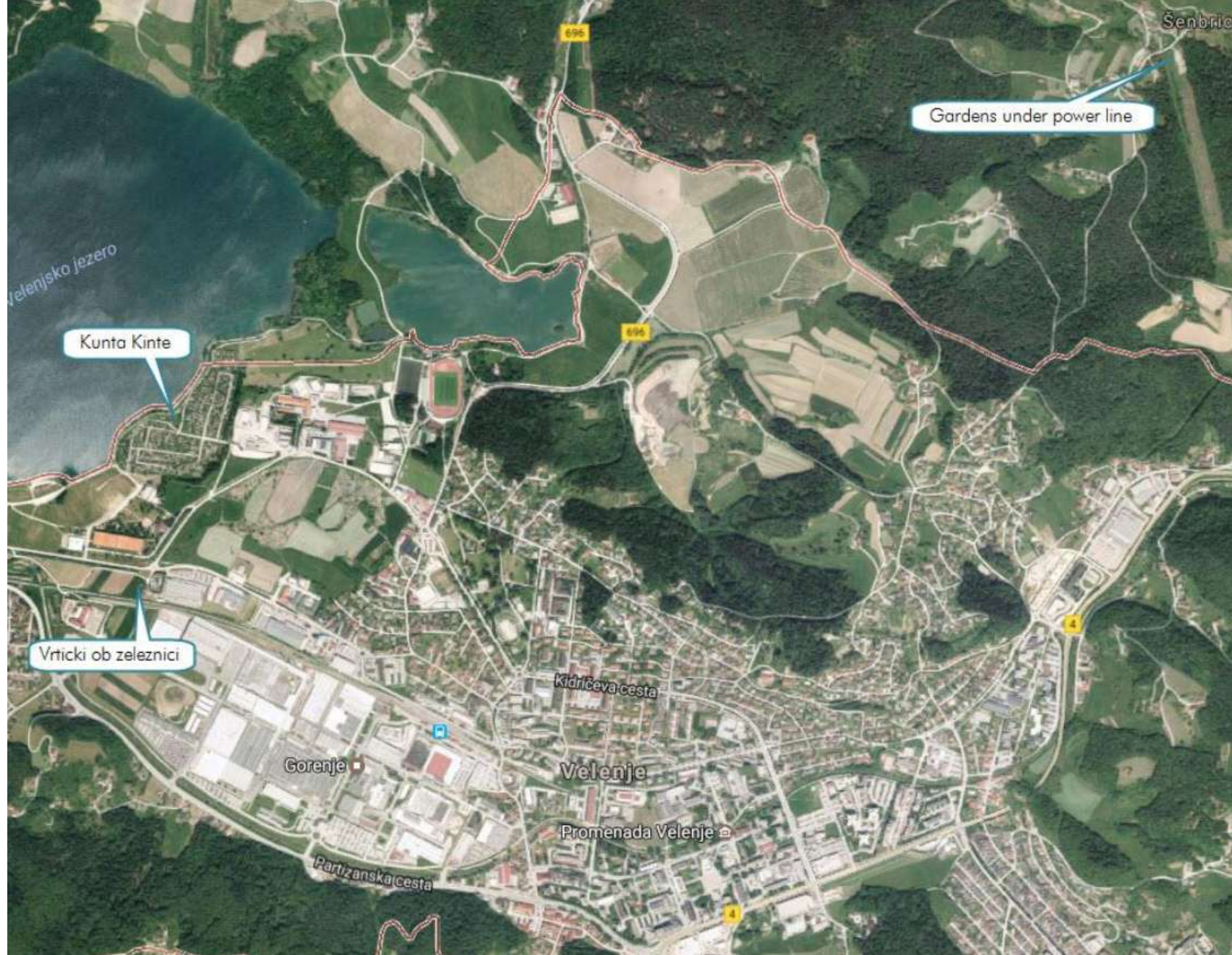
Candidate countries

- Municipality of Ulcinj (ME)

5. When?

1st study visit and kick-off meeting – Feb 2017, Velenje







Group 2: Socio-economic inclusion of vulnerable/marginalized groups

- Access to political spaces (Access to decision-making processes / formal participation procedures; Citizen planning beyond formal participation procedures; Obstacles preventing access: Legal framework, language barriers, political alienation, lack of political engagement ...)
- Access to social spaces (Stigma of marginalized groups; Lack of local roots / networks ...)
- Access to physical spaces (Formal access: ownership, lease, usufruct; Securing and formalizing informal access; Regulation of safeguarding against hazards / liability of owner (insurance issues); Provision of access to public land / accessibility; How is exclusion/limitation of other land use regulated on UPA areas ...)
- Access to markets (Do markets and what type of markets exist for UPA produce? Geographical level of these markets: Neighbourhood/supplier-consumer relationship, city, region or supra-regional? How is access to markets restricted: Legal requirements, food safety regulations, missing platforms ...)
- Access to services (Capacity building / training in regard to UPA and marketing of produce; Infrastructure: irrigation/water, facilities, tools, seeds, public transport)

Status quo?

<p>Strength</p> <p>Municipal initiative</p> <p>Public transport / bikes lanes</p>	<p>Weakness</p> <p>direct contact between MoV and citizens (→ in regard to marginalized groups)</p> <p>community as provider / citizens as consumer</p> <p>Legally sale of produce prohibited</p>
<p>Opportunities</p> <p>community of learning / cooperation (tolerance)</p> <p>→ social space for people that otherwise would not meet</p> <p>projects as examples</p> <p>non-monetary exchange for products</p>	<p>Threats</p> <p>Disability?</p> <p>Lack of involvement of citizens ("bad guys")</p>

Recommendations?

Establish organizations / associations → connect members

Public market in operation



1st study visit and kick-off meeting – Feb 2017, Velenje



2nd study visit – June 2017, Banská Bystrica



3rd study visit & transnational training course – Nov 2017, Munich



4th study visit & transnational multi-level governance partnership – May 2018, Prague



5th study visit – Oct 2018, Blagoevgrad



6th study visit & final conference – Mar 2019, Székesfehérvár & Budapest



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In recent times, the main needs and challenges related to governance systems within the Danube region can be associated with decreasing public institutional capacities to incorporate participatory approach into decision-making processes. The absence of participatory mechanisms is contributing to reduced motivation of people to engage in governance and administration because they feel relegated from political, social and economic agendas and not competent enough to act as an equivalent counterpart and a considerable driver of "change". The gap between citizens and public authorities at all levels is therefore increasing and leading to intensified mistrust and lack of public participation, especially among the most disadvantaged communities at risk of exclusion, such as the poor, unemployed, homeless, Roma communities, elderly, women and youth. The growing social and economic inequalities are reflected in reduced quality of urban life. To overcome these challenges the


Danube Transnational Programme
AgriGo4Cities

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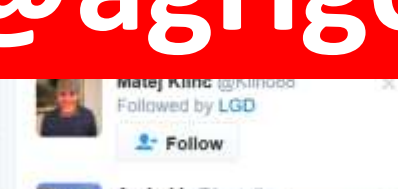
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Goal: The AgriGo4Cities project wants to employ Participatory Urban and Peri-urban agriculture (UPA) as a powerful and emerging method to improve public institutional capacities in order to tackle socio-economic exclusion of vulnerable/marginalized... [+](#)

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