



## APPENDIX 1: LIST OF BULGARIAN MUNICIPALITIES SELECTED FOR RESEARCH

Municipality category	Municipality	Rationale
<b>Sofia Municipality (population: 1 328 790)<sup>1</sup></b>		<p>Sofia Municipality is explicitly mentioned as a mandatory study in the technical specification. There are the largest number of staff who have completed the IPA courses on "Impact Assessment" (2 people) and "Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement" (18 people).</p> <p>Sofia Municipality has developed a "Portal for Public Consultations" and maintains a Public Register of Public Consultations on the Territory of Sofia Municipality, and has a detailed regulatory and methodological framework for the public consultation process, including: a Regulation on Conducting Public Consultations on the Territory of Sofia Municipality, a Regulation on the Procedure for Conducting Public Consultations in the Field of Spatial Development and Spatial Planning of Sofia Municipality and a Manual for Conducting Public Consultations on the Territory of Sofia Municipality.</p>
<b>Large municipalities</b>	<b>1. Plovdiv Municipality</b>	Employees who completed the IPA course on "Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement" (1 person).

<sup>1</sup> The population in each municipality is taken from the database of the National Statistical Institute and is up-to-date as of 31.12.2019. The data is available at: <https://www.nsi.bg/bg/content/2975/население-по-области-общини-местоживее-и-пол>.



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<i>(population above 100 000 people)</i>	<b>(population: 347 851 people)</b>	Well developed website, separate section for "Draft regulations" where it is evident that IA are being developed despite the lack of obligation. Calls for QA are published in the "Announcements and Communications" section.
	<b>2. Varna Municipality (population: 345 151 people)</b>	There is no record of staff having completed the IPA courses in Impact Assessment and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. Well designed website, but at first sight no separate section dedicated to public consultation can be found. There is a separate section on 'Draft documents', which is however rather sparse on information. There is no visible IA.
	<b>3. Burgas Municipality (population: 208 235 people)</b>	There is no record of staff having completed the IPA courses on Impact Assessment and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. Well developed website. There is a separate 'Public consultation' section. There is a separate section on 'Draft Rules and Regulations'.
	<b>4. Pleven Municipality (population: 117 984 people)</b>	Employees who have completed the IPA Impact Assessment course (2 people). Well developed website. There is a separate section on 'Draft legislation'. Invitations to participate in public consultations are published in the 'News' section.
	<b>5. Ruse Municipality (population: 157 577 people)</b>	There is no record of staff having completed the IPA courses in Impact Assessment and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. Well developed website. There is a separate 'Draft Regulations' section.



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<b>Medium-sized municipalities (population between 30 000 and 100 000 people)</b>	<b>1. Blagoevgrad Municipality (population: 74 825 people)</b>	There is no record of staff having completed the IPA courses in Impact Assessment and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. Well developed website. There is a separate section on 'Draft Regulations'.
	<b>2. Kardzhali Municipality (population: 70 097 people)</b>	Requested to be involved in the Citizen Input project by putting the CONSUL citizen consultation tool into use. There is no record of staff having completed the IPA courses on Impact Assessment and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. There is a fairly detailed website, including a separate section on 'Draft Statutory Documents', which is however empty.
	<b>3. Vidin Municipality (population: 52 554 people)</b>	Staff who have completed the IPA courses on Impact Assessment (10) and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement (3). There is a fairly detailed website, including a separate section on "Draft legislation".
	<b>4. Lovech Municipality (population: 42 318 people)</b>	Requested to be involved in the Citizen Input project by putting the CONSUL citizen consultation tool into use. Staff who have completed the IPA courses on Impact Assessment (3 people) and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement (3 people).



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		Well developed website. Separate section for "Draft Statutory Documents" where it can be seen that IA are being carried out. Calls for public consultations are published in the "Announcements and notices" section.
	<b>5. Smolyan Municipality (population: 35 829 people)</b>	Employees who have completed the Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement course (2 people). Well developed website. There is a separate sub-section 'Public Consultations' where public consultation notices under the CPA are published.
<b>Small municipalities (population below 30 000 people)</b>	<b>1. Gotse Delchev Municipality (population: 29 657 people)</b>	No records of staff who have completed the IPA courses on Impact Assessment and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. Well developed website. There is a separate sub-section 'Public Discussion' where public consultation notices on the PNA are published.
	<b>2. Troyan Municipality (population: 28 195 people)</b>	No records of staff who have completed the IPA courses on Impact Assessment and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. Well developed website. There is a separate sub-section on 'Draft regulations, rules and programmes' and a sub-section on 'References to public consultations'.
	<b>3. Dulovo Municipality</b>	There is no record of staff having completed the IPA courses in Impact Assessment and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. Well developed website. There is a separate sub-section 'Draft legislation'.



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	<b>(population: 27 379 people)</b>	
	<b>4. Popovo Municipality (population: 24 775 people)</b>	No data on staff who have completed the IPA courses on Impact Assessment and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. Well developed website. There is a separate sub-section on 'Draft new municipal regulations'.
	<b>5. Lom Municipality (population: 23 967 people)</b>	No records of staff having completed IPA courses on Impact Assessment and Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. Well developed website. There is a separate subsection "Draft Ordinances, Programmes and other documents for public consultation".