

# Inter-Municipality Initiative: Cross-border eCollaboration in the Danube eRegion

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## Cross-border eSolution/eService Prototype Development Proposal

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**Prototype title:** eProcurement chains, case: kindergartens, schools, hospitals, retirement homes

### Short description of the prototype:

Organic and local foods are problematic because of the provision of appropriate quantities to each public institution. The needs are for greater cooperation with producers and neighboring countries. There are large differences between public institutions in the preparation of the contracts for food delivery. Every single head of nutrition is looking for local food providers. Some producers are not willing to cooperate or deviate from the contract because they do not want to commit for a certain period. They do not connect fast enough and do not know the needs of public institutions.

The overall objective of the project is “to cooperate beyond borders to make central European cities and regions better places to live and work” by implementing smart solutions answering to regional challenges in the fields of innovation, low-carbon economy and environment.

As defined in the Central Europe (namely Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as parts of Germany and Italy) from 2014 to 2020 relief differences partner countries also affect the great diversity of climatic conditions, land use soil settlement and economic structures, accessibility, developmental processes and environmental problems. Great diversity is a key strategic factor for the development of the area and should be used to enhance sustainable economic growth and territorial cohesion.

There is the need to bring innovation closer to market needs and respond better to user needs. Identified needs are effective community development strategies, well-being through territorial innovation, competitive and sustainable products and services, trans- national networking, state-of-art research attractiveness, user engagement and relevant research outcomes.

Necessary is to elaborate the prototype that will be beneficial for neighboring countries and bringing together different systems and will establish a link between the supply and demand for local foods.

Main stakeholders are public institutions (kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools, colleges, hospitals and retirement homes), farms, cooperatives, social enterprises.

Pilot can be upgraded with a link to existing databases. In public institutions can be used to obtain offers and submission of demand.

ICT requirements for the prototype deployment in another organization/country is the use of standard coding system activities, the FAO food categories, the EU classification of regions, etc.

### Expected cross-border impacts:

The main challenges are related to the need to reduce economic and social disparities by strengthening integration, achieving harmonized standards of efficiency and quality improvement of existing or new networks and cooperation.

Pilot testing will contribute to the connectivity options between producers and public organizations, which may allow the provision of public institutions with local food. This will enable easier communication between supply and demand. The Danube region is expected to raise the quality of food in public institutions. At the same time, it will develop new green jobs.

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**What type of partners are we looking for?**

Primary schools or secondary schools in Austria, Croatia and Hungary.

Hospitals in Hungary, Italy and Croatia.

Remark: I, the proposer of the prototype, do agree that my personal data is published.