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WORKSHOP: Urban development, lessons learned in the post-socialist space

Date and time: Monday, 16th of June 2014; between 12:00-13:30

As the world is becoming more and more urban, and cities are regarded as engines of growth, urban development is a very important area of practice in international development. Practitioners in Romania integrating different professions - planners, architects, civil engineers, social workers, urban economists, experts in local administration s.o. - hold valuable insights on how urban fortunes play out for the social, economic and cultural vitality of communities. We trust that these are of great relevance for countries in the post-socialist space, as well other developing countries experiencing urbanization, decentralization and local empowerment processes.

The workshop aims to connect visionary development professionals pertaining to the above mentioned professions for a constructive dialogue on possible roadmaps for taking into account the urban experience of the CEE region (and Romania, in particular) in the international development practice.

1. **Introductory remarks – aprox 30 min**
   - **Ms. Marina Neagu** [MKBT platform/ [CRIDL]] – Local development practices in Romania and relevance for ODA priority countries
   - **Ms. Anamaria Vrabie** [MKBT platform/ OdaiaCreativă] – International urban agenda, Romania’s experience within UN-Habitat World Urban Forum 7 in Medellin (Columbia) in April 2014

2. **Dialogue – aprox 1h**

The proceedings will inform the set-up of a dedicated working group focused on capitalizing on Romania’s and CEE countries practice related to urban planning and development.