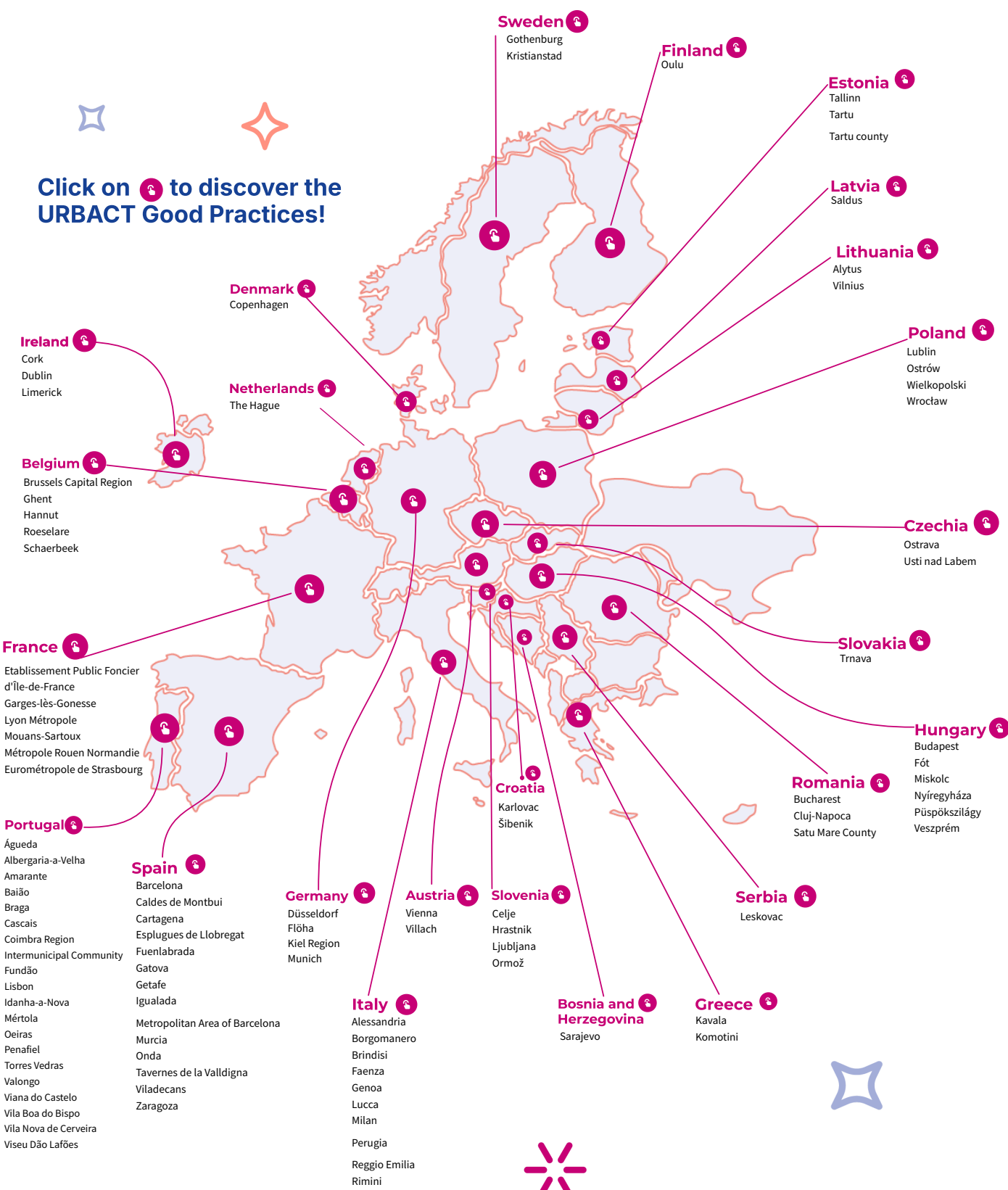




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- **Bucharest, Low emission schools:**
Transforming older buildings into eco-friendly learning hubs
- **Cluj-Napoca, Com'ON: participatory budgeting for youth:**
Engaging young people through participatory budgeting
- **Cluj-Napoca, Mainstreaming ecosystem services and biodiversity:**
A participative approach to integrating ecosystem services and biodiversity in peri-urban forest parks
- **Satu Mare County, Social inclusion of disadvantaged groups:**
Integrating vulnerable individuals, especially Roma, through education and empowerment



