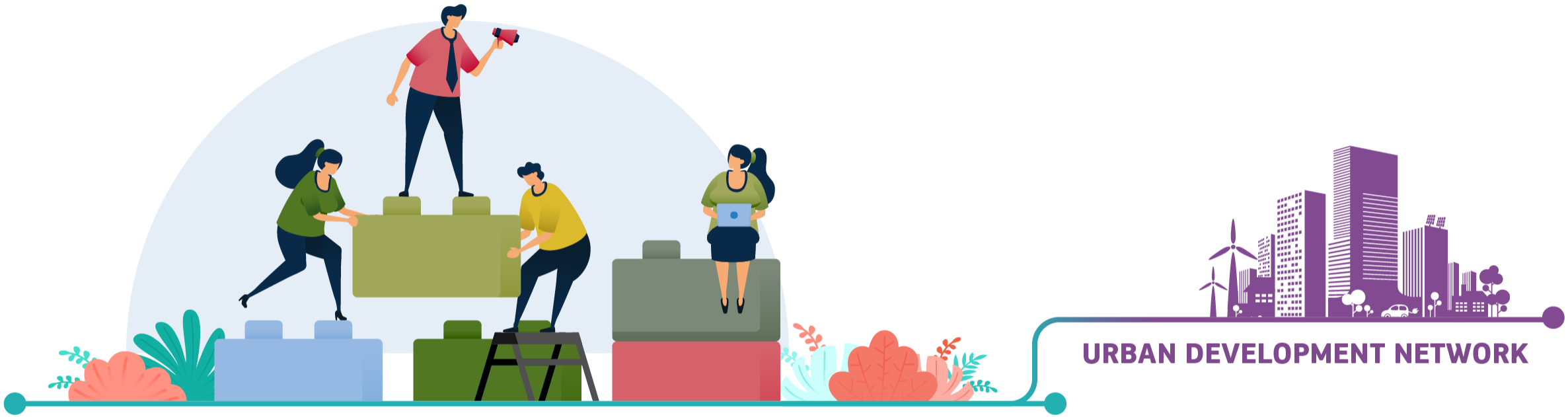

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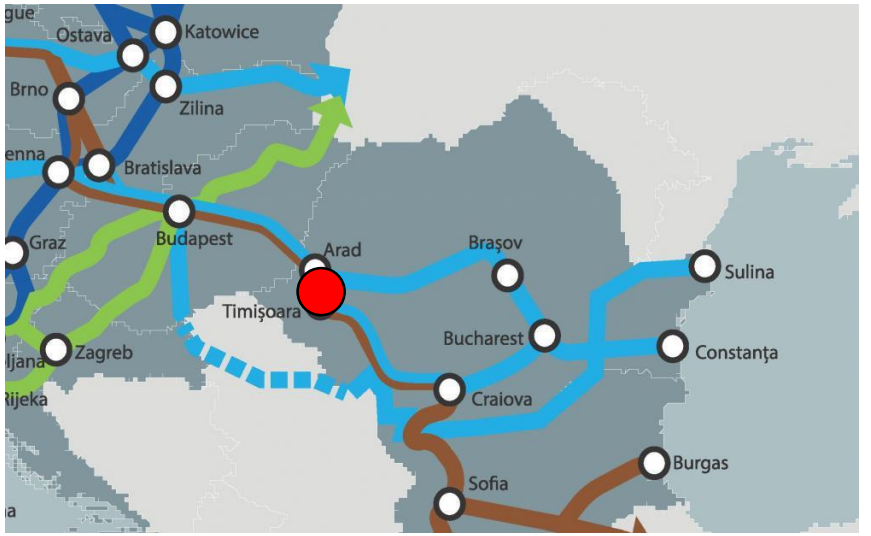
Key metrics for TM (not FUA)

- City Population: ~320.713 (January 2021)
- Timișoara Metropolitan Area Population: 468.162
- Unemployment: <1% (September 2021)
- GDP per capita: € 21,336 (May 2020)
- Students: approximately ~ 45.000
- Real Estate Investments: ~ €1 billion (between 2021-2024)
- Foreign Direct Investments: 11% of total investments made in Romania (2021)
- Metrics from Development Strategy:
- Population: 333.650 (2015)
- Population density: 2.444 loc./km2



Steps

Lack of data driven decisions and participatory processes are a key vulnerability:

- Introducing a Master Data Management
- Unifying key metrics across the public service ecosystem
- Defining a granular territorial aggregation of data
- Introducing a new GIS system
- Smart City Strategy
- Local Action Plan for Open Governance
- Open Data Governance

Building Block Governance

- Challenges for the FUA are mainly due to a lack of administrative tools, a duplication of decision making and a lack of territorial administrative reform
- High risk that administrative bodies foreseen by SUD remain hollow
- Different territorial bodies are not properly working together
- Participatory processes are not yet clearly defined and competences to facilitate them are still lacking
- Lack of digital platforms for decision making and participation across administrative boundaries

The future of SAT4SUD in TM

- Assess the ongoing SUD writing process
- Implement measures on the low scoring building blocks in coordination
- Assess local strategies across the FUA using suitable building blocks and comparing results
- Use it to communicate the need for change in a multilevel governance framework
- Use it to better communicate results towards stakeholders as part of a decision making process – iteractive use

Likes

- User Experience
- Efficiency (inputs vs results)
- Access to best practices on specific topics resulted from the evaluation
- Peer learning opportunities arising
- Clear and precise language

THANK YOU!

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