

CITIES WITHOUT CORRUPTION – CITIES WITH FUTURE

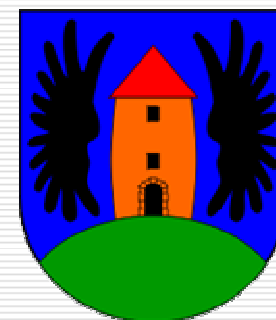
Preventing corruption in local governments
how it works in Croatia



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Zabok



Vrbovec

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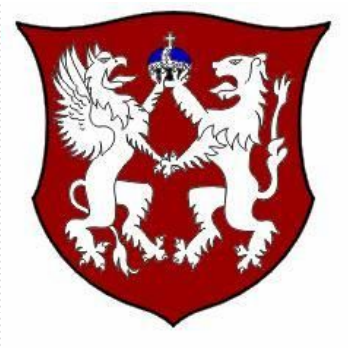
Project objectives



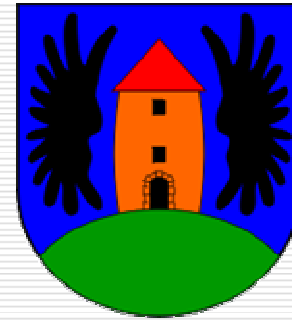
- ❑ Identify organization's vulnerabilities to corruptive activities
 - ❑ Implement a participatory strategic planning approach in developing strategy to prevent corruption in local governments of Vrbovec nad Zabok
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Two local governments participated in pilot project



City of Vrbovec

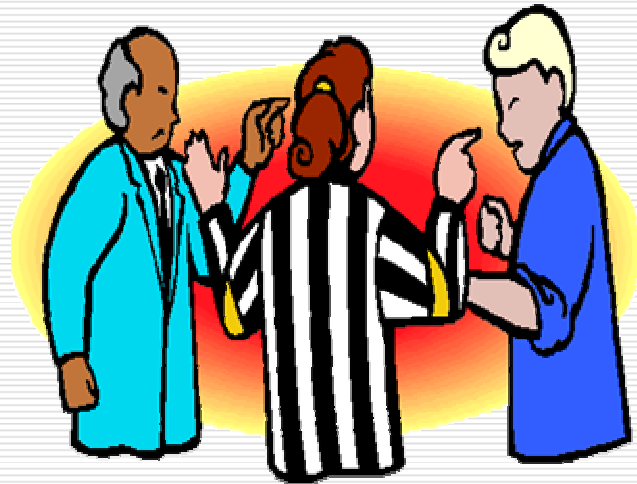


City of Zabok

Vrbovec and Zabok are medium sized Cities with a relatively small number of employees. Almost all employees participated in all workshops and took active role in developing the strategy for prevention of corruption. The project time frame was March – December 2010.

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Methodology and approach



Facilitation



Participatory strategic planning



Consulting

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- ❑ Concept of non formal education and adults learning methods, adapted to the needs of participants in format of one-day workshops
 - ❑ Focus on practical work, questionnaires and surveys, interactive discussions and responding to specific and practical issues
 - ❑ Looking for common understanding, consent in defining the solution and decision making
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Results & achievements

In each LG

- Two preparatory meetings
 - Five workshops
 - ❖ Understanding of corruption
 - ❖ In depth diagnosis
 - ❖ Organisational development
 - "Corruption prevention strategy"
 - Satisfaction of the LG and sustainability of the intervention
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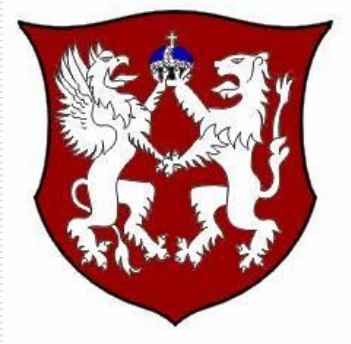
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Future plans

- ❑ Multiplication of the project methodology and approach to broader audience
- ❑ Round table on prevention of corruption
- ❑ Regional Anti-corruption web portal
- ❑ Anti-corruption practitioner network



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City of Zabok



The City Zabok local government is spreading to 34 km² covering the city and 16 villages with less than 3000 households and approximately 9500 inhabitants

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- ❑ About 300 companies and same number of crafts
 - ❑ 4500 employees.
 - ❑ Mayor Mr Ivan Hanžek
 - ❑ City council - 15 councillors
 - ❑ The City Administration – 18 employees
 - ❑ City of Zabok governing bodies are:
 - ❖ City Office,
 - ❖ Department of Finance,
 - ❖ Department of Municipal Services and Public needs
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VISION

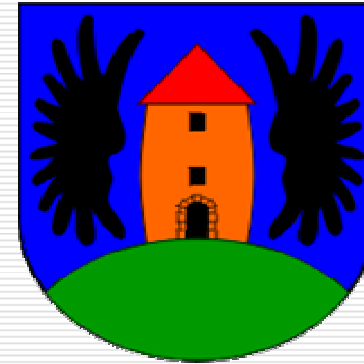
Aspiration of Zabok City as local government is to be modern and organized city that uses its geographical and traffic position, potentials and resources to the maximum as the business centre of the County. At the same time the city that identifies the needs of the economy and other businesses subjects, identifying their needs and creating positive business environment providing preconditions for economic and socio-cultural development and growth.

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The reason for participation in project

- ❑ Be in line with European initiatives and national needs
 - ❑ Ensure better living and working conditions for citizens
 - ❑ Taking preventive actions against corruptive behaviour
 - ❑ Developing mechanisms for prevention of corruption
 - ❑ Have a “real” strategy with concrete action to take
 - ❑ Improvement and further development of the organisational structure and creating a modern local government for 21 century
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City of Vrbovec

City of Vrbovec has been administrative and economic center for centuries, and has always aimed for excellence and community development

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- ❑ Located in the northeastern part of Zagreb County, comprises 42 villages on 159.05 km²,
 - ❑ About 15000 inhabitants,
 - ❑ 200 active companies.
 - ❑ The Mayor mr Vladimir Bregović
 - ❑ The City Council comprise 15 members
 - ❑ City Administration has 22 people and consists of
 - ❖ Mayor's Office,
 - ❖ Department of Social Services
 - ❖ Department of Municipal Services
 - ❖ Department of Finance
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VISION

Aspiration of Vrbovec City as local government is to become infrastructural, residentially and economically regulated urban centre desirable for living, opened towards citizens and investors with responsible and transparent Local administration and environmentally conscious citizens.

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The reason for participation in project

- ❑ The capacity building of city administration employees
 - ❑ Increase transparency and openness of the City Administration
 - ❑ Preventing potential corruptive behaviour
 - ❑ Using external and international expertise to improve organisation and functioning of city administration
 - ❑ Take an active role in national anticorruption campaign
 - ❑ Being responsible to the citizens
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Thank you for your attention



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