6 Good Practices

- **Budapest, Biodiverse ComplexCity:**
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Promoting the use of solar energy in public buildings
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Transforming cultural heritage into cultural hotspots

- **Leskovac, Sustainable and integrated territorial development strategy:**
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Developing data-driven social policies tackling energy poverty
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Catalogue of tools and actions increasing integration and resilience of peripheral mass housing estates

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Revitalising the creative sector with support, funding and a production-based cultural model
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Promoting educational equity and equal opportunities for youth at risk of social exclusion
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Promoting sustainable, active and autonomous mobility among primary and secondary school students



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Citizens shaping their city's development
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Network of communities prioritising climate neutral activities

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Transversal governance model empowering citizens for local green transition





Kristianstad: Urban Community Development Näsby

Urban Community Development Näsby is a project of participatory and collaborative urban development in Näsby, a neighborhood with socioeconomic challenges including segregation and inequality

Gothenburg: The second chance: recovery and repair

Aiming to create an inclusive, safe city, Gothenburg has created a place-based collaboration framework around supported housing units for the homeless as well as reviewed the urban development process



7 Good Practices

- **Lublin, Participatory city strategy:**
Involving city stakeholders in decision-making processes
- **Lublin, Entrepreneurial Kids:**
Fostering entrepreneurial spirit in children through engaging workshops and activities
- **Lublin, Youth Spaces Network:**
A network of safe, open spaces created with young people for young people
- **Ostrów Wielkopolski, Green and blue city transformation:**
Bringing city centre back to the residents by creating green, open spaces
- **Wrocław, Urban Farm:**
Sustainable farm producing quality vegetables while involving individuals at risk
- **Wrocław, Microgrants:**
Supporting grassroots initiatives through annual open calls for grants
- **Wrocław, Revitalised tram depot as a vibrant cultural centre:**
Providing space for students, artists, social leaders and NGOs



Saldus: The experiment as a tool for cooperation between the municipality and citizens

Our approach is rooted in empathy and emphasizes horizontal communication. Through experimentation, both parties are encouraged to engage in dialogue and collaborate in deciding on the best solutions and actions, leading to sustainable outcomes.



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A community cultural experience for reviving shrinking cities
- **Borgomanero, Lake Contract for protecting and valorising water resources:**
Participatory tool for preservation of natural resources
- **Brindisi, Community hub for urban and social regeneration:**
A network of social spaces in the city for activation and participation of local community
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Sustainable and circular transformation of the territory's main and strategic supply chains
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Integrated local policies promoting sustainable mobility practices
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- **Perugia, Urban Forest Optimisation:**
Optimising urban forests to improve climate and environmental benefits
- **Reggio Emilia, An integrated and multi-level intervention for citizens' inclusion:**
Creating integrated "local humanitarian corridors" to tackle exclusion and homelessness
- **Rimini, Strategic planning laboratory for a vast area:**
Stakeholders cooperation in strategic planning and engaging local communities

- **Kavala, Centralised Procurement:**
Driving economic diversity and environmental sustainability
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Involving disabled people in creating a city accessible for all





Šibenik: Fortress of Culture Šibenik

Through the revitalization of cultural heritage and its transformation into a major cultural hotspot, the city redefined its identity and became a vibrant cultural center of the region within just 10 years

City of Karlovac: SolariKA

Promotion the use of solar energy in public buildings:
Instalation of solar panels in 14 schools/kindergardens,
reduction of heating costs and CO2 emissions, reinforcing
resilience by using renewables

- **Oulu, Open and Shared Oulu:**
Fostering results through open governance, shared planning,
and participation





2 Good Practices

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Enabling communities to implement projects and co-create their city
- **Usti nad Labem, A Model for Active Citizenship and Sustainable Development:**
Boosting community development and sustainability with a rewarding volunteer credit system

- **The Hague, Participatory approach for clean water:**
Stakeholder collaboration for preventing water pollution



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Innovative, sustainable, and inclusive affordable housing by private property developers
- **Villach, Villach's Collaborative Urban Development:**
Examining the needs of inner urban development through a participatory process



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Zaragoza: Stars Zaragoza Project

