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It is simple. Less hazardous waste means safer and healthier people, and a cleaner environment.

Capital Cities Collaborating on Common Challenges in Hazardous Waste Management Yerevan, Warsaw, Tirana



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Presentation of Project

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**International Conference “Towards cleaner and greener
cities”**

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Context of the action



Programme: EU budget grants for “**Local Authorities: Partnerships for sustainable cities**”

Project: **Capital Cities Collaborating on Common Challenges in Hazardous Waste Management - Yerevan, Warsaw, Tirana**

(one of sixteen projects selected from among all EU cooperation geographical areas; only one from the EU Eastern Partnership countries; Yerevan Municipality acting as the project coordinator)

Contributing to programme’s objectives:

- integrated urban development through partnerships for 2030 Agenda (specifically SDG 11 „Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”)
- urban governance (promotion of good urban governance and peer learning among developed and developing cities)
- greening of cities (reduction of waste, including hazardous categories which pose great risks to the living environment)
- prosperity and innovation (development and implementation of technical, organisational and communication innovations related to hazardous waste management in the involved cities and beyond)

Duration: 4 years (2019/2020-2023)

Budget: 5.3 M EUR

Objectives and expected results

Overall objective: **“To strengthen urban governance in hazardous waste management by cities-to-cities partnership based on peer learning, greater citizens’ participation and mainstreaming best practices, with focus on Yerevan.”**

Specific objectives:

SO1: To strengthen evidence-based governance aspects by technical and organisational solutions for management of hazardous waste in capital cities, with focus on Yerevan.

SO2: To improve participation-based governance aspects by increasing citizens’ awareness and participation in management of hazardous waste in capital cities, with focus on Yerevan.

SO3: To promote good governance by mainstreaming effective management of hazardous waste in cities.

Expected results:

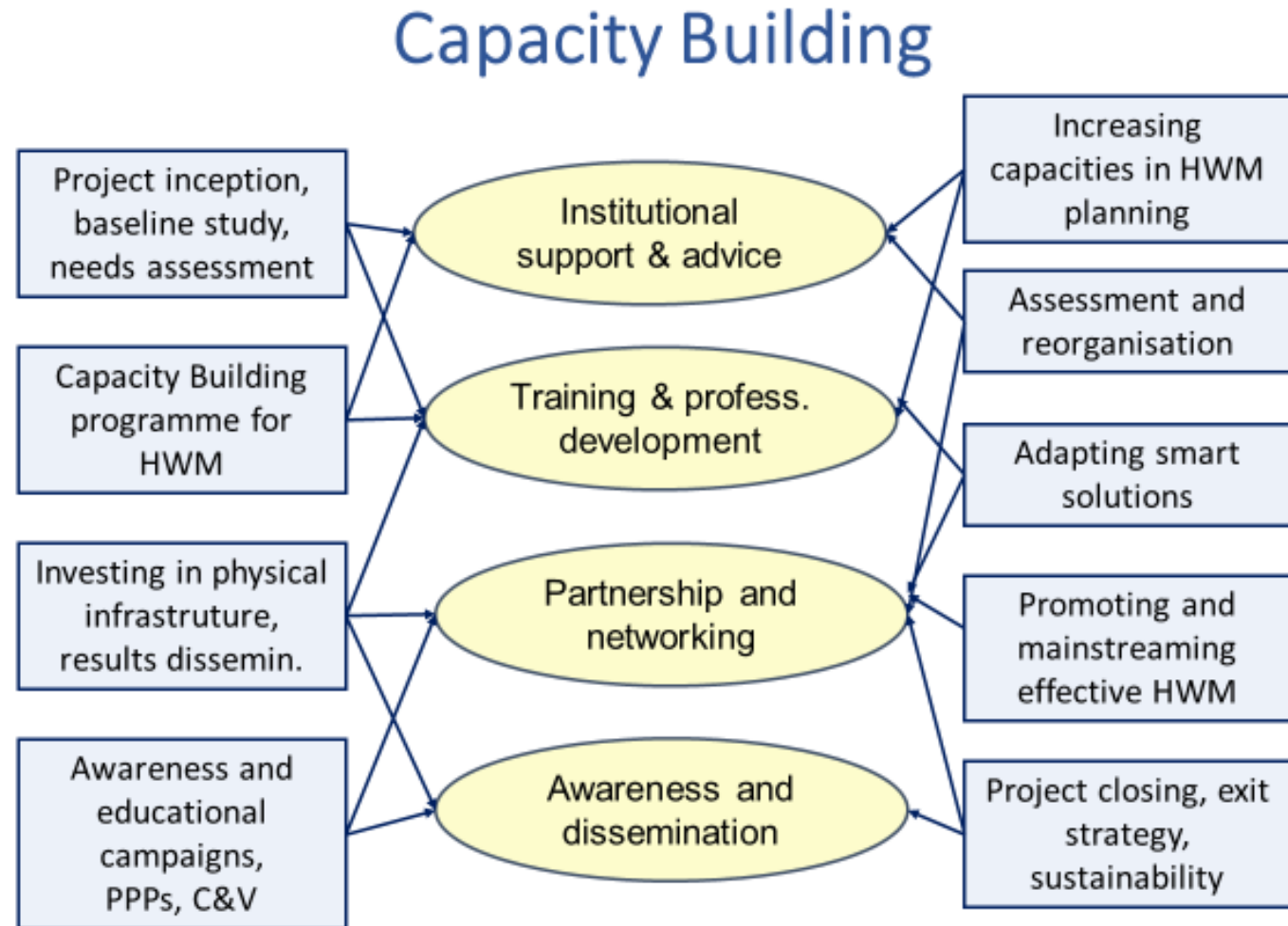
- R1. Improved **institutional, financial and administrative capacities** of partner cities in HWM.
- R2. Strengthened **policy dialogue on urban policies** and urban challenges in HWM.
- R3. Strengthened **mechanisms for consultation, coordination and cooperation** among public, private, civil society sectors and other relevant stakeholders in decision making and production of urban development outcomes in HWM.
- R4. Improved **quality, delivery, equitable access** to basic services and infrastructures in HWM.
- R5. Enhanced **capacities of cities and LA’s in managing urban waste**, specifically HW.
- R6. Promoted **resilient urban development and urban circular economy**.
- R7. Enhanced **capacities of cities and LAs in managing (multi hazard) disaster risks** and services related to HWM.
- R8. Promoted **public-private partnerships** at local level in HWM.
- R9. Strengthened **capacities of cities and LA’s in using smart technologies** in HWM.
- R10. Promoted **cities-to-cities/urban networks approach** to common challenges in HWM.



