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Report - questionnaires

Cross EU report, combining and analysing national reports (Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Romania,) with the questionnaires' results. A more detailed report, with national reports annexed available on [download link](#).

Type of organisation	No of respondents
National public body	1
Regional public body	3
Local public body	40
Non-governmental organisation	34
Private company	22
Education/ training institution (please specify the sector: university, VET, secondary school, etc.)	10
Other	3
Total No of questionnaires received	113

Number of respondents according to the main sector/s of activity of the authority/company/organisation

Main sector of activity	No of respondents
Energy	20
Agriculture	13
Urban development (in general)	42
Heavy industry	7
Tourism	12
Infrastructure	18
Transport	9
Public spaces	23
Housing	6
Other (please specify): social services, economics	19

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation

The majority of the respondents are administrators in municipalities and other public institutions. The trend is that non of the respondents works in the area of housing, public spaces, infrastructure, heavy industry, agriculture or energy.

Number of respondents related to the form in which sustainable conversion is included in the activities of respondent' authority/company/organisation?

Type of activity	No of respondents
It is related to the political (strategies, policies, etc.) and/or legal documents drafted and adopted by the authority/company/organisation	50
It is related to the specific projects that are implemented	58
It is related to the education and training programmes that are delivered	22
Other (please specify)	4
It does not form part of the activities of the authority/company/organisation	10

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation

The majority of answers in this section is dedicated to the political strategies and projects, which are being implemented. In the section "other" the answers are related as a part of the legislative process.

When undertaking activities related to renovation and sustainable conversion, do you refer to specific guidelines?

	No of respondents
NO	35
YES	40
National/regional/local strategy for development (please specify the document/s you refer to)	54
Organisational policy	28
Other (please specify the document/s you refer to).	5

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation

The general responses are referring to national plans and strategies for development. However, non of them is focused precisely on sustainable conversion, they are more broad and cover all the area of development.

If you have replied "yes" to the previous question, could you indicate the measures related to ecological sustainability included in the document/s you referred to:

Type of measures	No of respondents
Green building	26
Sustainable design	28
Zero energy	23
Zero waste	19
Sustainable transport	19
Green procurement	20
Other (please specify):	5

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation

The dispirited in the answers is quite visible. It appears that the only response which is missing is "Zero waste".

What measures have been adopted in your community/region in order to ensure public information and/or public participation in decision making process aimed at developing new policies/projects related to sustainable conversion:

Type of measures	No of respondents
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a. Organization of public events	55
b. Organisation of seminars	33
c. Providing information via institutional website	48
d. Other (please specify).....	1
e. None of the above	20
Please list some specific events/seminars/website information, etc.: dissemination of information through website, municipality newspaper and general meetings with mayors	1
Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
The majority of the responses (41.9%) are related to the organization of public events. There was no concrete information, regarding specific events or internet activities.	

In cases of sustainable conversion of public spaces in your region/country, have social aspects/implications, as for ex. building sustainable communities at converted places, been taken into consideration?

	No of respondents
Yes	43
No	20
I don't know	44
If yes, please specify:	3

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
It appears that the majority of the respondents (61.3%) are not aware about the consideration of sustainable conversion. The social aspects, which are mentioned are strengthening the trust in the institutions, developing the standard of living and dealing with problematic cases.	

What are the main source/s for funding activities related to renovation and sustainable conversion of public spaces in your country/region?

Sources of funding	No of respondents
Private investment	18
Public-private partnership	20
Local authority investment	50
Government investment	27
EU funding	69
Other (please specify): Environment Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund	3

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
From the responses received, it appears that private investment is not popular for this sector. On the other hand, 67.7% of the answers are stating that their main source for funding such activities is the European Union.	

Could you give some examples of programmes/initiatives aimed at funding activities related to renovation and sustainable conversion of public spaces in your region/country

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
The answers of this section are various. Among them are sports-touristic centres, tools for energy efficiency in the public buildings, program for rural development, development of educational infrastructure, development of public places for rest and leisure, project "SEEMORE" for conversion of public pavement into bicycle lines, development of Bulgarian ecotourism	

Has your authority/company/organisation been involved in project/s related to renovation and sustainable conversion of public spaces?

Replies	No of respondents
Yes	54
No	44
I don't know	16

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation

The majority of responses (56.3%), have answered positively to this question. However the number of people which weren't involved in this type of projects or don't know about it is still high.

If you have replied "yes" to the previous question, could you briefly describe the aims and results of the project/s?

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation

Centre for services for citizens in need, Centre for children, Developing easy access to public buildings for people with disabilities, improving the access to the historical building "Asen's tower", renovation of infrastructure, Objective: Increase the attractiveness and improving the quality of the urban environment in Shumen as a prerequisite for ensuring sustainable and environmentally friendly urban environment for quality of life and intensification of social contacts. Results: Increased quality of urban, architectural and park environment; Improved psihokomforta in the central part of Shumen; Established safe and accessible environment for people with disabilities; In general the majority of answers were referring to projects, supporting the urban development and tourism.

Do you know other best practices in renovation and sustainable conversion of public spaces in your region/country? If yes, please list them below:

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation

The majority of resonance are not familiar with other practices. However, they are mentioning the development of cultural and historical heritage.

In which sector have you observed major actions toward sustainable conversion in your country/region?