A project to promote sustainable, active and autonomous mobility among primary and secondary school students, involving the entire educational community

Caldes de Montbui: La CEL de Caldes”

Born to promote the energy transition in our town by encouraging the use of photovoltaic energy, reducing CO2 emissions, involving & giving all citizens a tool to make it possible

Barcelona:

- **Làbora:** Born to promote an innovative programme to improve employability of people in vulnerable situations
- **Green markets:** Supporting the green and sustainable transition in city markets and food retailers of Barcelona from a social, economic and environmental point of view
- **Imagina Badia:** Catalogue of tools and actions to increase the mix, integration and resilience of peripheral mass housing estates developed from the post-Second World War period up to the 1980s

Municipality of Tavernes de la Valldigna: The Path of the Senses

Unique environmental education activities on coastal ecosystems and sustainability supported it as blue and accessible trail

Viladecans: Co-Carbon Tree Measurement

A citizen-science project with the objective of increasing awareness of the relevance of urban trees in absorbing CO₂ from the atmosphere and achieving climate neutrality

Esplugues de Llobregat: +Dones³: Ciència, Talent i Tecnologia

No information

Onda: La Campaneta

The renovation and restoration of the old 'La Campaneta' ceramics factory will transform it into a cultural and leisure center, providing a community space for the residents of Onda

Ajuntament de Gatova: Carraixet

Promotes environmental regeneration and sustainable mobility through the removal of invasive species and the creation of a cycle-pedestrian route

Fuenlabrada: Fuenlabrada's Living Together Board

A non-profit body founded by Fuenlabrada's citizen associations Its main objective is coexistence and tolerance promotion through a participatory approach

Cartagena: Mandarache Project

Book culture and reading promotion through youth engagement policies

Murcia: Cultural Reactives

Revitalizes the cultural and creative sector by providing direct support and funding through a production-based cultural model, fostering engagement, innovation, and long-term sector resilience

Getafe: EPIU - Energy Poverty Intelligence Unit

Defines the methodology for developing data-driven social policies related to energy poverty through understanding, Support/Outreach and action on vulnerable population and buildings

Igualada: Participatory transformation of an abandoned area

Converts underutilized space into a sustainable, biodiversity-friendly area for sports and well-being, becoming a European model for urban innovation



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Copenhagen: Climate Taskforce

- Transversal governance model empowers citizens for local green transition



3 Good Practices

- **Cork, PlaysMaking:**
A placemaking approach to developing the city as a playground
- **Dublin, Minority language renewal through innovation:**
Setting new standards for urban language revitalisation
- **Limerick, Sustainable Community (sub)urban greenspaces:**
Boosting urban residents' well-being through nature connection



23 Good Practices

- **Águeda, Ecological Restoration Project:**
Promoting the ecological rehabilitation and restoration of the river area
- **Albergaria-a-Velha, Entrepreneurship+ Academy:**
Fostering entrepreneurial spirit and participation of students
- **Amarante, Amarante Tech Hub:**
An innovation and technology hub boosting economy and creating opportunities
- **Baião, Sustainable Tourism Destination:**
Integrating environmental, social, cultural and economic pillars to promote responsible tourism
- **Braga, Human Power Hub - Braga Social Innovation Centre:**
A citizen-centric initiative creating a robust social innovation ecosystem
- **Cascais, Climate Adaptation Fund:**
Involving civil society in climate action
- **Cascais, Youth Participatory Budget:**
Bringing the voice of young people to policy-makers
- **Coimbra Region Intermunicipal Community, Demand Responsive Transport project:**
Enhancing access and mobility for citizens in remote areas
- **Fundão, Craft Lab:**
Enhancing crafts with digital manufacturing technologies
- **Fundão, Friendly City of Investment and Innovation:**
An approach aimed at creating a business and innovation-friendly ecosystem
- **Fundão, Capacity Building for Third-Country Nationals:**
Attracting workforce and supporting third-country nationals' settlement
- **Idanha-a-Nova, Integrated strategy for attracting residents:**
Combatting demographic decline in low-density cross-border territories
- **Lisbon, Entrepreneurial skills for youth project:**
Promoting the development of entrepreneurial skills among young people

