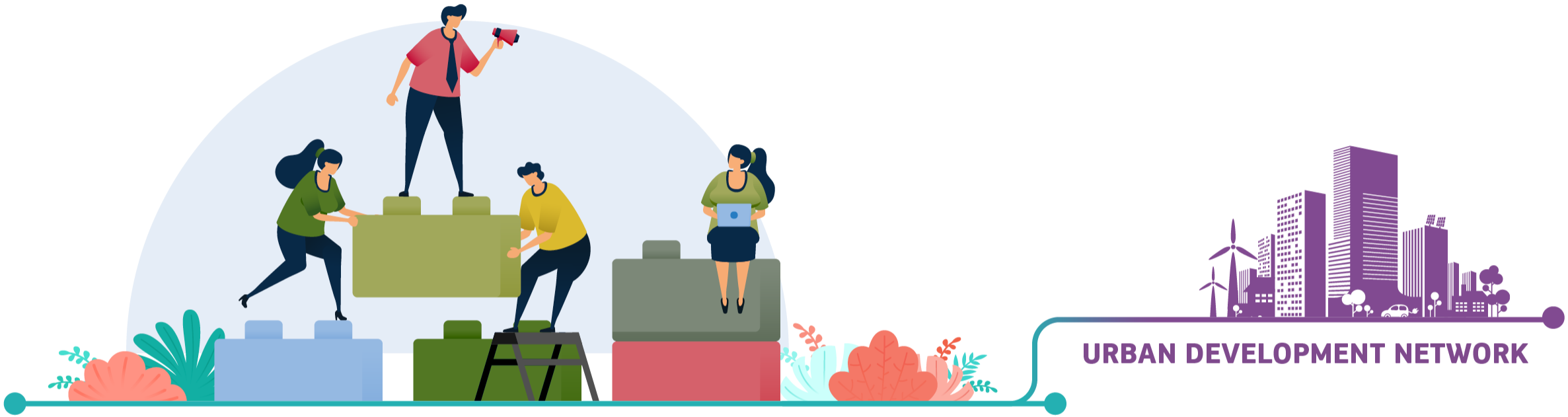

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A Coruña in a nutshell

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A CORUÑA

AREA: 38,3 Km²

A tiny peninsula in the periphery of NW Spain.

POPULATION:

244.810
FUNCTIONAL AREA

215.227
COMPACT CITY

DENSITY:

6.500 inh./km²

Steps previously taken to improve SUD processes & quality

MONITORING TOOLS SET IN PLACE:

- Advance Measurement System →PowerBi
- Horizontal Principles Report (ERFD´s and own principles)
- Indicators Reports (end of the operation), what has been “done” VS what has been “achieved”
- Other control systems for day to day operations: Operation Linkage Report/Verifications System Checkbox/ Audit trail Excel.

NEXT STEPS:

- LINKING SUDS (Eidus) to SDGs and Urban Agenda: Urban Observatory & SIDUS
- Mid-term and Final Impact Evaluation

Usefulness and added value of the SAT4UD

- It allows for a wide range of uses and users in different phases of the PCM, in a systemic and structured manner.
- There is no room for different interpretations of concepts such as “integrated”, “functional area”, “governance”, as theoretical constructs and examples are provided and easily available.
- Learning/inspirational opportunity from shared best practices.
- At the same time being a standardized and harmonized tool aimed at any city allows for:
  - Comparative studies
  - Better policies (at EC, MA and LA level)

SAT4SUD Monitoring

- ✓ Clear recommendation on using the Logical Framework Approach, not complex *per se,* but not widely used.
- ✓ Measurement of the "integrated" approach and links to very useful resources (ESPON Indicators). Not sure about the claim in recommendations (assuming that if all components have been effective separately, the strategy as a whole has also been effective).
- ✓ JRC´s Competence Centre on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards availability for help (thank you!!!) and Urban Data Platform plus (UDP+) (congrats!).
- ✓ Intangible effects (tips on qualitative methods of social research and how to avoid bias and common mistakes).
- ✓ Promotes public participation in setting indicators and priorities.
- ✓ Plenty of resources: roadmap for localizing SDGs Resource and handbook, Reference Framework For Sustainable cities (UN, OCDE, et.)

Range of uses for the Tool in the future

Project Cycle Management:

- DESIGNING: new Urban Agenda will be tested using the tool, ensuring no relevant areas are left behind.
- IMPLEMENTATION: committing to improve the score.
- MONITORING: advances are controlled with the scoring and by comparing draft results over time.
- EVALUATION: self-assessment on how those changes should motivate change/redirect the strategy.

Cross-cutting:

- ARCHIVE: synergies with other policies can be linked and easily accessed.
- PARTICIPATION/CAPACITY BUILDING: explains key concepts to a wide range of audiences allowing for better participation.
- ACCOUNTABILITY: designing and sharing advances with stakeholders.

General considerations

- Transparency & accountability: PowerBi for Implementation Plan (micro) and **SAT4SUD** for SUD (macro), how can be shared with the public?
- Maturity/immaturity on institutions to embrace results-oriented approach, full accountability, public policies evaluation.
- Gives and overall diagnosis? Results can determine if a SUD gets funding? Identifies areas of improvement/critical or red flags?

Please, do not hesitate to contact us for further information on our SUD

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THANK YOU!

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