

## ICP-AGIR Cooperation Action Plan for Tshwane (Republic of South Africa) – Stara Zagora (Bulgaria)

Cooperation Data		
	<b>Tshwane</b> <b>Republic of South Africa</b>	<b>Stara Zagora</b> <b>Bulgaria</b>
<b>Departments / Institutions involved</b>	Economic development and Spatial planning, City of Tshwane	European programs and international cooperation / ecology / urban transport / urbanism
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<b>Description of the partnership</b>	Exchange of experience and good practices between Stara Zagora Municipality and Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality focused on sustainable urban infrastructure, energy transition, circular economy, green investments and climate change mitigation	

Best practices or challenges		
	<b>Tshwane</b> <b>South Africa</b>	<b>Stara Zagora</b> <b>Bulgaria</b>
<b>Governance</b>	Re-skilling and upskilling to match labour supply and demand	Green infrastructure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incentives, financing</li> <li>Technical aspects, irrigation, planning</li> <li>Barriers</li> </ul>
<b>Energy</b>		Energy efficiency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovation</li> <li>Isolation and REN/IPP</li> </ul>
<b>Mobility</b>	Automotive zone (PPP more broadly)	Delivery of new electric buses and charging stations by the end of 2022

<b>Confirmation of Priority Areas</b>	
<b>Key focus of cooperation themes following the idea generation online workshop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy efficiency</li> <li>Mitigation of the consequences of climate change (Green infrastructure)</li> <li>Greening of investments, both existing and incoming investment</li> <li>Improvement of the working conditions and mitigation of the impact on work productivity</li> </ul>
<b>Short description of main actions and key outputs</b>	Sharing of knowledge and accomplished projects, conducting on-site visits in order to present good practices
<b>Expected results and benefits</b>	Innovative ideas to both cities in order to accelerate urban transformation and regeneration, overcome common challenges, boost cooperation among them, discover a new context and environment

<b>Topic of Cooperation – Key focus of Cooperation</b>	
<b>Counterparts</b>	<b>Tshwane and Stara Zagora</b>
<b>Objective</b>	<b>To develop an affordable model for efficient sustainable housing renovation in Tshwane</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Selecting a neighbourhood</li> <li>2. Undertake a needs assessment</li> <li>3. Develop a refurbishing plan</li> <li>4. Submit project for funding (?)</li> </ol>
<b>Outcomes</b>	A holistic refurbishment plan for XX, end outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved energy efficiency</li> <li>Liveability (in-door and out-door)</li> <li>Aesthetics</li> <li>Security and safety</li> </ul>
<b>Indicators</b>	Output indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential block identified</li> <li>Feasibility study (regulatory, planning)</li> <li>Needs assessment undertaken</li> <li>Refurbishing plan developed</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainability of the action</b>	While it is uncertain if the project will achieve funding to implement the plan being developed, it is foreseen that the model will be sustainable and replicable.
<b>Time and Resources</b>	N/A