Approach and key methods

The project is focused on **integrated, comprehensive, and practical capacity building in HWM**, primarily for Yerevan (and to a lesser extent also for Warsaw and Tirana, mainly through peer/joint learning and activities). Main methods are:

- Broadly defined capacity building
- Focus on peer/joint learning and working out common solutions
- Practical training and coaching on the job
- Promoting and ensuring project ownership



Components and key outputs

Component 0 - Baseline study, stock taking and needs assessment

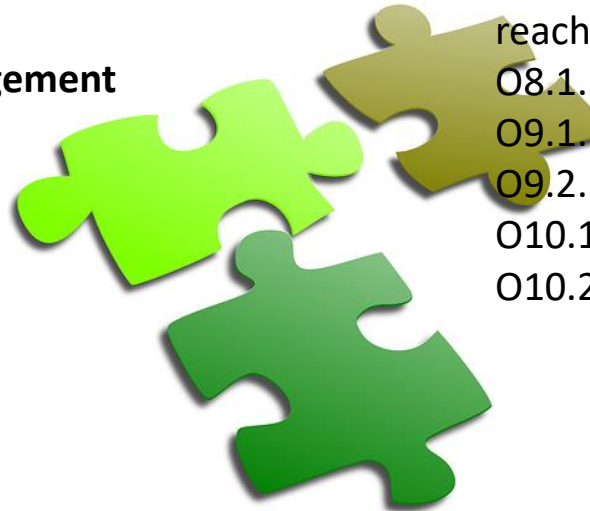
Component 1 - Introduction of improved technical, organisational, 'smart' solutions for HWM

Component 2 - Raising citizens' awareness and participation in HWM

Component 3 - Promoting and mainstreaming effective HWM

Component 4 - Action management and communication

- O1.1. Updated **Municipal Waste Management Plans** (integrating HWM)
- O1.2. **Reorganisation of HWM municipal structures** (studies, decisions)
- O1.3. **Capacity building programme** (training, coaching, exchanges) delivered
- O2.1. **Studies** completed for HWM with policy recommendations
- O3.1. Designed **participatory mechanisms** for HWM
- O4.1. **Regulations reducing HW** production, increasing HW treatment
- O4.2. **Regulations on access to information**, to HWM services by citizens
- O5.1. Technical, organisational, and **smart solutions** in place
- O5.2. **Investments** related to improvement of HWM completed
- O6.1. Commitments made and changes introduced by HW generating producers, operators, importers, etc.
- O6.2 **Awareness campaign, educational and cultural/creative activities** reached large numbers of citizens
- O8.1. **PPPs** enhanced/established for HWM
- O9.1. Smart solutions for HWM patented, registered
- O9.2. Smart solutions for HWM adapted
- O10.1. Partnership agreements enhanced/ signed
- O10.2. Solutions for HWM ready for replication by others



Major achievements to date

- Project partnership concluded by August 2020
- Project database created by June 2021
- Detailed information available for effective operational planning by June 2021
- **Baseline Study on Hazardous Waste Management in Yerevan, Warsaw and Tirana by July 2021** - https://www.hazardouswm.eu/baseline_study.html
- Initial needs assessment completed by July 2021, to be expanded prior to new Capacity Building programmes
- Recommendations on partial reorganisation of Yerevan Municipality Department of Nature Protection provided by September 2021
- Capacity Building Programme in relation to small grants in Yerevan initiated by June 2021
- Two (pre)feasibility studies initiated in preparation to investments in HWM (Warsaw – study on asbestos, Yerevan – study on civic amenity centres) by September 2021
- Sub-grants initiated for Yerevan for schools and educational centres by June 2021 and grants awarded in November 2021.



More information



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