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ACTIVITIES FROM POTSDAM KICK-OFF MEETING – SIAULIAI CITY

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VISION:

**SIAULIAI CITY – clean, green,
comfortable, safe and enjoyable
place to live**

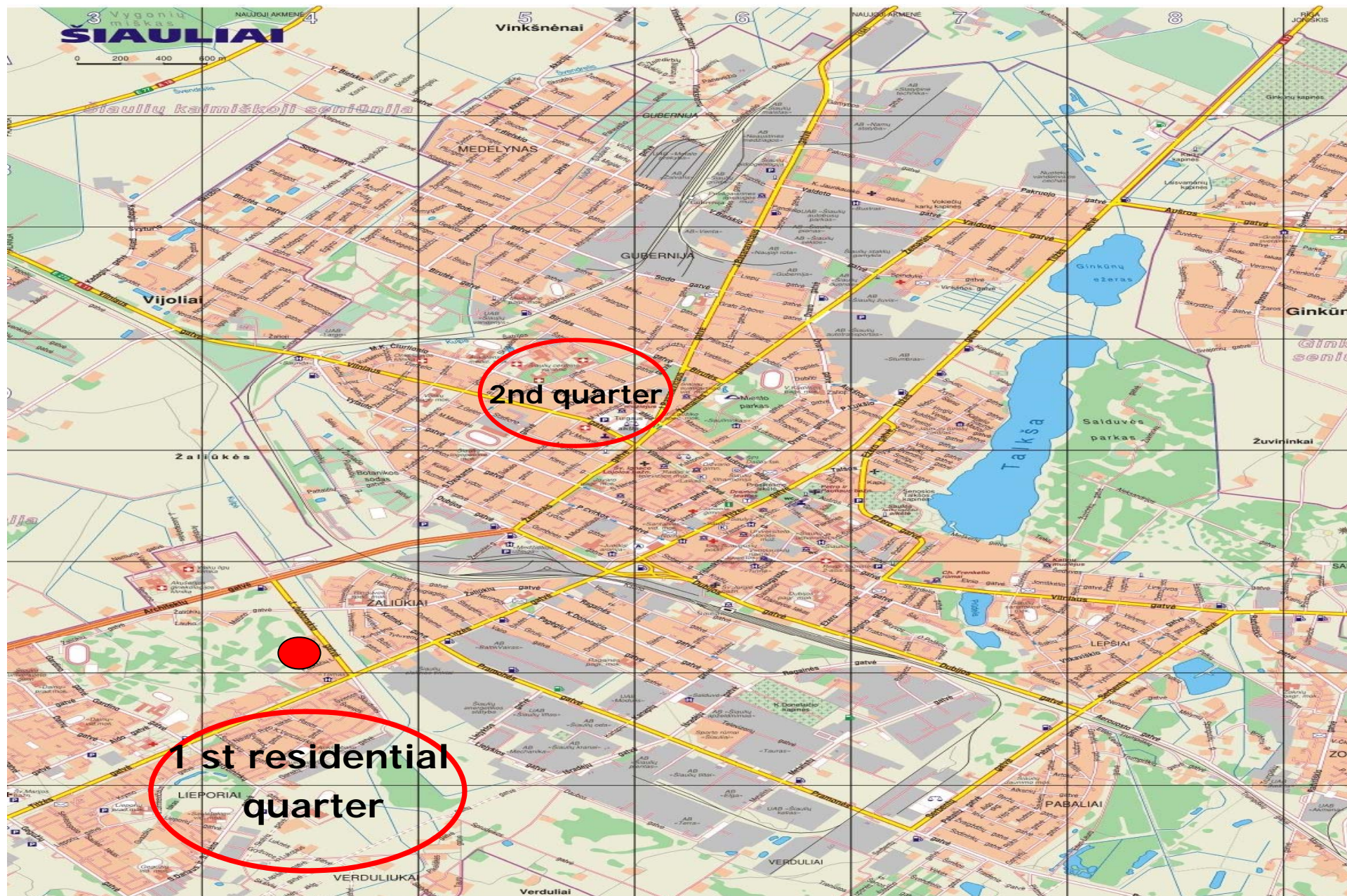
**TO ASSURE SUSTAINABLE AND
HOLISTIC
REHABILITATION AND
DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL
AREAS
IN SIAULIAI CITY
THROUGH IMPROVED URBAN
GOVERNANCE**