- **Mértola, Night at the Market:**
Fostering community engagement through themed monthly cooking events at municipal markets
- **Oeiras, From Food to Sustainability:**
Promoting organic production while enhancing local economic development
- **Penafiel, Intermunicipal Victim Support Network:**
A network for violence survivors offering specialised support
- **Torres Vedras, Sustainable Food School Programme:**
A programme providing healthy and sustainable school meals
- **Torres Vedras, Healthy and Active Elderly programme:**
Integration of retired citizens in historical and cultural places of public interest
- **Valongo, Participatory Youth Budget:**
Involving young people in investing €250.000 of public budget
- **Viana do Castelo, Selective waste collection system:**
Selective waste collection by proximity equipment and domestic composting
- **Vila Boa do Bispo, Smart Village Strategy:**
Strategic plan outlining community goals for a smart and sustainable future
- **Vila Nova de Cerveira, Olympics4all: Communities for Active Ageing:**
Increasing physical activity of the elderly and creating healthier communities
- **Viseu Dão Lafões, Flexible on-demand mobility for isolated rural areas:**
Providing flexible on-demand mobility opportunities for residents through collaboration of neighbouring municipalities

- **The Hague, Participatory approach for clean water:**
Stakeholder collaboration for preventing water pollution





Villach: Integrated and participative inner urban development concept addressing all stakeholders

Villach examined for the first time the needs of an inner urban development area through an integrated and participatory process, to survey the needs of stakeholders via a set of coordinated actions

Vienna: The developer's competition

The developer's competition is a instrument of the City of Vienna for the construction of innovative, sustainable and socially inclusive affordable housing by private property developers

- **Trnava, Public Space Revival:**
Revitalising residential courtyards for eco-friendly, inclusive outdoor recreation





7 Good Practices

- **Etablissement Public Foncier d'Île-de-France, Public actors' partnership for neighbourhood renewal:**
Improving energy efficiency of private housing and social support to vulnerable inhabitants
- **Garges-lès-Gonesse, Proactive and Anticipatory Housing Policy:**
A tailored strategy anticipating, preventing, and combatting substandard housing
- **Lyon Métropole, Transitional urban planning for metropolitan public policies:**
A testing ground for transitional urban planning
- **Lyon Métropole, Tools for sustainable transformation of companies:**
A digital platform measuring the territorial impacts of companies and the Positive Impact Economy Observatory
- **Mouans-Sartoux, Sustainable Food Education Centre:**
Reducing citizens' carbon footprint by education on sustainable food
- **Métropole Rouen Normandie, Participatory Urban Park Project:**
Turning wasteland into public green spaces
- **Eurométropole de Strasbourg, Bike to work challenge:**
Promoting cycling as a means of commuting in the city



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City of Komotini: Komotini, an accessible city for all

Komotini's aim has evolved from viewing disabled people as another group that has to serve to an asset that can distinguish and contribute to the branding of the city as the most accessible city

Municipality of Kavala: Centralized Procurement in Kavala

Kavala innovatively integrated social and economic criteria into public procurement by involving local stakeholders in contract design, earning recognition as a best practice by the Ministry





Dublin: Leading Minority Language Renewal Through Innovation

Driven by Gaeilge365, Dublin City Council sets a new standard for urban language revitalization, integrating daily Irish engagement into local government frameworks and partnerships

Cork City: PlaysMaking

A placemaking approach to developing the city as a playground

Limerick City: Go Green Routes

Aims to enhance the physical and mental well-being of urban residents by increasing their connection to nature

Budapest: Biodiverse ComplexCity

Multi-level cooperation model for development and maintenance of sustainable urban green areas

Nyíregyháza: Local Employment Partnership

A unique partnership between businesses and public bodies aimed at creating quality jobs, improving the workforce, and fostering a more inclusive labor market

Fót: Development of the Somlyó Lake area

How can an abandoned urban green space be turned into a diverse, community-building, recreation and leisure center that meets the needs of the growing population?

