



## Québec Roadmap: Towards a New Urban Project (2022-2024)

**PRIORITY THEMATIQUE (1):** Regulation of traffic within the buffer zone of the World Heritage Site

**Pilot City: DUBROVNIK**

### **Draft: Synthesis of the Thematic Worksheet (Step 3.1.2) - version of 13 April 2023**

In line with the Quebec Roadmap Strategic Axis 2 – “Resilient cities boosted by the enhancement of their heritage resources”, the *Priority Thematic* presented by the City of Dubrovnik aspires to find solutions and new approaches to solve traffic congestion in the buffer zone of the city’s historic center.

The Dubrovnik historic center *intra muros* is nowadays an exclusive pedestrian zone. However, constructions within the surrounding urban area and excessive tourism have led to several problems, such as the shrinking of public spaces and of green areas, as well as high-density traffic congestion. Long lines of vehicles (many of them buses, rented cars or taxis) on the one-way roads around the city center have reduced the possibilities for safety actions to take place in case of emergency.

The regulation of traffic within the buffer zone of the World Heritage area has become a major challenge and should lead to the establishment of a Limited Traffic Zone. Legal, administrative and practical measures should enable, in line with the Management Plan 2021–2026, to systematically regulate and arrange the conditions of entry and exit of vehicles in the buffer zone in order to optimize mobility.

#### **Associated matters**

The city of Dubrovnik proposes to form a Collaborative Network gathering experiences and collective research efforts on different interrelated issues, *inter alia* the following:

- Prevention of excessive traffic;
- Proposing acceptable restrictions for non-residents and unauthorized vehicles while maintaining or improving accessibility to the center and connectivity of the city;
- Providing support and improvement of the local social and economic potential for local community through relevant means and infrastructure solutions;
- Strengthening habitability in the historic center and the buffer zone and enhancing the quality of life;
- Contributing to the decarbonisation and minimization of pollution levels;
- Preservation of urban and environmental heritage;
- Strengthening the governance procedures and policies benefiting to the sustainable development of the entire city of Dubrovnik.