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Kick-off meeting (1st TM) in Komotini - URBACT CALL Transfer Network

28th & 29th of January 2026

AGENDA

Day 1

Wednesday, 28 January 2026

Venue: City Library, Komotini

Online meeting link

TIME	ITEM
09.00 – 09.30	Official Welcome & Press Conference Welcome address by the Kimon Lechoudis, City Councilor of Komotini



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09.30 – 10.30	<p>Let's meet - Icebreaker: Ariadne's Thread Ball → Inclusive Mobility!</p> <p><i>An interactive icebreaker linking partners through a shared narrative on inclusive mobility and accessibility challenges across cities - by Lead Expert Io Chatzivaryti.</i></p> <p>Partners' introductions</p> <p><i>(4–5 minutes per partner) - Short presentations of each partner city, their role in the network, and key expectations from the collaboration, in the following order:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portugal - Pentágono Urbano• Croatia - Dubrovnik• Ireland - Galway City• Serbia - Zrenjanin• Slovakia - Bratislava• Jaroslav - Poland• Italy - San Lucido
10.30 – 11.00	
11.00 – 13.30	<p>Deep Dive into the Good Practice “Accessible City for ALL” (City, Stakeholders, actions/solutions)</p> <p><i>An in-depth presentation of the Good Practice, structured in six thematic sections and delivered with the active contribution of ULG members, highlighting the city context, key stakeholders, and implemented actions and solutions – by Dimitrios Gkartsonis & Katerina Paschalidou, Lead Partner</i></p> <p>Policy & Governance Framework Contribution: Stella Argyropoulou, Project Manager & HR Director, Association Perpato</p> <p>Infrastructure & Urban Planning Contribution: Despoina Passou, Head of the Technical Department, Municipality of Komotini</p> <p>Smart City & Digital Solutions Contributions:</p>



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	<p><i>Theodoros Batzakas, IT Expert (Municipality of Komotini webpage & app) Stella Argyropoulou, Association Perpato</i></p> <p>Social Integration & Community Engagement Contributions: <i>Athanasiros Gkantzidis, NGO «ΑΞΙΖΩ» Ellada Irakleous, Social Services Officer, Municipality of Komotini</i></p> <p>Economic & Tourism Opportunities Contributions: <i>Theodoros Savvakis, President, Chamber of Commerce Erasmia Giannakou, Professor, Department of Physical Education & Sport Science, Democritus University of Thrace (DUTH)</i></p> <p>Monitoring, Funding & Sustainability Contribution: <i>Makis Ioannidis, Programme Officer, Managing Authority of the Regional Operational Programme</i></p> <p>Q & A sessions with Komotini ULG members <i>Partners engage in an interview-style Q&A with two ULG members to gain practical insights into the Good Practice. Partners are invited to prepare their questions in advance.</i></p> <p>Session 1 – Lived Experience & Sport Alexander Helmut Taxildaris <i>Paralympic Swimming Medalist, Physiatrist, President of the Perpato Association</i></p> <p>Ebrahim Achmadi Mal <i>Wheelchair Basketball Player, Hrodikos Wheelchair Basketball Team</i></p> <p>Session 2 – Daily Practice & Project Implementation Melina Metaxa <i>Employee, Perpato Association</i></p> <p>Stella Argyropoulou <i>Project Manager & HR Director, Perpato Association</i></p> <p>Good Practice Reflections: Flipchart Q&A</p>
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	<p><i>An interactive reflection session using flip charts and a bingo-style game to capture key takeaways, questions, and reflections on the Good Practice - by Lead Expert Io Chatzivaryti.</i></p>
14.30 – 17.00	<p>Study Visit <i>A guided visit to selected areas of Komotini showcasing implemented urban regeneration and accessibility interventions, alongside sites where challenges remain. The visit also includes stops at facilities of organizations representing persons with disabilities, offering a comprehensive view of practice and context.</i></p>
17.00 – 18.00	<p>Roadmap Introduction Workshop “From Dots to Action: Mapping Our Path Forward” <i>Introductory workshop presenting the roadmap approach of the network, linking key insights from the meeting to the next steps of the transfer process - by Lead Expert Io Chatzivaryti.</i></p>

Day 2

Thursday, 29 January 2026
Venue: City Library, Komotini

Online meeting link

TIME	ITEM
08.45 – 09.00	<p>Study visit - Multifunctional Social services building - social coffee takeaway <i>A short presentation of the work of the Municipality of Komotini's social services at the Multifunctional Centre, operating as a one-stop shop for citizens.</i></p>



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	<p>Meeting point: <u>Multifunctional Social services building</u></p>
09.00 – 09.30	<p>Recap of Day 1 – Partners’ aspirations</p> <p><i>A short recap and discussion based on partners’ impressions from Day 1, supported by the screening of a short video.</i></p>
09.30 – 10.30	<p>Workshop – Introduction of the ULG & Workshop “Mapping the Movers: Stakeholders and Ecosystems in Focus” (URBACT TOOLBOX)</p> <p><i>This session introduces the role and composition of the Urban Local Group (ULG) and engages partners in a hands-on workshop using the URBACT Toolbox to map key stakeholders, actors, and local ecosystems relevant to inclusive mobility and accessibility - by Lead Expert Io Chatzivaryti.</i></p>
10.30 – 11.00	
11.00 – 13.30	<p>LE & LP - Introduction to the Transferability Study</p> <p><i>A joint introduction by the Lead Expert and Lead Partner to the Transferability Study, outlining its purpose, structure, and role in supporting the adaptation of Good Practice across partner cities</i></p> <p>Cities DNA mapping – (The Metrics layout introduction)</p> <p><i>Introduction to the Cities DNA mapping exercise, presenting the metrics layout used to analyse local contexts and assess the transfer potential of the Good Practice - by Lead Expert Io Chatzivaryti.</i></p> <p>City visits scheduling- Cities On the Move</p> <p><i>Presentation and coordination of the upcoming city visits, outlining the timeline, objectives, and practical arrangements for the next phase of the network. Partners are kindly invited to come prepared in order to effectively plan and schedule the visits - by Lead Expert Io Chatzivaryti.</i></p> <p>Understand Phase- logistics, schedule, preparation of PPs</p> <p><i>Overview of the Understand phase, focusing on practical logistics, timeline, and the preparation steps required from Partner Cities (PPs) - by Lead Expert Io Chatzivaryti.</i></p>



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14.30 – 17.00	<p>Network Administrative session <i>Session dedicated to administrative, financial, and operational matters of the network, including procedures, roles, and next steps – by Lead Partner</i></p> <p>Network Communication activities <i>Overview of the network's communication approach, tools, and key actions to ensure visibility, coordination, and shared messaging among partners - by Lead Partner</i></p>
17 :00 – 18.00	<p>Feedback – Takeaways – Newspaper of tomorrow <i>Final reflection session capturing feedback, key takeaways, and shared messages from the meeting, presented in a creative “newspaper of tomorrow” format - by Lead Expert Io Chatzivaryti.</i></p>
18.00 – 19.30	<p>City – tour (optional)</p>