Püspökszilágy: Municipality coordinating microregional water retention measures to enhance climate adaptation

The municipality is well-positioned to coordinate stakeholder interests and implement effective small-scale natural water retention measures (NWRMs) within a small water catchment area

City of Miskolc with County Rights: 4IM

A new social model was developed and implemented, which included integrated interventions, a new institutional structure, and innovative cooperation between public, municipal, civil and private sector

Veszprém: Wildflower Cities

Veszprém's climate-adaptive urban grassland management creates wildflower meadows, focusing on preserving and enhancing urban biodiversity through nature-based solutions

Brindisi: Case di Quartiere

A social innovation hub aimed at creating a network of social spaces located in the center and suburbs of the city, as places of aggregation, activation and participation of the local community

Reggio Emilia: Reggiane OFF

An innovative experiment in participatory governance aimed at creating integrated 'local humanitarian corridors' to address adult marginalization and widespread homelessness in a former industrial area

Genoa: C-City

Aims to transform Genoa into a city that adheres to the principles of sustainability and circularity across its key strategic supply chains

Borgomanero: Cusio Lake Contract

The tool that the widespread urban territory around the Orta Lake has adopted to translate into concrete actions the willingness to take care of its natural resources

Faenza: Bike to work

Promoting and enhancing sustainable mobility practices dedicated to different social categories by a participatory governance approach

Rimini: ROMAGNA NEXT

The first strategic planning laboratory for a vast area in Italy, carried out in a sub-regional area (Romagna)

City of Milan: Piazze Aperte

An innovative initiative by Milan promoting a comprehensive approach to improving public spaces through tactical urbanism solutions, co-designed with local actors and communities

Lucca: The Aspire Project

Implementation of an advanced logistics platform with road pricing and access criteria to enhance the urban environment and improve goods mobility

Perugia: UFO-Urban Forest Optimization

Aims to develop knowledge and methodologies for designing and implementing urban green strategies focused on climate action

Alessandria: Theatre for all

The project fosters community spirit, active inclusion, and a multi-level participatory approach to culture, promoting environmental, social, and economic development

- **Kavala, Centralised Procurement:**
Driving economic diversity and environmental sustainability
- **Komotini, Accessible city for all:**
Involving disabled people in creating a city accessible for all





Cluj-Napoca

- **Com'ON:** Creates a participatory context where youth become more responsible, active, and resilient, while fostering a more inclusive, sustainable, and supportive social environment for them
- **Mainstreaming Ecosystem Services:** Biodiversity in Peri-Urban Forest Parks: A Participatory Approach

District 6 of Bucharest Municipality: Efficient Romania

- **Efficient Romania:** Revitalizing education by transforming older buildings into eco-friendly learning hubs, reducing emissions, and integrating schools into sustainable positive energy districts

Satu Mare County

- **Social inclusion of disadvantaged groups in Satu Mare County:** Integration of vulnerable individuals, especially Roma, through education, health, cultural and empowerment activities has been the aim of the Satu Mare County in several implemented projects

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City of Munich: Halle 2

The project extends the lifespan of everyday items by selling goods from recycling centers, serving as a hub for the circular economy and supporting the secondary labor market

Flöha: Refabrication

By revitalising a historic spinning factory as the new city centre, the City of Flöha is in the complex and integrated process of refabricating its urban structure and identity

Düsseldorf: Reinventing the fringe

We focus on inclusion and green and social infrastructure in the city's fringe, using an innovative participation process as part of Düsseldorf's Integrated Neighbourhood Development

Kiel Region: Smart water measurement

With the help of sensor technology, water levels are to be monitored and the effects of extreme precipitation events predicted in order to initiate appropriate measures and to support future districts

Munich: BNE VISION 2030

A strategy to integrate education for sustainable development into its educational landscape

Sarajevo: Urban Garden

The groundbreaking concept of first urban garden and sensory park created in the City of Sarajevo fosters intergenerational connections with nature, promoting active engagement and social cohesion



City of Leskovac: Sustainable and integrated territorial development strategy

Collaborative creation of SUD strategy for releasing urban potentials ("LE-SUD")





- **Wrocław, Wrocław's Urban Farm:**
Sustainable farm producing quality vegetables while involving individuals at risk
Wrocław, Microgrants: A city program that supports grassroots initiatives through annual open calls
- **Wrocław, Czasoprzestrzeń Culture Center:** A revitalized Wrocław tram depot as a vibrant cultural center
- **Lublin, Let's think up Lublin together:**
The practice focuses on involving stakeholders in city decision-making
- **Lublin, Youth Spaces Network in Lublin:** A unique network of safe, open spaces created with youth
- **City of Ostrów Wielkopolski, Revitalization of Ostrów Wielkopolski:** Bringing the city center back to the people with green, welcoming spaces

