



With this letter, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia (UIRS) expresses an interest in being involved as a partner in the preparation of the project application for the ESPON call for tenders “Territorial impacts of Covid-19 and policy answers in European regions and cities” which was published on 02. 02. 2021.

UIRS is the main Slovenian research institution in the field of spatial, regional, and urban planning and related disciplines. The strongly interdisciplinary research group consists of experts with a broad range of academic backgrounds. UIRS pays particular attention to sustainable development issues, at all levels, when conducting research in the areas of spatial planning and design, environmental protection, preservation of cultural heritage, housing, transport, and spatial informatics.

Conducting applicative projects which include case studies and enable simultaneous testing and implementation of research results in practice is one of the priorities. UIRS also provides knowledge and consultancy services to the national level institutions related to drafting of, or preparing amendments to, legislation and other regulations concerning spatial planning.

UIRS intensively collaborates with research and professional organisations across Europe in the implementation of research projects which are co-funded by various European Commission programmes or individual European organisations. UIRS researchers have been working in this area for quite a long time. Working on projects at European level enables the acquisition of valuable international experiences and provides opportunities for a mutual exchange of knowledge and innovative solutions between participating institutions and countries.

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We are especially interested to be included in performing activities in the Task 3. Focused analyses of ‘proactive’ policy responses to the Covid-19 pandemic in selected cities and (functional) regions – case studies and in the Task 4. Development of policy recommendations to capitalise on the Covid-19 pandemic on local and regional level.

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