

PROJECT FACTSHEET

Urban Transformation Project Sarajevo

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MODERN, ECOLOGICAL, AND INCLUSIVE CITY DEVELOPMENT

Climate change and the need to create an inclusive, healthier, and sustainable environment enforce the need for systematic and institutional changes in the modern urban planning context.

The four-year Urban Transformation Project Sarajevo (2021-2025) aims to support the modernisation of the integrated urban planning system in Sarajevo Canton, and the creation of better conditions for sustainable climate resilient socio-economic.

The project is funded by the Swiss Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). This project initiative corresponds with Switzerland's foreign policy strategy (2020-2023). It is a part of Switzerland's traditional support for the transition of BiH to a socially inclusive market economy, decentralised political system, and European integrations.

The overall goal of the new Swiss Cooperation Program for BH (2021-2024) is that all citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina actively engage in shaping the government policies created through an inclusive, active approach. Citizens should influence public policies and achieve more significant benefits from public services. The approach is especially applicable in creating an urban environment and living in cities.

Also, the SECO's Infrastructure Financing Division (WEIN) has a long tradition of working in urban areas, aiming to strengthen urban and economic infrastructure.

Partners in the project and centers of excellence for its implementation are the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETHZ) and a renowned consulting team composed of Swiss and Bosnian companies. The City of Zurich will in cooperation with the City of Sarajevo provide additional complementary support to the overall interventions. This will create an excellent basis for the knowledge and experience exchange in the area of modern city planning and development.

On the other hand, the Government of Sarajevo Canton and the Institute for Development Planning of Sarajevo Canton will provide political, logistical, and personnel support for the project implementation and development of the new inclusive system for modern urban planning.

URBANISM AND SARAJEVO: THE CHANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Despite its turbulent history, the city of Sarajevo is unquestionably a vibrant cultural capital in this part of Europe. Unfortunately, the city missed the opportunity to use post-war construction as an instrument for long-term sustainable development. The cultural, economic, and ecological aspects of life in Sarajevo are still not adequately integrated into development projections, which is a consequence of unbalanced, unplanned, and fragmented urban growth.

SOLUTION FOR BETTER AND HEALTHIER CITY DEVELOPMENT

The Urban Transformation Project Sarajevo is designed to answer current gaps in the system and practices of urban planning, through the integration of citizens' and participation of all stakeholder's integration of environmental perspective of the city development, using contemporary tools and methods for the development of the Urban plan.

The ultimate goal of the project is to provide support to the citizens and institutions of Sarajevo Canton through **three key components**: institutional capacity building (I), implementation of inclusive urban planning practices (II), and urban transformation (III).

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With the project support, institutions will improve their capacities and practices of urban planning and management based on reliable data, quality analysis, and the consultations with a wide range of stakeholders.

WHO ARE THE PROJECT BENEFICIARIES?

Key beneficiaries of the project are the Government of the Canton of Sarajevo, the University of Sarajevo, the City of Sarajevo, Sarajevo Municipalities: Stari Grad, Center, Novo Sarajevo, and Novi Grad, as well as the City of East Sarajevo, civil society organizations and the private sector.

Indirectly, all residents of Sarajevo will benefit from the project. Sarajevo Canton covers about 4.9% of the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with an estimated population of about 413,593 (2013).

EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS AT THE INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL

At the institutional level it is expected to strengthen capacities and create participative system of urban planning which will ensure preconditions for sustainable, inclusive, and transparent urban planning in the Canton of Sarajevo.

The implementation of the project will bring the following institutional changes:

- Developed legislation and guidelines
- New functional system for urban planning
- Improved human capacities of the government officials
- Established mechanisms for participatory urban planning
- Academic and research improvements.

The project will **bring the know-how about the modern practices** and innovative approaches to urban planning, which practically means:

- Developed and tested urban plan
- Visualized urban planning
- Greater knowledge and exchange of successful Swiss practices applied by the local urban planning experts

The **urban transformation** of selected areas will be used as a model for a **new approach to the urban planning** and as an accelerator of participatory urban planning practice, which will result in the following:

- Designing urban prototypes with great potential for further application
- Small scale interventions implemented for modernization of the public spaces.

PROJECT IN BRIEF

NAME:

Urban Transformation Project Sarajevo

DOMAIN:

Urbanism and Spatial Planning

LAND/REGION:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

PARTNERS:

Government of Sarajevo Canton, City of Sarajevo, Municipalities of Stari Grad, Center, Novo Sarajevo and Novi Grad, City of East Sarajevo, University of Sarajevo, Matica BH

STARTING POINT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The project explains the importance and necessity of a new integrative participatory approach to urban planning, which will successfully respond to the climate change challenges with the function of more inclusive socio-economic growth.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

The project goal is to support the Sarajevo Canton development in the areas of institutional strengthening, application of the most modern urban planning European practices and urban transformation.

TARGET GROUP:

Institutions and citizens of Sarajevo Canton

COSTS:

CHF 4.5 million (SECO)

DURATION:

from 2021 to 2025

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