



# ReSPA

Regional School  
of Public Administration

## Training Follow-up Visit to Croatian Public-Private Partnerships Projects

05-06 June 2013

Zagreb and Koprivnica (Croatia)

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

## Background

Public private partnership is a model of long-term contractual agreement between public authority and private partner in general with the aim of carrying out infrastructure projects or providing public services. It differs from conventional public procurement in several respects and is considered as a more complex but at the same time bearing the significant public benefits. The need for well-structured PPPs is becoming greater in many countries facing the continually growing demand for public services and simultaneously meeting with the issues about the availability of finance and budget constraints. There is an acknowledgement that the private sector has a part to play in the construction or reconstruction including management and operation of public assets that will be essential for their economic growth. By developing partnerships with private sector entities, governments can maintain quality services despite budget limitations and offer to the citizens more works and services in a faster and more efficient manner. By limiting the need for public investment, PPPs can also help Candidate Countries to implement much needed projects sooner by avoiding the need to wait for future government budget cycles for funding. On its roadmap to successful PPP development, a number of preconditions must exist within national/local authorities to meet EU criteria and regulatory environment as set up on internal market. The advancement of PPPs, as a concept and a practice, is a product of the new public management of the late 20th century and globalization pressures. Over the past two decades more than 1,400 PPP deals were signed in the European Union, representing a capital value of approximately €260 billion.

This activity is organized following two successful PPP trainings which have been delivered at ReSPA by the experts from PPP Agency from Croatia in close cooperation with ReSPA. The observations and evaluation of the mentioned activities clearly indicated that such a follow-up training and a visit to PPP projects is very much needed for the same participants who attended the previous trainings.

## Objectives

The training program is designed for on-site visit of the PPP project in the implementation phase, where participants from previous ReSPA PPP trainings can link the theory and practice in perspective of Croatian PPP experience. It will provide participants with the Croatian experience in project planning, preparation, delivery and monitoring. Also, they will be informed about new PPP cycles based on the previous experience.

## Content

It is envisaged to visit the City of Koprivnica and meet with City authority, Koprivnica-Križevci county authority and pay the visit to Gimnazija Koprivnica and Sport Hall. The local government representatives will present their experience and lessons learned to enable participants to better understand their PPP planning process comparing with the traditional public infrastructure procurement. They will further present their forthcoming PPP cycles in collaboration with the responsible Ministry of Science, Education and Sport on the ground on the previous experience in implementation of the PPP project.

## Target Group

The training is intended for participants who have previously attended the one of PPP trainings organized by ReSPA (2011 and 2012). Two participants from ReSPA beneficiaries will be accepted to attend this follow-up training/visit. The participants shall be practitioners in public administration responsible for investment policy, public service delivery, development of infrastructure and public procurement.

## Workshop Trainers

Ms. Ljerka Golubic Bregant has more than 20 years work experience in multilateral organization and public administration. She is graduated BA at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and besides she obtained various certificates as a trainer in the field of EU integration and EU policies. As a trainer since 2002 she has executed numerous seminars, workshops and TTT for civil servants and local servants via Government program for education and several EU and bilateral projects. In 2000 she has joined Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Croatia as senior adviser in the Cabinet of the minister and developed various modules of training in the field of EU policies. Later in 2004 she has taken a position of Head of DG Office in State Intellectual Property Office being responsible for programming, procuring and implementing of EU funded projects

and bilateral projects. Here, she was the team leader entitled to establish in 2008 Croatian Summer School of IP in cooperation with WIPO based on the WIPO Worldwide Academy original program lasting 2 weeks and organizing annually in WIPO headquarters in Geneva. Until today the School is open to young students and professionals. In 2009 she has taken the position of Director of Sector for education in the Agency for Public Private Partnership. Since then she has been developing and implementing different professional training programs for employees of the Agency and public sector at the state and local/regional level. In executing these tasks she is closely cooperating with PPP experts from OECD/SIGMA, World Bank Institute, European PPP Expertise Centre, UNECE Team of Specialists on PPP etc. Her expertise is covering EU policy, strategic planning and blending of EU funds and PPP in infrastructure development. Until 2011 she was a member of Association of trainers for EU subjects "European Education Forum" (NGO)

Mr. Domagoj Dodig has started to work in 2009 as a Financial Adviser in the Croatian Agency for Public Private Partnership (APPP). Before that he was a graduate student assistant at the University of Zagreb at Faculty of Economics and Business. He has obtained a degree in Finance and currently is a PhD candidate at the same Faculty. While working in the Agency, he participated in the project team in drafting the first Croatian PPP Act and Regulations. He is participating in analyzing and approving of PPP projects as a team member of APPP. During his work, he is closely cooperating with PPP experts from OECD/SIGMA, World Bank Institute and European PPP Expertise Centre. His proficiency is linked to the financial aspects and financial model of PPP. As a trainer he has executed various workshops for Agency staff and for civil servants focusing on finance and risks analyzing. He has been giving lectures on numerous seminars and trainings in the area of PPP funding.

## Methodology

Utilizing a variety of training methods:

- presentations,
- structured group discussion,
- questions and answers and
- on-site visit of the PPP project in the phase of implementation

## DRAFT TRAINING PROGRAMME

### Day 1- Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013

- Arrival to Zagreb
- Accommodation in Hotel

### Day 2- Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013

09.00			<i>Departure from the Hotel to Koprivnica</i>
10.30			<i>Arrival to Koprivnica</i>
10.30	-	12.00	Meeting with City of Koprivnica Authority and Koprivnica-Križevci County Authority
12.00	-	13.30	Visit to Gymnasium Building - Koprivnica and Koprivnica Sport Hall
13.30	-	15.00	<i>Lunch</i>
15.15			Departure to Zagreb
16.45			Arrival to the Hotel

### Day 3- Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013

10.00	-	10.15	Welcome and introduction. Ph.D.Damir Juricic, APP Managing Director Official address and introduction by Mr. Aqim Emurli, ReSPA Training Manager
10.15	-	11.00	Short overview of the PPP in Croatia Ms. Ljerka Bregant Mr. Demagoi Dodig
11.00	-	12.00	Monitoring of PPP projects and delivery of the contracted standards Ms. Ljerka Bregant Mr. Demagoi Dodig
12.00	-	12.30	A&Q and wrap-up Facilitated by Mr. Aqim Emurli Ms. Ljerka Bregant Mr. Demagoi Dodig
12.30	-	13.30	Lunch
13.30			Farewell