

**European Week of Regions and Cities**  
**Workshop session of the regional partnership**  
***'Social progress in European regions and cities'***

**Session title: Measuring social progress in European regions and cities**

**Date/Time/Venue:** 9 October 2019, 14.30 – 17.00, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to the European Union, Rue du Commerce 44, 1000 Brussels

**Setting:** The workshop session is organised by the regions of Eastern Slovenia, Western Greece, Bucharest-Ilfov and the City of Umea – in the format of a regional partnership, and with the support of the EU-SPI Pilot project (“Measuring what matters to EU Citizens: Social Progress in European Region”).

**Introduction:**

The overall aim of the workshop is to generate new knowledge through the application of indicator frameworks, which are measuring human well-being and social progress at the international, European and regional level. Stakeholders of the regional partnership will share the experiences they have made during the engagement with the "EU Regional Social Progress Index" and other indicators on regional level. After the sharing of experiences, a moderated discussion along different questions follows:

- Do the results of the tested indicator frameworks translate the reality on regional level?
- Are the tested indicators useful in monitoring social policies?
- Can the results help to improve (regional) policy making and multilevel-governance?
- Should other criteria or factors be added to these indicators?
- How can the different policy levels interrelate to influence / improve social progress?
- How should the existing measurement of social progress be strengthened in order to ensure its more useful uptake by the regional governments?

## Programme of the workshop session

When	What on the agenda
14.00	<p><b>Registration</b></p> <p>Provision of coffee, tea and snacks</p>
14.30	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Draško Veselinovič</b> President of the SBRA management board</p> <p><b>Ivan Žagar</b> Mayor of the municipality of Slovenska Bistrica / Representative of the lead partner Eastern Slovenia</p> <p><b>Tonia Damvakeraki</b> EU-SPI project coordinator</p>
14.45	<p><b>Inputs from the partners</b></p> <p>Presentation of selected results of the EU-SPI case studies, conducted in the regions/cities, presented below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Slovenia – by Peter Medved</li> <li>• Region of Western Greece – by Lena Tsipouri</li> <li>• Bucharest-Ilfov – by Simona Curpan</li> <li>• City of Umeå – by Susanne Thurén</li> </ul>
15.45	<p><b>Short break</b></p>
15.55	<p><b>Parallel discussion along different topics/question:</b></p> <p>Table 1 – Eastern Slovenia: Ivan Žagar + Peter Medved</p> <p>Table 2 – Region of Western Greece: Lena Tsipouri + Ursula Holtgrewe</p> <p>Table 3 – Bucharest-Ilfov: Simona Curpan + Liviu Rancioaga</p> <p>Table 4 – City of Umeå: Susanne Thurén + Berenike Ecker</p>
16.45	<p><b>Presentation of the discussion results</b></p> <p><b>Note of thanks and closure</b></p>
17.00	<p><b>Get-together with refreshments</b></p>

**Workshop moderator: Susana Franco, EU-SPI project**