



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
FOR COMMUNITY
INNOVATION



**OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE i3.0
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN 2026**
(from January 1st to December 31st, 2026)

Partner organization: Eurac Research

Description of the activities and the outcomes/indicators that are planned to be achieved in 2026 by implementing i3.0 Strategic Partnership:					
No.	Activity	Description of the activity	Expected outcomes	Implementers	Planned timeframe
1.	Planning and conducting of research, analytical and strategic activities for 8 cities involved in the “Community Potentials” Programme that connects local levels with the broader European context, provides comparative insights and contributes to shaping a sustainable model of modern, inclusive and 'smart' cities in Croatia	Consultation with the National Foundation on the approach and methodology of work; preparation of data matrix for city analysis	Accepted methodology and work plan	EURAC + NFCSD	<i>January</i>
		Data analysis on each city (interviews, existing strategies, partner activities). Analysis and comparison of cities (case-study approach); identification of patterns and common themes	“Community Profiles 2026” data collection; “Cities in Comparison” analytical review.	EURAC + local communities	<i>February-March</i>
		Creation of the basic structure of local development strategies (template + methodology)	Template "Local Strategy Blueprint"	EURAC + local communities	<i>February-March</i>
2.	Creation of 8 local development strategies in cooperation with the National Foundation and cities (guidelines, recommendations, priorities)	Creation of 8 local development strategies that contain concrete guidelines and recommendations for further action in the field of sustainable development and the establishment of 'smart cities'	Completed 8 strategies	EURAC + NFCSD + local communities	<i>April-May</i>

3.	Compilation of a common framework - Meta-strategy i3.0, which is unifying city experiences and creates a national model for the development of inclusive, resilient and innovative communities	Creating a common framework (meta-strategy) that connects cities and thematic lines: knowledge/skills (human resources); inclusiveness; digitalization; PPP (community shares)	Draft document "i3.0 Meta-Strategy"	EURAC + NFCSD	<i>June-July</i>
		Linking results to European policies and instruments (European Pillar of Social Rights, SDG, ESF+, NRS 2030, Green Deal) through the EU Alignment Matrix and policy-lab format	Analytical table "EU Alignment Matrix"		
4.	Completion of the Meta-Strategy i3.0 – a common framework connecting 8 cities and 4 thematic lines and SDGs, including the beginning of the evaluation of Program's impact (based on the results of local partners)	Establishing a coherent framework for local development strategies that connects the experiences of the eight cities with European development priorities	Document "i3.0 Meta-Strategy" created; Evaluation of implemented activities	EURAC + NFCSD + local partners	<i>September-October</i>
5.	Completion of impact analysis	Ensuring quality evaluation of results and recommendations for future cycles of the Programme	Document "Policy Recommendations"; Document "Social Impact of Community Potentials Programme" + recommendations	EURAC + NFCSD	<i>November-December</i>
6.	Participation in Coordination meetings of the National Foundation and i3.0 Strategic Partners <i>- one meetings will be held online, and the other in physical format</i>	Participation in Coordination Meetings with the National Foundation: • Coordination Meeting in January • Coordination Meeting in September	Participation in scheduled meetings	EURAC + NFCSD + local partners	<i>Spring/Autumn 2026</i>

7.	Promotion of the i3.0 Strategic Partnership and the “Community Potentials” Program in an international context	Participation in international or high-level national events to disseminate the results (with possible participation of the NFCSD representatives)	Increased visibility of the Community Potential Program and activities within the i3.0 Strategic Partnership	EURAC + NFCSD + local partners	<i>Continuous</i>
8.	Continued / optional application of the software in some or all of the 8 cities involved in the “Community Potentials” Programme	Adaptation and/or using parts of the prepared software as an 'interface' for presentation of the events and additional contacts with involved cities in order to define who is ready and willing to use the application	Achieved at least partial involvement of the selected cities in a 'pilot' form (since most of them do not yet have the requested level of needs for using the software for that purpose)	EURAC + NFCSD + local communities	<i>Continuous</i>