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CONNECT

What is CONNECT?

- Mechanism developed by PLATFORMA and VNG International
- **Short-term** and **demand-driven**
- Facilitates **short-term, demand-driven** knowledge transfers between local and regional governments and/or their associations
- **Complementary** to existing forms of decentralised cooperation
- Knowledge exchanges are **concrete and pragmatic**
- **Colleague-to-colleague approach** stands central





CONNECT: Methodology

- **Specific**
- **Structured**
- **Accompanied**
(CONNECT team)
- **Complementary**
 - ▶ Twinnings
 - ▶ Projects
- **Flexible**
 - ▶ Topics of intervention
- **Informal**
 - Among colleagues



CONNECT: Video





2016–2017: Pilot phase exchanges



CONNECT: Results

| Cambodia | Colombia | Ghana |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on training needs analysis 2. Draft training strategy with time schedule and budget 3. Workshop materials on leadership in times of change and rapid development | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SWOT-based diagnosis of tourism development 2. An updated draft strategic plan, identifying opportunities for developing tourism in the municipality 3. Draft roadmap for screening of funding opportunities | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification of stakeholders in sanitation issues in the municipality 2. SWOT analysis for change in sanitation 3. Update of the existing municipal action plan on sanitation 4. Formulation of a core message for communication and development of a communication calendar |

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Joint evaluation **meeting** and **report**
- Satisfaction **survey**
(in the weeks after the knowledge exchange)
- **Tracking** change
(3 months and 6 months after the exchange)



Pilot phase: Outcomes and change

| Cambodia | Colombia | Ghana |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increased insight in what leaders can do to motivate staff (without extra budget)2. Experience with a new type of interaction between board, line managers and staff (exchange of information, discussions amongst officials and between services)3. Increased understanding and trust among staff and leaders in issues related to HR development | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Better overview on the opportunities and exploration of new options in the strategy on tourism (including identification of donors)</u>2. <u>Increased understanding and knowledge about the different types of tourism (eco-tourism, agro-tourism and green tourism)</u>3. <u>Strengthened capacity to implement multi-sectoral policies based on inter-departmental communication</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A more concrete, realistic and up to date sanitation plan (discussed in working groups, updated using project management principles)2. Avenues for revenue generation have been identified (recycling, job opportunities, composting, bio-gas generation)3. Increased understanding of shared responsibility and the role of communication (core message, shared point of view, integrated policy approach) |

Call for expertise: Moldova

- 6 Moldovan municipalities
- Looking for knowledge exchange on **waste management**
- **Roundtable expert meeting** in Moldova (Chisinau)
- Exchange with English-Romanian interpretation



The challenge

- EU has clear expectations on Solid Waste Management
- Municipalities lack of implementing capacity: no integrated waste management system
- Municipalities struggle to meet EU requirements
- Assistance needed on how to **implement secondary legislation** on different types of waste, **the payment system** that supports and ensures the viability of this process and the way in which **LPAs are involved**.



Round table expert meeting

- Brings together expertise from diverse backgrounds
- Mixture of workshops and field visits
- Several stakeholders: local or regional governments, local government associations, training institutions, knowledge institutions ect.
- Around 3 working days plus a maximum of 3 days for preparation and reporting
- No costs for participants (travel, accommodation, ect. are covered). Only time needed.



How to apply?

- Complete the **application form**, which you can find on our website:
www.connectfordevelopment.eu
- Clearly define your response to the challenges of the municipalities of Moldova
- Complete the template “**letter of commitment**”, and have this signed by a politician or manager
- Keep in mind: an application does not guarantee a CONNECT exchange the **CONNECT selection committee** will choose the right match



Upcoming CONNECT exchanges (June-September 2018)

- Burkina Faso (colleague-to-colleague assignment)
- Uganda (colleague-to-colleague assignment)
- Moldova (roundtable expert meeting)
- Sri Lanka (group exposure visit)
- More work placements
- Exchange in collaboration with Covenant of Mayors for Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA)



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