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**Subject: INSPIRATION Project Contributions by Date**

Dear Mr Detlef Grimski,  
Mr Stephan Bartke,

on behalf of the Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS) we would like to inform you on the effects and impact the project INSPIRATION has had in Slovenia, specifically on connecting and facilitating collaborations among policy makers in fields related to urban space. The ARRS is the main public funder of research in Slovenia. ARRS funds basic and applied research in all scientific domains. As to the contrary to the majority of similar research funding organisation in European countries (and wider), ARRS funds research based exclusively on the bottom-up principle, not having thematic calls for proposals. The exception is the Targeted Research Programme (CRP). Through this mechanism, ARRS provides research support according to the principle of evidence-based decision making to the interested ministries and other users in formulating the strategic objectives of Slovenia's development, and deciding on basic developmental tasks that are necessary to improve the competitiveness, flexibility, and innovativeness of Slovenia. Projects are thematically oriented in accordance with theme proposals made by ministries and other proposers, which are responsible for specific areas of public interest. The interested ministry may join CRP on annual basis, according to their needs or can conclude with ARRS an agreement for a multi-annual CRP, example being the CRP "Assure Safe Food for Tomorrow" (2011-2020) led by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia.

We can report on three valuable contributions of the project INSPIRATION, due to excellent and committed work performed by the team of the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia:

- Connecting for the first time the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia and ARRS; as a direct result the representative of the ministry will participate in the expert advisory body of the ARRS in relation to its activities as a member of the JPI Urban Europe.
- Project INSPIRATION and related national activities enabled crucial information flow regarding possibilities offered by the CRP mechanism. The outcome is the participation of the ministry in the annual CRP scheme in 2016.

- Good practice sharing on the national level between ministries, responsible for environment and spatial planning, and of agriculture resulted in the discussion on possibilities introducing a long-term CRP in the field of environment and spatial planning.

We would like to thank you for the invitation to join the INSPIRATION consortium meeting in Faro, Portugal on June 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2016. Regrettably, due to current intensive period we will not be able to participate. Nevertheless, we will keep following the INSPIRATION project's activities with interest.

Wishing you a successful meeting,

sincerely,



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