- **Oulu, Open and Shared City:**
Making an impact through open governance, shared planning and participation



2 Good Practices

- **Gothenburg, Smart design for increased security and a city for all:** Place-based collaboration framework for supported housing units
- **Kristianstad, Urban Community Development:** A joint urban development project addressing challenges posed by segregation and inequality



Celje:

- **City Forest Celje:** From a city groaning under the weight of industrial pollution with completely forgotten forests to a city that has become a shining example of urban forest development
- **GT8:** GT8 revitalises commercial space, stimulates the creativity of the community, increases the accessibility of cultural assets and raises the social and economic value of the space and its surroundings

Hrastnik: The Hrastnik Solar School Energy Community

A Slovenian pioneering energy community based on a self-consumption solar power plant owned by a cooperative, combining community solidarity and renewable energy to foster a more sustainable future

Ljubljana: International Inclusive Festival "Play With Me"

Bringing together people with and without special needs, giving them time and place to interact, cooperate and express one's talents and potentials as well as minimise barriers and prejudices

Ormož: The Ormož Basins Transformation

The Ormož Basins Transformation demonstrates successful habitat restoration turning former industrial wastewater basins into a bird conservation and biodiversity hotspot

- **Sarajevo, Urban Sensory Garden:**
Fostering intergenerational connections with nature





Município de Idanha-a-Nova Oeiras: Restart in Idanha

An integrated local strategy that aims to attract people by counteracting the demographic winter and changing the perceptions that affect low-density cross-border territories

Oeiras: One step forward from Food towards Sustainability

The project promotes organic production through partner entities, providing healthy, environmentally-friendly food while supporting local economic and social development

Braga: Human Power Hub - Braga Social Innovation Centre

A citizen-centric initiative developed under the URBACT Programme, creating a robust social innovation ecosystem by enhancing by Braga Quadruple Helix Forces

Lisbon: Projeto SEED

Aims to promote the development of entrepreneurial skills among young people and empower them to innovate in finding solutions for the community

Cascais:

- **AdaptCascais Fund:** Tackles the challenge of involving civil society in a pioneering effort to share leadership in climate action by cocreating resilience to climate change
- **Youth Participatory Budget:** A pedagogical and ongoing process codesigned with students that aims to create more conscious and participative adults in future generations

Viana do Castelo: Viana Embraces Project

Arising from the need to improve the separation of organic waste

Amarante: Amarante Tech Hub

An innovation and technology hub that promotes qualification, attracts companies and boosts the local economy, crossing technology with industry and creating opportunities in a quality of life region

Albergaria-a-Velha: Entrepreneurship+ Academy

An initiative promoted for 10 years, aimed at fostering an entrepreneurial culture within the educational community by encouraging students' initiative, cooperation, and active participation

Fundão:

- **Friendly City Of Investment And Innovation:** A project dedicated to building a business- and innovation-friendly ecosystem that attracts investment, creates jobs, and fosters innovation
- **Casas e Lugares do Sentir - Craft Lab:** Together with UNESCO, the Fundão Municipality aims to preserve the region's rich heritage, including its traditions and knowledge, bridging generations and supporting sustainable rural living
- **Fundão Embraces: Capacity Building for Third-Country Nationals:** A mechanism fostering workforce attraction to desertified areas and enhancing settlement of third-country nationals via capacity building

Viseu Dão Lafões: Ir e Vir

Flexible on-demand mobility for isolated rural areas

Penafiel: Unidas

A support network for victims of violence, including children, young people, adults, and the elderly, across 11 centers in the Douro, Tâmega, and Sousa regions

Torres Vedras:

- **Sustainable Food School Programme:** Aims to provide healthy school meals in a socially, ecologically, and sustainable manner, with a focus on product freshness, territorial development, and local job creation
- **ISA Programme:** Qualification and integration of retired citizens in historical and cultural places of public interest, in particular in churches, ensuring their regular functioning and enjoyment by the community

Coimbra Region Intermunicipal Community: SIT FLEXI

With the goal of improving mobility and accessibility while promoting social inclusion for all citizens living in the more isolated areas of our region

Valongo: Valongo's Participatory Youth Budget

Allows young people to decide how €250,000 from the public budget should be invested

