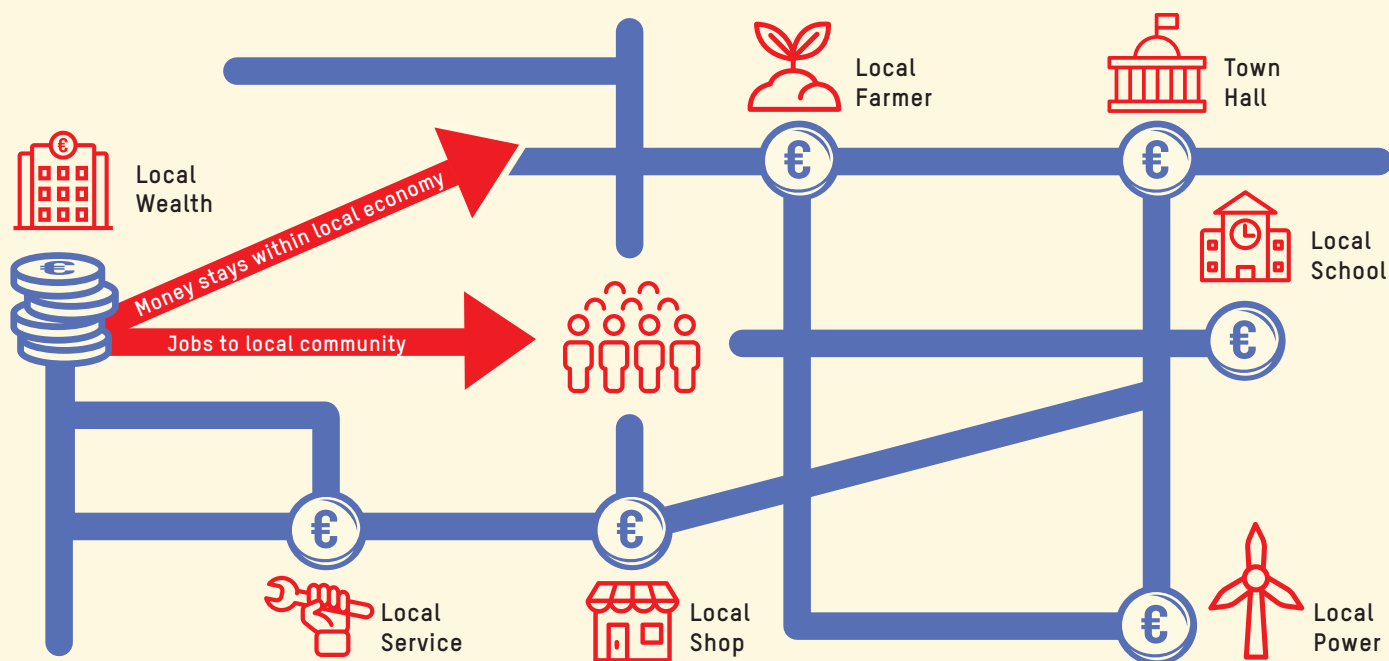


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How to keep the money within the local economy?



*Thursday, 8 November 2018, 9:00–15:30
Poligon creative centre, Tobačna ulica 5, Ljubljana, Slovenia*

What can municipalities do to create wealth and keep the money within the local economy?

Many places struggle with local service providers and food producers closing their businesses followed by unemployment and numerous social and environmental consequences. Globalization is not necessarily beneficial for the local economy, so we often hear about places that have opted for development that builds on local potentials. Public procurement with local providers as well as the development of local services, jobs, and local currencies are approaches that can strongly contribute to the creation of wealth in a local environment. The key is to keep money as close to home as possible.

Key note speakers will be **Neil McInroy** from CLES (The Centre for Local Economic Strategies, UK), who will present their experience with encouraging local wealth building in Preston

and other UK cities as well as their work throughout Europe in URBACT Procure network, and **Annet van Otterloo** from Afrikaanderwijk Cooperatie (Rotterdam, The Netherlands) will talk about strengthening the resilience of Rotterdam South with investing in active inhabitants and local businesses in Afrikaanderwijk.

Apart from the interesting examples from all over Europe we will also hear about good practices from Slovenia and discuss how municipalities can promote local wealth building using the resources at their disposal.

Join representatives from national institutions, regional, and local administrations, experts, NGOs, practitioners, and researchers from academic and research institutions at the conference. **Attendance is free of charge.**

More information will follow soon.

The conference is organised by Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Republic of Slovenia, IPoP – Institute for Spatial Policies and Association of Municipalities and Towns of Slovenia.