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A few words about the STATUS Project

STATUS is a EU co-funded project tackling the problem of incoherent urban and regional development in South Eastern European and neighboring countries by jointly developing an approach that can help cities and regions in making integrated and sustainable urban agendas and place based strategies by participatory planning tools. It aims to enrich the pool of development, regeneration and management tools in urban settlements systems of the SEE program area, while preparing the partner cities to design good strategies and policies in order to pursue more balanced territorial development and ensuring global competitiveness. The scale of urban networks and clusters of cities in the STATUS territorial partnership ranges from the urban/peri-urban (metropolitan areas, systems of urban

settlements) to the sub-regional and regional level, while the geographical distribution of [territorial and scientific partners](#) transforms STATUS in a truly diverse European experience.

The STATUS project collaborates in a true transnational setting to assist SEE cities authorities to develop Strategic Territorial/Urban Agendas (ST/UA) as a tool for sustainable and integrated development in line with 21st century standards. It aims, by applying a participatory planning process, to implement, together with local actors, Urban Centers (UCs) as places in which to shape cities strategic visions, resulting in shared local development scenarios. Results, practices and emerging city networks (local and inter-communal) will be archived and promoted in the SEE Web Platform (SEE-WP) which will constitute the memory of implemented plans and policies, as well as the virtual platform through which to develop innovative and smart solutions for the SEE cities of the future. The developed outputs of the project (strategic urban agendas and urban centers) will assist the participating cities in using cohesion funds in a more efficient manner and provide input for future (cohesion funded) projects.



STATUS Fourth Project Meeting

The fourth STATUS Meeting has been held in Greece between **16 and 17 July 2014** and has welcomed the STATUS Partners in both municipalities of Drama and Kavala, with the Drama Chamber of Commerce being the organizing partner.

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STATUS Participation in the SEE & MED Joint Communication Training

The STATUS Communication Manager Ms. Anna Ntouniapilen and the representative of the Lead Partner (Municipality of Kavala) Mrs. Io Chatzivaryti, attended the SEE & MED Joint Communication Seminar that took place between **2 and 3 June 2014** in Bleb, Slovenia.



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The STATUS Geoblog

Alba Iulia



Geoblog

The Geoblog is an open-content collaborative and interactive mapping module that permit to the user to mark and describe different geographical objects directly on the map.



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A **Geoblog** is a geographic blog, which allows the user to exchange ideas and opinions on the web and linking them to a specific area on Earth. Within the STATUS project, the Consortium decided to arrange a Geoblog for each territorial partner, in order to supply partners with a cooperative tool to highlight the actual issues of urban planning in the interested areas. Territorial partners are testing this tool, which will be soon available to the citizenship through the project website. The aim is to let it become a real crowdsourcing tool.

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Second Round of Workshops in STATUS Partner Cities

The 2nd preparatory workshops gathered the main local actors playing an active role at urban/peri-urban scale and gathered insights on the way that the local urban governance operates: who is responsible for what and how at political and technical level, who are main potential investors and in which sectors. This workshop also defined the major problems and related solutions to face and prioritize.



Drama 2nd Workshop

The second thematic workshop organized in the Drama Chamber within the "STATUS" Programme took place on **the 19th and 20th of February 2014.**

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Baia Mare 2nd Workshop

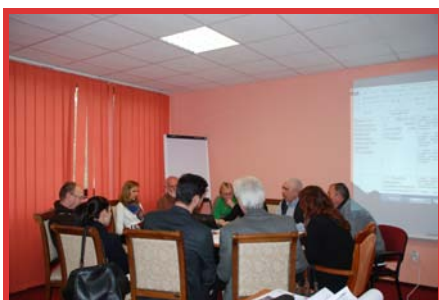
The second STATUS Workshop was held in Baia Mare between **10 and 11 March 2014** and has been attended by 34 participants, of which 23 have been important metropolitan stakeholders coming from different institutions, NGOs, important companies with clustering potential and the University.

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Satu Mare 2nd Workshop

The STATUS project is under full implementation in Satu Mare. Up to now, the municipality has organised two workshops in November 2013 and **March 2014**. The workshops enjoyed significant attendance, gathering an average of 50 participants per meeting, representing both the public and the private sector.



Herceg Novi 2nd Workshop

The 2nd STATUS Workshop was held in Herceg Novi, **17 - 19 March 2014**. The preparatory meetings took place prior to the Workshop 2 and were attended by the Herceg Novi STATUS team.

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Kavala 2nd Workshop

The 2nd STATUS Workshop was held in Kavala between **the 17th and 19th of March 2014** with the participation of several stakeholders, coming from the private sector, local organizations and local governance. During the meeting, the solutions to the problems identified in the 1st workshop were discussed and the maps for the Geoblog were presented to the stakeholders by the local STATUS team and the Atlantis experts.



Foggia 2nd Workshop

The 2nd local workshop has been held in Provincia di Foggia, on **February the 25th 2014** with the participation of stakeholders such as institutional actors (Region and Municipalities) and representatives of unions or associations of farmers. The Province organized the STATUS workshops proposing the development of an Agenda of actions in order to protect and enhance the Tratturo Pescasseroli-Candela.



Abruzzo 2nd Workshop

The 2nd local workshop has been held in Teramo, on **the 28th of March 2014**. The number of participants (Local governments, trade associations, economic actors, productive and social system) showed remarkable openness to discussion and mediation of the various issues involved.



Temerin 2nd Workshop

The second STATUS workshop was held in the offices of the Agency for the development of Temerin Municipality, between **9 - 11 of April 2014**.



Alba Iulia 2nd Workshop



Continuing the process that will lead to the definition of the Strategic Urban Agenda for Alba Iulia, the workshop on urban solutions and prioritization had, similar to the first one, two main aims: to further consolidate the Urban Task Force and commit stakeholders to the goal of shaping the Municipal Strategy for 2014 - 2020, through their proposal of solutions for the urban problems defined within the first Workshop. It was held between **5 - 6 December 2013** and produced valuable stakeholder input.

Third Round of Workshops



Baia Mare 3rd Workshop

The 3rd STATUS Workshop took place in Baia Mare between **the 3rd and 4th of July 2014**.

Drama 3rd Workshop

The 3rd STATUS Workshop was held in the Chamber of Commerce of Drama between **17 - 18 June 2014**.



Foggia 3rd Workshop



The 3rd of the STATUS Workshops took place in Foggia on **the 10th of July 2014**. During the meeting was discussed a draft of Strategic Agenda with actions emerged during previous workshop.



Satu Mare 3rd Workshop

The third workshop was organized in the period of **3 - 4 July 2014**. On the first day was presented the draft of the Strategy for development of the Satu Mare municipality, the intervention axis and the integrated projects. On the second day a plenary session took place in which aspects such as the UTF and the opportunities of an Urban Centre were discussed.

Alba Iulia 3rd Workshop

The last of the STATUS Workshops has been held in Alba Iulia, between 11-12.02.2014, with a preparatory meeting with the City Manager Mr. Nicusor Moldovan on the 10th. The meeting benefited from the input of spatial planning experts Derek Martin and Cristina Tartari, as well as workshop facilitator Arch. Simona Pascariu and the [Urbasofia](#) and [Eurodite](#) teams.

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