Municipality of Baião: Baião - EarthCheck

The 1st Portuguese municipality certified as EarthCheck Sustainable Tourist Destination, integrating environmental, social, cultural and economic pillars to promote responsible tourism

Vila Boa do Bispo: Smart Village Strategy

This strategic plan outlines the community's choices and goals for a shared future, focusing on three key areas: smart community-building, sustainable governance, and the circular economy

Mértola: Night at the market

Fosters community engagement by promoting interpersonal relationships and knowledge transfer through themed monthly cooking events at Mértola's municipal markets

Municipality of Vila Nova de Cerveira: Olympics4all: Community for Active Ageing

A global competition program designed to motivate the elderly to increase physical activity, promoting healthier and more inclusive communities



2 Good Practices


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- **Vienna, The Housing Developer's Competition:**
Innovative, sustainable, and inclusive affordable housing by private property developers
- **Villach, Villach's Collaborative Urban Development:**
Examining the needs of inner urban development through a participatory process



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Trnava: Revitalization of the "Agátka" housing estate public spaces

The participatorily planned project of revitalization of the housing estate yard is increasing ecostability and provides quality leisure outdoor time for all the communities across age and diversity

- **Sarajevo, Urban Sensory Garden:**
Fostering intergenerational connections with nature





Lyon Metropole:

- **Kellimpact:** A digital platform that measures the territorial impacts of companies, along with the Positive Impact Economy Observatory—both serving as tools to guide sustainable business transformation
- **Etape 22D:** A transitional urban planning site on an urban renewal territory, which hosts economic, social, emergency housing, and mediation activities, and will be opened to all inhabitants

Garges-lès-Gonesse: A housing policy focused on proactivity and anticipation

A tailored strategy to anticipate, prevent, and combat substandard housing

Métropole Rouen Normandie: Wasteland conversion project

A 28-hectare wasteland converted into an urban park designed and implemented in a participatory way

Eurométropole de Strasbourg: Bike to work challenge

"Au boulot à vélo" - Organizing bike-to-work challenges where it's not just about the kilometers!

Mouans-Sartoux: Sustainable Food Education Centre

By developing initiatives to raise awareness of the need for sustainable food, the city has reduced the climatic impact of its citizens' food consumption by 26% while using less water, oil, and land to produce it



3 Good Practices

- **Tallinn, Sustainability Governance Model:**
Connecting actions and long-term sustainability goals in local governments
- **Tartu, Community-inclusive public procurement:**
Involving communities in procurement preparation and selection of successful bidders
- **Tartu county, Local Food Network Strategy:**
Interdisciplinary strategy for boosting local food networks



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- **Flöha, Refabrication: Inventing city centres:**
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- **Cork, PlaysMaking:**
A placemaking approach to developing the city as a playground
- **Dublin, Minority language renewal through innovation:**
Setting new standards for urban language revitalisation
- **Limerick, Sustainable Community (sub)urban greenspaces:**
Boosting urban residents' well-being through nature connection

2 Good Practices

- **Karlovac, Solar energy in public buildings:**
Promoting the use of solar energy in public buildings
- **Šibenik, Fortress of Culture:**
Transforming cultural heritage into cultural hotspots



Brussels Capital Region:

- **Wheels of Change:** The initiative enhances urban mobility and air quality in Brussels by promoting cargo bike use for transport and logistics
- **Beeldkwaliteitsplan:** Quality plan to strengthen the cohesion and quality of open spaces in the canal area

Ghent:

- **Urban Renewal in Ghent:** Investing in neighbourhoods through urban renewal programmes
- **Comon: Together, we make our city even better!:** An open laboratory that fosters collaboration between scientists, technologists & creative citizens to cocreate human-centered, technological solutions for societal challenges in our city

Municipality of Schaerbeek:

- **ILHO:** a cross-functional initiative to combat inadequate housing and slum landlords as well as to improve quality of life of tenants
- **SAME Festival-celebrating equality:** A week of action and mobilization for equality

Roeselare: RSL op Post

A community innovation hub empowering citizens using a new co-delivered approach to providing essential services & activities that foster self-reliance and sustainable urban lifestyles

Hannut: Slow mobility developed in the city centre by "Ride and Buy Phone Ap"