FLASHLIGHT ON SIAULIAI CITY

- *There are a lot of multi-apartment houses constructed between 60s and 80s in Šiauliai City (about 500 multi-apartment houses, that need refurbishment).*
- *Despite all efforts, the refurbishment rate in the Šiauliai City is still very low.*
- *The inhabitants are not very interested in refurbishment process, because of pretty high prices and not prepared documents.*
- *Lack of financial resources.*
- *Multi apartment houses are renovated in a chaotic way without common design and integrated approach.*

Aims within Urb.Energy

- *Šiauliai city will elaborate integrated urban development concepts for the sustainable rehabilitation of 2 residential areas. The main focus will be put on:*
 - *- involvement of residents, communities and their proposals;*
 - *- involvement of stakeholders outside the city administration.*
- *Awareness campaigns during Energy Saving Day will be organized.*



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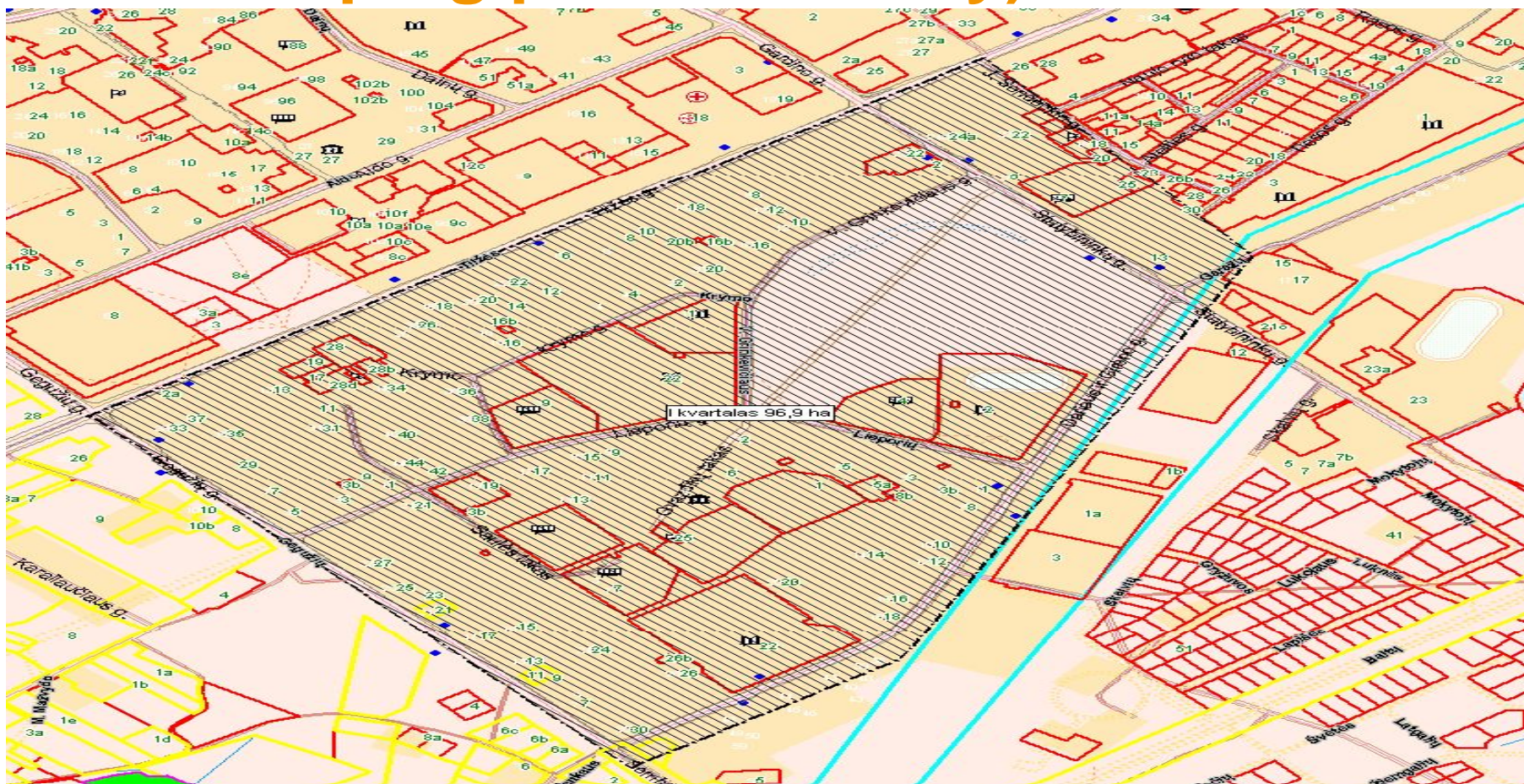


