Study Visit Programme

Climate Neutrality, Regional Development and Municipal Capacity Building - Latvia

Meet Moa



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Czechia & Latvia: We Even Share a Fairy-Tale Hero!

His name is Sprīdītis in Latvia.
In Czech, we know him as Malíček.

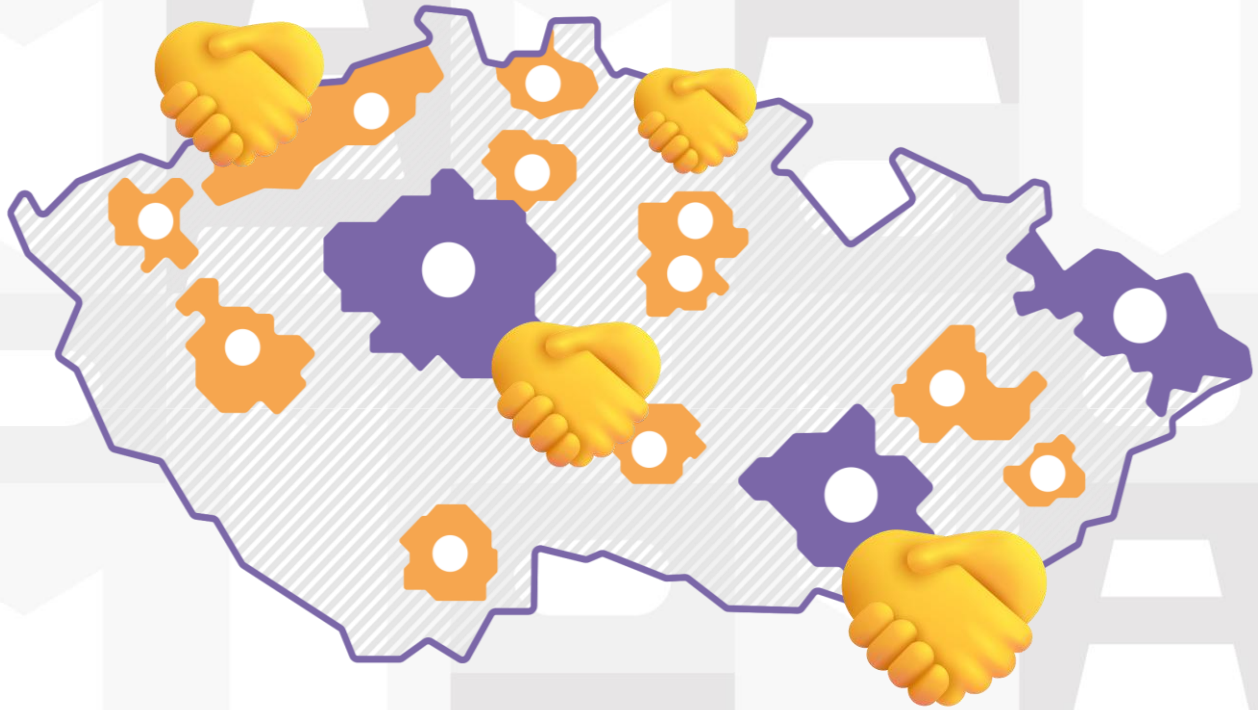
A small hero, a big journey,
several obstacles, and the eternal Central-European/Baltic message: you do not need to be huge to be brave, clever and useful.



Establishment of the DSO MOA

(Voluntary Association of Municipalities)

- A united and stronger voice for all MOAs
- 13 MOA united on one platform
- Big cities = big ambitions
- Cooperating in a functional urban area
- Cooperation with other territorial partners – ministries, development agencies, regions, NGOs, businesses…



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Strategic Coordination of MOA

- Negotiations with Czech ministries and political representatives
- Establishing cooperation with the Association of Regions of the Czech Republic, the National Network of Local Action Groups and regions.
- Preparation of MOA and ITI strategies, including their implementation within the National Regional Policy Programme (NRPP)
- Coordination role of the MOA Office among individual ITI areas
- Methodological, analytical and negotiation support for ITI



