

Report of local dialogue
organised by CoR Member **Marko Vešligaj (HR/PES)**

**Challenges and opportunities for policies on youth mobility
and affordable youth housing**

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Partners	Krapina-zagorje county, Youth advisory board of Krapina-zagorje county
Date and time of the event	26th October 2023, from 8:30 till 14:00 h
Event type	Onsite
Location(s) of event	Town of Zabok, Croatia
Total number of participants	40
Type of participants	Youth (high school pupils and college students), elected officials (from local and regional level), public servants
Name of CoR Members participating	Nuška Gajšek, Mayor of Ptuj Municipality (SI/PES) Marko Vešligaj, Mayor of Pregrada (HR/PES)
Name(s) of representatives from other EU institutions	Fred Matic, MEP (HR/PES)
Name(s) of national ministers participating	-
Name(s) of Young Elected Politicians (YEPs) participating	Adelina Kunst, member of the Primorje-Gorski kotar county's assembly
Theme(s) covered during the event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A stronger economy, social justice and jobs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education, culture, youth and sport
Other ideas	-
Recommendations / conclusions from the debate	1) Young people want to stay in their hometowns if they can be provided with help when securing their first property. At the same time, they see the solution in reviving old houses, incentives to solve the housing issue and opening the possibility for long-term rent with the possibility of buying the apartment. (13.3% of young people declared that they were interested in long-term rental of an apartment, 58% of young people pointed out that they would build a new house, while 28% said that they would buy a house with the help of a state subsidy.

	<p>2) Sustainable mobility for young people is a big problem, primarily due to the unavailability of public transport and the mismatch of lines. It often happens that high school students do not have alternative options for public transportation, as a result of which they have to come to school early in the morning, often up to an hour before the start of classes, or be late for the first lesson. They have a similar problem when they leave school after 8:00 a.m. - the public transport lines are not coordinated, which causes the bus to leave because the train is late or vice versa. It was also pointed out that some professors have been driving students home for years because they were left without transportation. The key is to make a good strategy and connect rail and bus transport.</p> <p>3) A housing and a workplace are basic things that cities and regions must provide to citizens. We cannot leave housing exclusively to the market, which is exactly the case in the Republic of Croatia at the moment. It is necessary to create clear public policies that are made bottom-up that is, we have to ask for the opinion of those who are most affected by it, i.e. young people</p>
<p>Other relevant messages expressed by citizens or speakers during the event</p>	
<p>Hyperlinks to web / press / social media coverage</p>	<p>https://kzz.hr/novosti/panel-o-mobilnosti-i-stambenom-pitanju-mladih-zupan-kolar-kljucno-je-mladima-osigurati-pristupacno-stanovanje-postenu-placu-te-brzo-putovanje-na-posao-i-s-posla/</p> <p>https://zip.com.hr/drustvo/izazovi-i-prilike-politika-za-mobilnost-mladih-i-pristupacno-stanovanje-za-mlade-kljucna-stvar-je-radno-mjesto-s-dobrom-placom-porucio-je-kolar/</p> <p>https://vzaktualno.hr/izazovi-i-prilike-politika-za-mobilnost-mladih-i-pristupacno-stanovanje-za-mlade-kolar-stambeno-zbrinjavanje-treba-biti-dostupno-mladim-ljudima-a-mobilnost-garantirati-brzi-odlazak-i-dolazak-n/</p> <p>https://www.zagorje.com/clanak/vijesti/gdje-zive-i-kako-putuju-mladi-zagorci</p> <p>https://radio-stubica.hr/mladi-razgovarali-o-problemu-mobilnosti-i-pristupacnom-stanovanju/</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/Najdeblji/videos/1708504742961196/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/MarkoVesligajPregrada (posts from 26th and 27th October)</p>