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The 1st multi-apartment houses area (in the sleeping part of the city)



- **Area – 96,9 hectares;**
- **Number of houses (built from 1969 – 1975) – approximately 100;**
- **Lieporiai park with stadium;**
- **Social and commercial infrastructure:**
 - a) 3 Secondary schools;
 - b) Kindergartens;
 - c) Library;
 - d) College;
 - e) Shopping centers.

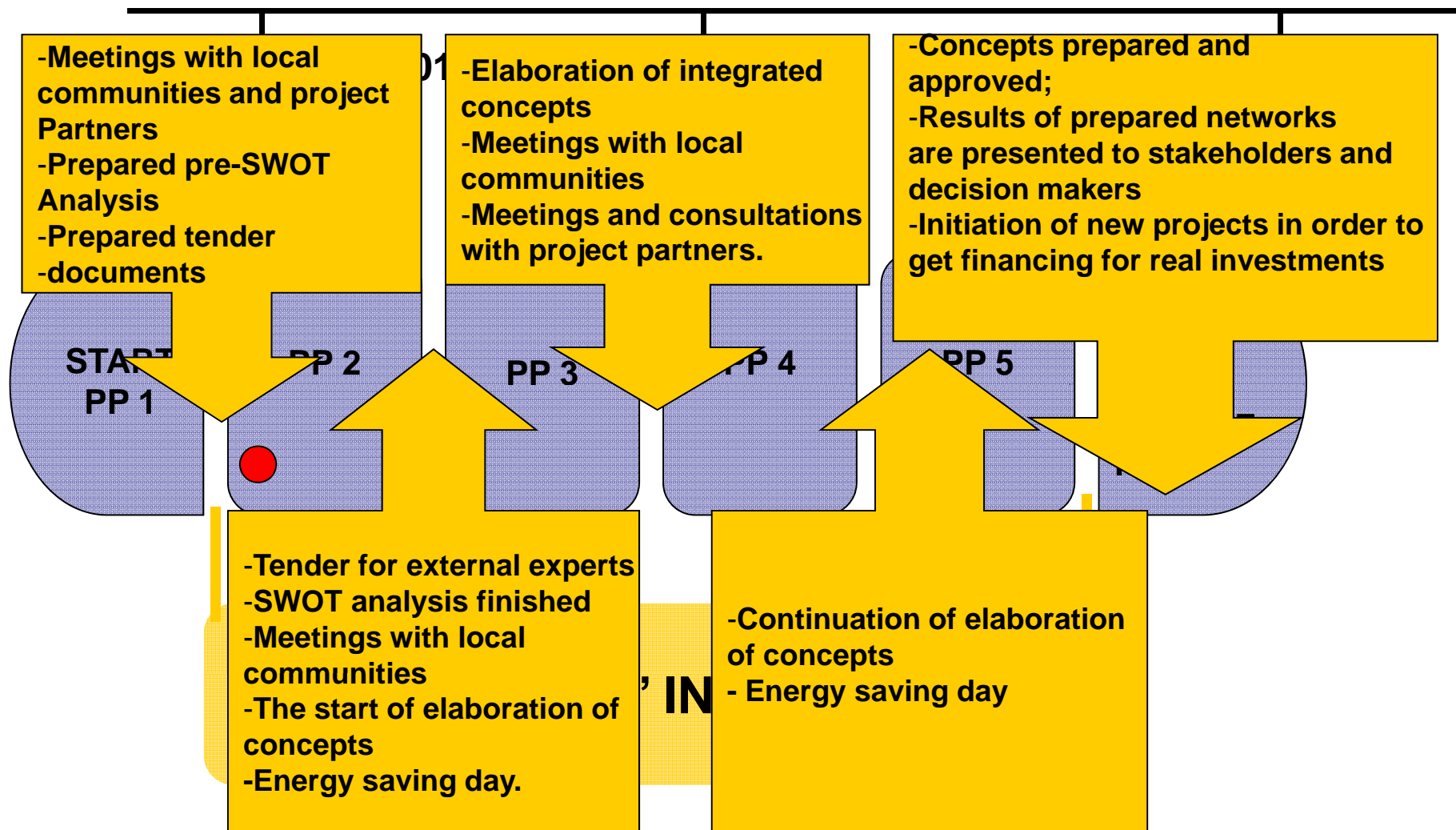
The 2'nd multi-apartment houses area (in the central part of the city)