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Advocacy and Communication

- Joint communication strategy and unified MOA visual identity
- Showcasing the impact of MOA investments on regions and the Czech economy
- Representation at national and international forums
- Advocating for the continuation of funding for the territorial dimension (ITI)
- Advocating for greater flexibility and accessibility of funding



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Funding and Project Preparation

- Securing funding from Cohesion Policy and EU funds for the 2028+ period
- Design and use of financial instruments for MOAs
- Strengthening cooperation with European partners and institutions
- Preparation of joint projects *(transport, energy, infrastructure, innovation, digitalisation etc)*
- Implementation of projects under EU programmes *(e.g. ELENA, LIFE, NCFF)*



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Projects with impact



Modernisation of the Most–Litvínov Tram Line

With support from the ITI instrument, the tram **connection between Most and Litvínov** is being modernised to improve reliability, safety and passenger comfort.
A modern tram line which is backbone of sustainable urban mobility and better connections across the whole region.



Revitalisation of the Automatic Mills in Pardubice

The **Automatic Mills** site is an important part of the industrial heritage of the Hradec Králové–Pardubice agglomeration. Through gradual revitalisation, the formerly unused industrial complex has been transformed into a new cultural and social hub.



Czech Cybersecurity Centre in Brno

With support from the **ITI instrument**, two projects focused on cybersecurity development were linked: the **Junior Centre of Excellence for Cybersecurity** at the Čichnova Secondary School and **CERIT Science Park II, which** provides facilities for cutting-edge research, technology transfer and innovative companies, while the Junior Centre prepares qualified graduates for further development of the sector.

International Activities

- NetZero Cities – EU cooperation and initiative to achieve Net Zero Emission till 2030 for cities
- Establishment of a **Working Group on international projects and cooperation** – help cities to navigate!
- Further planned projects and participation with topic: water, energy, climate, resilience, transport and metropolitan cooperation etc.
- Internal guidelines for international activities and cooperation – approval process
- International projects of individual MOAs

NET ZERO CITIES





URBIS

We do EXPO!



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NetZeroCities CZ –
More than a Series of Events

For MOA, NetZeroCities is an awesome platform for bringing European knowledge, experience and contacts closer to Czech cities.

- Brings European knowledge, tools and contacts closer to Czech cities.
- Translates international experience into practical support in the Czech context.
- Connects cities with ministries, experts, business, academia and civil society.
- Helps identify barriers, partners and opportunities for concrete climate projects.

So far: communication & storytelling, adaptation, and future mobility.
Czech cities have not given up on climate action – they need capacity, partners, motivation and better conditions to deliver.






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Preparation for the 2028+ Programming Period

- Building on Czech experience with integrated territorial instruments – a practical model for linking strategies, investments and governance.
- Active involvement of metropolitan areas in the preparation process with the Ministry of Regional Development, ministries and European partners.
- New MOA 2028+ strategies: broader than ITI, focused on growth poles, resilience, competitiveness and implementation capacity.
- A common territorial approach with regions and other partners, including access to directly managed EU programmes.

What Can SO MOA Offer?

- **KNOW-HOW**
  - Metropolitan governance, integrated territorial development and ITI practice from the Czech Republic.
- **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**
  - Joint work on investment concepts, priorities and partner roles before applying for EU support.
- **EU FUNDING**
  - Knowledge of Cohesion Policy, EU programmes and financial instruments
- **PARTNERSHIPS**
  - Access to a network of Czech metropolitan areas, cities and European partners
- **JOINT ACTION**
  - Development of joint projects, knowledge exchange and international partnership

Building Stronger Metropolitan Partnerships

We face many common challenges:

- Sustainable and resilient transport
- Energy transition and energy security
- Cybersecurity and resilience
- Climate adaptation
- Digitalisation and innovation
- Education and culture
- Reconstruction and long-term territorial development
- Access to European funding for better project

SO MOA can contribute by:

- Sharing experience → Connecting partners → Developing projects → Supporting implementation

Thank you





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