

# OUTPUT FACT SHEET

## Strategies and action plans

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<b>Summary description of the strategy/action plan (developed and/or implemented), explaining its main objectives and transnational added value</b>	

The AWAIR project addresses the issue of air quality as common challenge for Central Europe territories concerned with environmental protection, safeguarding of citizens' health and improving quality of life in Functional Urban Area (FUA) defined as city with its commuting zones.

This document is aimed to support the knowledge transfer on Severe Air Pollution Episodes (SAPEs) management to FUA.

The objectives of this Transnational Concept Plan are:

- using the AWAIR project results and making them available to a wider group of entities, i.e. among all participating FUA (Parma, Katowice, Zugl6) and beyond the project. This reflects the continuity of the thematic capitalization initiated by the AWAIR project.
- increasing air quality management coordination between major urban areas and their surroundings, by raising awareness of the added value of actions at FUA level to deal with environmental problems.

To achieve the above-mentioned strategic approaches actions taken require to move on from the administrative boundaries of cities. The development of a Memorandum of Understanding (D.T3.2.1) between administrators and stakeholders within FUA fosters closer cooperation to promote management at a higher territorial level. The collaboration Platform created in this way enables the transfer of results between its participants. Apart from the "core city", the Platform members should also include communes located on the territory of FUA. Agreements between cities and stakeholders ensure sustainability beyond the end of the project.

The Concept Plan itself consists of the following analytical steps: (i) identification of common challenges and problems and their spatial determinants (ii) definition of the priorities and objectives of knowledge transfers (iv) selection of solutions and good practices of strategic interest for FUA (v) establishment of a Collaboration Platform.

Testing different ways and methods of stakeholder engagement in the knowledge exchange process as part of transnational cooperation was an added value in the process of developing a Concept Plan model of MoU among cities of a FUA. Based on the Concept plan, each municipality participating in the AWAIR project has established a local Memorandum of Understanding.

#### **NUTS region(s) concerned by the strategy/action plan (relevant NUTS level)**

The concerned NUTS regions comprise the FUA of Parma (Italy), the FUA of Katowice (Poland) and the FUA of Zugl6 (Budapest, Hungary).

#### **Expected impact and benefits of the strategy/action plan for the concerned territories and target groups**

We expect that Transnational Concept Action Plan will intensify the existing collaboration within FUA and facilitate the transfer of SAPE management knowledge to all participating FUA (Parma, Katowice, Zugl6) and beyond the project. This Plan can contribute to better use of the AWAIR project results and make the knowledge gathered in the project more available at the FUA level. In addition, it ensures that stakeholders can engage in learning about SAPEs management across the EU and take advantage of this opportunity without even being a project partner.

This strategy is addressed to municipalities and their interested parties that intend to develop and consolidate existing cooperation and efforts in the field of counteracting air pollution and health protection at the FUA level. It provides detailed information on the most relevant and timely forms of communication, the targets for communication, the objectives and contents, and the tools available for the knowledge transfer tasks. This Concept Plan can be used as a framework model of the MoU among the cities of an FUA.

### **Sustainability of the developed and/or implemented strategy/action plan and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders**

Agreements between cities within the same FUA, as well as with other organizations and stakeholder groups, will be valid after the end of the project and will be the basis for further cooperation towards common goals and the flow of information and knowledge. The MoU is not legally binding, but exists to exchange written promises that are intentionally morally binding. All approved MoU are published on the related local website, in order to make the entire collaboration process transparent, credible and to hold key actors publicly accountable.

The systematic and comprehensive assessment of external and internal factors determining the current state of cooperation and the development potential of activities in the field of knowledge exchange, applied in the Plan, enables the transfer of interventions to other municipalities and FUA.

The most important learning from the development process of the Concept Plan shows that such a knowledge transfer process has to address all the challenges of the stakeholder engagement process.

### **References to relevant deliverables and web-links**

If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

D.T3.2.4 Concept plan model of MoU

Concept Plan is available online on project website

<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/AWAIR/AWAIR.html>