**Area – 6,1 hectares;
Number of houses
(built from 1969 –
1975)
– approximately 35**

The main tasks during the project are:

- Analysis of the current situation;
- Strong involvement of local communities;
- Preparation of integrated concepts;
- Creation of favorable conditions for real investments;
- Creation of attractive living environment;
- Organization of dissemination campaign.



From the kick-off meeting Siauliai city has:

- **Organized 2 meetings with local communities from both target areas**
- **Prepared a pre-SWOT analysis**
- **Prepared project of tender documents and specifications for projection**

Communities' needs (1):

- **Complains about narrow streets which are blocked up by cars;**
- **Bad condition of yards and sidewalks;**
- **Necessary to solve the problems concerning property, without special documents (detailed plans) the process of houses rehabilitation can not be started.**
- **Trees are required along Tilze street in order to reduce the level of noise and pollution which is caused by cars;**

Communities' needs (2):

- Suggestions to use free land plots for establishment of playing grounds;
- Suggestions to establish small recreation islands with benches, small tables and trees;
- Suggestions to forbid the chaotic restoration of balconies and house facades;
- Complains about car owners who park their cars on the grass;
- Requests to prepare typical technical projects for rehabilitation;
- Chaotic development of parking places.

PRE-SWOT ANALYSIS

Strengths

- Prepared and approved projection documents: general plan and special plans;
- Developed public transport infrastructure;
- Initiative and active communities;
- Pretty large plots of „green” areas;
- Developed and accessible social, public, as well as, commercial infrastructure;
- Well developed water supply and sewage infrastructure;
- Strong political support for house rehabilitation process.

Weaknesses

- Old housing stock;
- Hard traffic;
- High level of noise in residential areas;
- Old infrastructure;
- The infrastructure is not adapted to disabled people;
- High pollution level;
- Narrow streets overcrowded with cars;
- Insufficient pedestrian amenities;
- Getting older population;
- No specific development plans for these residential areas.