Sector	No of respondents	%
Energy	38	17.12%
Agriculture	19	8.56%
Urban development (in general)	52	23.42%
Heavy industry	4	1.80%
Tourism	34	15.32%
Infrastructure	35	15.77%
Transport	15	6.76%
Housing	22	9.91%
Other (please specify):	3	1.35%

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation

The answers are strongly related with the previous questions for the main activities of the organizations.

Following your answer on the previous question, why do you think such trend exists?

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation

The answers of this section vary from the goals of the European Commission to the fact that a lot of people had migrated to certain municipalities.

Apart from the trend/s described in the previous question, can you identify other new emerging trends in the field of renovation and sustainable conversion of public spaces in your country?

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
The tendency follows the goring interest of the areas as tourist places and increasing energy efficiency.	

Can you identify the main challenges in the field of renovation and sustainable conversion of public spaces in your country?

Replies	No of respondents
Need of funding	75
Need of human resources with specific knowledge in the field	53
Other (please specify):	11

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
Among the other challenges, which were mentioned, were the strict following of the urban plans, support of the state with its policies, and higher monitoring of the capabilities of the organizations, in charge of the realization of the conversion.	

Can you list specific reports and other information resources regarding those trends and challenges, identified in the previous questions?

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
Reports of the Ministry of regional development and the reports of the European Commission	

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
As it was already mentioned, the majority of the respondents are public authorities, involved with the planning and development on government level. This leads to a specific pattern of the answers, which is shifted according to the profiles of the respondents. Among the major trends, the support of the European Commission is quite visible, as well as the main activity, which is converting of the public environment. Among them developing of the infrastructure for tourism has its strong part. However, the lack of information regarding heavy industry and energy planning, it can be due to the lack of respondents with such profiles.	

Do you think that in the past few years, the number of job opportunities in the sector related to renovation and sustainable conversion of public spaces has risen

Replies	No of respondents
Yes	45
No	29
I don't know	37

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
It appears that 32.3% of the respondents are not aware about the job opportunities. However, the majority of them thinks such trend exists.	

In your opinion, in which fields competences are most needed for developing and managing projects/activities in conversion sector at the moment?

Replies	No of respondents	%
entrepreneurship	37	12%
team building	28	9%
international relations	17	5%
marketing	17	5%
fundraising	37	12%
participatory planning	41	13%
social analysis studies	37	12%
all above mentioned	32	10%
technical competences	66	21%
Other (please specify) ...	1	0%

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
The trend, which is visible from this answer is that technical skills and planning are being evaluated higher than the communicational skills.	

Competences in which fields are most difficult to find for developing and managing projects/activities in conversion sector at the moment?

Replies	No of respondents	%
entrepreneurship	24	10%
team building	19	8%
international relations	17	7%
marketing	22	9%
fundraising	43	17%
participatory planning	33	13%
social analysis studies	28	11%
all above mentioned	13	5%
technical competences	45	18%
Other (please specify) ...	3	1%

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
The preferred answer to this question is related with urban planning and energy efficiency (40.6% of the respondents). It team building in this manner is not something, which the respondents thought as a lacking competence.	

Does an integrated professional profile related to developing and managing projects/activities in conversion sector exist in your country/region?

Replies	No of respondents
Yes	20
No	43
I don't know	47
If yes, please specify:	0
If no, do you think it will be useful and why? -	

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation	
In general, the integrated professional profile in conversion sector is not so widely discussed topic. In the cases, where the answer to this question was YES, it was mentioned that he will help the planning process of the municipalities.	

Do other professional profile/s exist related to developing and managing projects/activities in conversion sector in your country/region?

Replies	No of respondents
Yes	16
No	31

I don't know	43
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Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation
It seems that this question was not clearly understood by the respondents, as the majority of them have answered about the development of programs, supporting the conversion sector. By "profile" it is probably understood type of collaboration, rather than personal skills.

Do you know any training/education programmes focusing on developing skills and competences related to developing and managing projects/activities in conversion sector (integrated training) in your country/region?

Replies	No of respondents
Yes	28
No	82
If yes, please provide basic information about the content of the training: Capacity building in the field of administration	

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation
In general non of the replies gives satisfaction information. Even in case of positive reply, the mentioned content is mainly regarding capacity building and not conversion per se.

Do you think that an integrated training is needed at the moment?

Replies	No of respondents
Yes	86
No	9
I don't know	16
If yes, please specify what training modules will be most neededplanning activities and financing, rural and urban development, marketing	

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation
That majority (83.9%) of the respondents believe that such education should exist. However, it seems that there is no clear understanding of this profile, as they relate it mainly to planning of projects and their financing, and there is a lack of concrete technical skills, which should be included.

Do you think that an integrated training will support the development of conversion sector?

Replies	No of respondents
Yes	83
No	11
I don't know	17

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation
The majority of the respondents think that this training will support the conversion sector (58.1%). They think that it would help the urban and rural development, as well the capacity to coordinate and plan projects.

Comments and analysis on behalf of Compass partner organisation

From the received responses, there are several visible trends. 1. There is a misunderstanding of the competences of the specialist in conversion of public spaces. It is often considered as a position, which main focus is in project planning and development. As the majority of respondents are part of public authorities, their answers are focused on the subject, from the governance prospective. From the amount of "I don't know" responses, we can assume that this topic is yet not so well spread. Another important issue is the lack of private investments into this sector and the influence of the European projects for supporting the development of this sector. Participation in different project activities is considered essential for the role of the specialise in the public convention sector.