

# Promoting People's Participation and Governance in Vietnamese Cities



## Context/short summary:

During the last decades Cities in Vietnam became the engines of economic growth and development and rapid urbanization has been the consequence. 1 to 1.3 million people added to urban areas each year to 2020. The current urbanization rate of 27% today is expected to increase to 45% in 2020. The Urban Land Development Challenge directly affects the life of many Vietnamese citizens. Nearly all inhabitants in a municipality will profit or suffer from decisions in local development and land use planning, on priorities in public investments and in the establishment, upgrading or relocation of basic infrastructure (transport, communication, schools, healthcare, water, and electricity). A very high number of

citizens are direct targets – and often victims – from decisions on land use in municipalities, namely in urban areas, where fast economic development, growing traffic and migration from rural areas force the local administrations to continuously develop and change their land use plans which has led in many cities to increased side clearance and resettlement. Currently, Urban planning and development does not keep up with urban expansion as plans lack participation from different non state actors and citizens as well as high quality input. Administrative procedures, especially in land administration and construction planning remain time consuming and cumbersome.

## Partners:

- Konrad Adenauer Stiftung e.V
- Association of Cities of Vietnam

## Objectives:

The EU co-funded project on Promoting People's Participation and Governance in Vietnamese Cities of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung supports the Association of Cities of Vietnam to develop demand driven training curricula in the field of urban governance and strengthen the Association's capacity to develop its training services vis-à-vis their member municipalities. The overall objectives of the project are:

1. To increase the participation of people at local level in Vietnam
2. To improve local governance and incre-

ase the independence of local self-administration in Vietnam.

## Target group:

- ACVN staff and representatives and national Vietnamese experts ready to cooperate in consultancy and ACVN training programs;
- 300 experts/civil servants from 30 ACVN members, in charge of urban planning, land-use planning, grassroots-democracy realization and good governance, among them at least 50% women.

## Final beneficiaries:

The final beneficiaries of the action will be the people in 30 cities and towns in Vietnam –benefiting from better communication with their local administrations, stronger involvement in the planning and decision making processes and improved governance in public administrative services.

## Funding:

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## Website:

[http://www.kas.de/proj/home/home/72/1/webseite\\_id-6867/index.html](http://www.kas.de/proj/home/home/72/1/webseite_id-6867/index.html)



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