Opportunities

- EU and national funds for house refurbishment and development of public spaces;
- Street trees and new benches should be installed. It will increase pedestrian activity in the area;
- Development of parking places network;
- Expansion of playing grounds and recreation islands network;
- Existing park and green areas can serve as a residential catalysts (if well maintained);
- Urb. Energy project

Threats

- **Uncertain economic conditions and funding issues;**
- **Worsen public health;**
- **Elderly residents may not wish to invest into house rehabilitation;**
- **Large rehabilitation prices;**
- **High density housing environment;**
- **Barriers for social cohesion.**

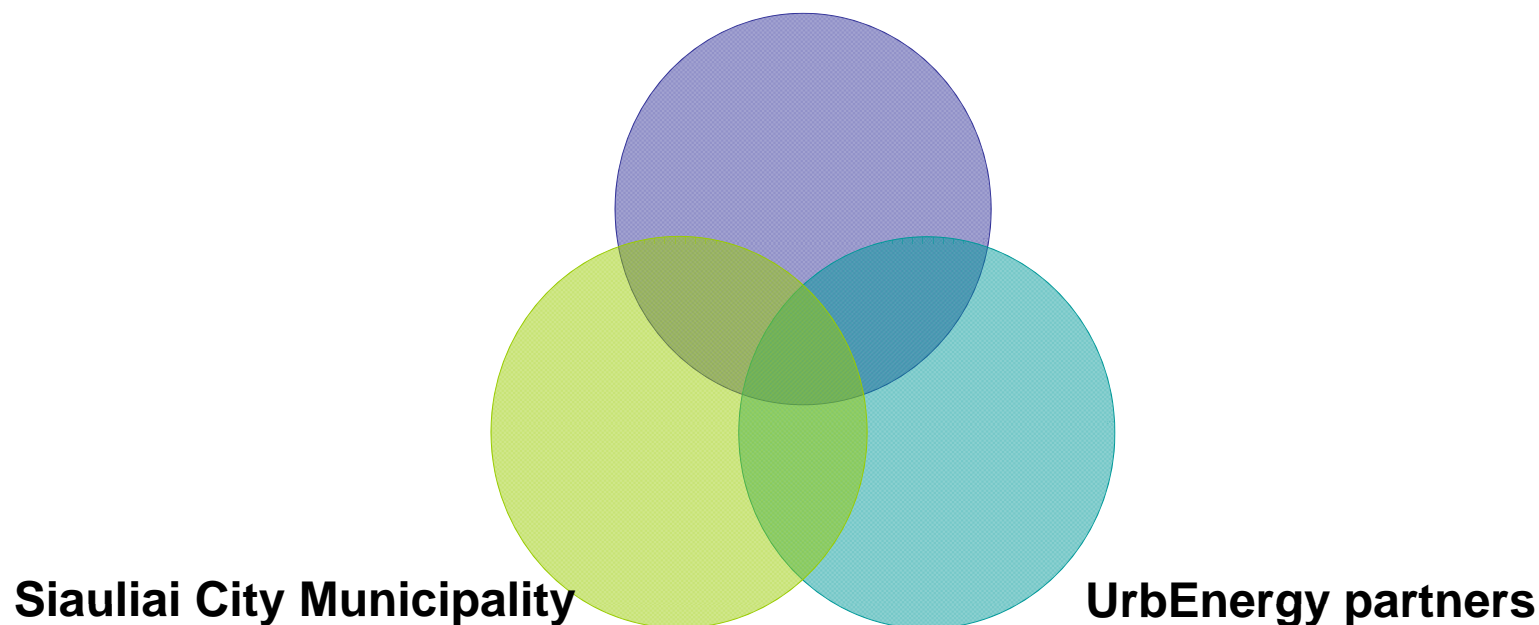
PROJECT OF TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR CONCEPTS ELABORATION

Objectives:

- To create concepts, which include: creation of land use and urban design vision and implementation plan to demonstrate:
 - how to start house rehabilitation in a sustainable and mostly efficient way;
 - how to improve the streetscape and pedestrian environment;
 - Where to form public open spaces and how to improve existing green areas;
- To form land plots around houses (it is necessary in order to start rehabilitation processes) and other existing or planned objects;
- To determine the usage purposes of the formed land plots.

TENDER DOCUMENTATION FOR EXTERNAL EXPERTS

Local Communities



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