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La21 Criteria – An Opportunity for Active Cities, Municipalities and Regions

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Essential Parts of La21:
- Organizational background, planning and evaluation of La21 processes and principles
- Engagement of the public, local partnerships, community involvement
- Stimulation for sustainable development, municipalities
- A transparent tool/guideline for basic elements of procedure. The set of twenty-one criteria is classified in four main categories according to categories:
LA21 CATEGORIES – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ACTIVE CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONS

An official set of LA21 Criteria has been compiled for measuring and evaluating LA21 quality and approved in the 2006 by the Government for Sustainable Development. The set of criteria is based on the basic set for cities and municipalities of medium size, (obec-město-region) In order that municipality could advance from one category to another, it is necessary to fulfill all criteria that belong into the given category. Each LA21 Criterion has determined its indicators that include activities – articles, website etc.) on the ground of WG LA21 GCSD. In case of advanced LA21 categories (“B” and “A”) this involves a thorough check and substantiation through precisely specified documentation, forms etc. and leading to improvement of citizens’ quality of life)

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The basic administration of LA21 Database is ensured by CENIA, Czech Environmental Information Agency. The agency also provides assistance with help database with full information for municipalities (www.evsovuna.cz).

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Advantages of working with LA21 Database:
- the database is a simple tool at the local level for presentation of LA21 achievements.
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