TEMPLATE

Output factsheet: Innovation networks

Version 1

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Summary description of the established innovation network explaining its structure and functions

Founding members:

1. City of Rijeka, Local public authority
2. Smart Ri d.o.o., Local public authority
3. Ericsson Nikola Tesla d.d., Business
4. University of Rijeka, High education and research
5. Multilink d.o.o., SME
6. Exevio d.o.o., SME
7. SMART – Association for Civil Society Development, Civil association

Vision Statement

The VISION of Rijeka Urban innovation network is to increase research and innovation activities in the field of smart city by setting up of an innovation network as well as the integration of the members of the network. Urban innovation cluster will position itself as a centre in the field of development and application of smart cities projects and technologies with the aim of improving citizens' quality of life and standard of living.

Mission Statement

The MISSION of the Rijeka 4UI network is to include and support local SMEs and research organizations to use available innovation potential and creating new added value for the local economy and local community.

The innovation network will adress numerous objectives – on the city's, and on the citizens' level such as:
- Overcoming the fragmentation of the innovation chain of value and the gap between the scientific – research sector and the business sector
- The modernization and diversification of the economy through business sector investments in innovative smart city projects
- Upgrading the global chain of value and encouraging the internationalization of the Croatian economy
- Working in partnerships to address social challenges
- The development of smart skills - improving qualifications of existing, and new workforce for smart specialization, as well as creating smart users of services developed within the cluster.

Local 4UI network was publicaly launched in early May 2018 in Rijeka.

Main activities of the Urban innovation network will be the following:
- Networking,
- Mapping of common project interest of the network members
- Development of new products/services
- Know how and technoliogy transfer
- Promotion of the Smart City community and products.

Governance of the Urban Innovation Cluster / Network

The Urban Innovation Network will be governed by the City of Rijeka, with the support of the Smart RI d.o.o., company founded by the City of Rijeka as the lead parner of the Center of competence for smart cities.

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NUTS region(s) concerned by the innovation network (relevant NUTS level)

The innovation network is operated by City of Rijeka, the capital of Primorsko-goranska County, NUTS 3 HR031, which is concerned as primarily target area. Taking into account 4UI networks' objectives and activities, it is clear that Rijeka innovation network strives to work on national level (HR0), comprising NUTS 2 regions HR03 and HR04.

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Expected impact and benefits of the innovation network for the concerned territories and target groups

Common benefits: Rijeka innovation network is committed to position the city of Rijeka as a national pioneer testing platform for smart solutions, in which authorities, citizens, SMEs and Science equally participate.

Local community: By using information and communication technology as a key element in development, smart cities of the future will accelerate economic growth, improve the way of life for citizens, create opportunities for urban development and renovation of cities, support the initiative of environmental sustainability, improve political processes, and provide access to advanced financial services.

Local public authorities: Use of technology and networked infrastructure for improvement of economic and political efficiency, as well as social, cultural and urban development.

Local business and high education and research: The Innovation network will include small and medium enterprises and research organizations that will be encouraged in utilization of innovation potentials and creating new values for economy and civil sector. 4-helix synergy of competitiveness will have the ability to attract new business idea, models and solutions, as well as experts and creative individuals, enabling them to upgrade any layer of urban ecosystem.

Citizens and civil associations: citizens will be actively involved in decision making process invited to expose their problems, interests and suggestions in all city matters.

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Sustainability of the innovation network and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

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Sustainability

The expected funding for the first period of the establishment of the network is planned through the URBAN INNO project. Following time period is expected to be funded by the City of Rijeka and Smart RI - Center of competence for smart cities. During the first years of the Network, common projects will be defined and developed for funding – mainly from EU sources.

Transferability to other urban ecosystems in Central Europe

The work of the Innovation network will include activities related to: encouraging cooperation, exchange of information and providing or guiding specialized and customized business support services, organization of training programs, workshops and conferences to encourage knowledge sharing, networking and international cooperation.

Rijeka 4UI network is open to new members that may contribute to innovative solutions in targeted activity fields: organization that are developing innovative services and products, conducting research and development activities, supporting SMEs in innovation development and networking, and to organizations that operate on regional level.

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Lessons learned from the development and establishment process of the innovation network and added value of transnational cooperation

Rijeka Core team mentoring partner CyberForum provided 2 workshops on innovation network and smart city concept related topics, as well as on methods which can be used in participatory process. Based on that cooperation, the vision, mission, and planned actions of Rijeka 4UI network were set up, as well as its governance and the business model.

The Network's primary objective is to include civil society into the smart city issues. The first step is establishment of Citizen Collaboration Platform (CCP) which is developed through URBAN INNO, as Rijeka pilot project. This online platform will ensure direct involvement of the citizens regarding intended usage of public areas, and is beeing developed with the support of different citizens target groups and Rijeka 4UI network members.

The 4UI network will also carry out projects in the fields of Energy and sustainable environment, and Traffic and mobility. On its way to become a Smart city, the City of Rijeka will be a test bed for network partners, who will work on development of new products and services to improve quality of life for citizens and visitors. Network members are aiming to share knowledge and experience gained through projects implementation, with consultancy and internationalization as a final goal.

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References to relevant deliverables and web-links
If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

D.T1.1.2 - Inventory of key innovation stakeholders

D.T1.2.5 - Documentation: personal meetings with stakeholders

D.T1.2.1 - Core team agreement

D.T1.2.2 - 1st training workshop for core teams

D.T1.2.3 - 2nd training workshop for core teams

D.T1.2.4 - Basic urban innovation roadmaps

D.T1.3.3 – Urban innovation clusters/networks memorandum draft

D.T1.3.2 - Urban innovation clusters/networks memorandum signing

D.T1.3.1 – Quadruple-helix cluster/network launch event

Images, agendas and signing lists from related events are included into corresponding Deliverables.

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