Local shopping and lower co2 production supported by youth-developed app



23 Good Practices

- **Águeda, Ecological Restoration Project:**
Promoting the ecological rehabilitation and restoration of the river area
- **Albergaria-a-Velha, Entrepreneurship+ Academy:**
Fostering entrepreneurial spirit and participation of students
- **Amarante, Amarante Tech Hub:**
An innovation and technology hub boosting economy and creating opportunities
- **Baião, Sustainable Tourism Destination:**
Integrating environmental, social, cultural and economic pillars to promote responsible tourism
- **Braga, Human Power Hub - Braga Social Innovation Centre:**
A citizen-centric initiative creating a robust social innovation ecosystem
- **Cascais, Climate Adaptation Fund:**
Involving civil society in climate action
- **Cascais, Youth Participatory Budget:**
Bringing the voice of young people to policy-makers
- **Coimbra Region Intermunicipal Community, Demand Responsive Transport project:**
Enhancing access and mobility for citizens in remote areas
- **Fundão, Craft Lab:**
Enhancing crafts with digital manufacturing technologies
- **Fundão, Friendly City of Investment and Innovation:**
An approach aimed at creating a business and innovation-friendly ecosystem
- **Fundão, Capacity Building for Third-Country Nationals:**
Attracting workforce and supporting third-country nationals' settlement
- **Idanha-a-Nova, Integrated strategy for attracting residents:**
Combating demographic decline in low-density cross-border territories
- **Lisbon, Entrepreneurial skills for youth project:**
Promoting the development of entrepreneurial skills among young people
- **Mértola, Night at the Market:**
Fostering community engagement through themed monthly cooking events at municipal markets
- **Oeiras, From Food to Sustainability:**
Promoting organic production while enhancing local economic development
- **Penafiel, Intermunicipal Victim Support Network:**
A network for violence survivors offering specialised support
- **Torres Vedras, Sustainable Food School Programme:**
A programme providing healthy and sustainable school meals
- **Torres Vedras, Healthy and Active Elderly programme:**
Integration of retired citizens in historical and cultural places of public interest
- **Valongo, Participatory Youth Budget:**
Involving young people in investing €250.000 of public budget
- **Viana do Castelo, Selective waste collection system:**
Selective waste collection by proximity equipment and domestic composting
- **Vila Boa do Bispo, Smart Village Strategy:**
Strategic plan outlining community goals for a smart and sustainable future
- **Vila Nova de Cerveira, Olympics4all: Communities for Active Ageing:**
Increasing physical activity of the elderly and creating healthier communities
- **Viseu Dão Lafões, Flexible on-demand mobility for isolated rural areas:**
Providing flexible on-demand mobility opportunities for residents through collaboration of neighbouring municipalities



Vilnius: Communities involvement into the climate neutral activities

A network of Vilnius Climate Neutral Communities has been created, receiving financial support from the municipality through the adopted Community Support Instrument, which prioritizes climate-neutral activities

Alytus city municipality: Citizens' initiatives for city urban development

Citizens' initiatives give the right to citizens to decide themselves on the urban development of the city



4 Good Practices

- **Bucharest, Low emission schools:**
Transforming older buildings into eco-friendly learning hubs
- **Cluj-Napoca, Com'ON: participatory budgeting for youth:**
Engaging young people through participatory budgeting
- **Cluj-Napoca, Mainstreaming ecosystem services and biodiversity:**
A participative approach to integrating ecosystem services and biodiversity in peri-urban forest parks
- **Satu Mare County, Social inclusion of disadvantaged groups:**
Integrating vulnerable individuals, especially Roma, through education and empowerment

The Hague: Keeping our waters clean

To keep the canals, the beach (and thereby the sea) clean, the city of the Hague facilitates different ways in which (social) entrepreneurs, citizens and the city administration work together





7 Good Practices

- **Lublin, Participatory city strategy:**
Involving city stakeholders in decision-making processes
- **Lublin, Entrepreneurial Kids:**
Fostering entrepreneurial spirit in children through engaging workshops and activities
- **Lublin, Youth Spaces Network:**
A network of safe, open spaces created with young people for young people
- **Ostrów Wielkopolski, Green and blue city transformation:**
Bringing city centre back to the residents by creating green, open spaces
- **Wrocław, Urban Farm:**
Sustainable farm producing quality vegetables while involving individuals at risk
- **Wrocław, Microgrants:**
Supporting grassroots initiatives through annual open calls for grants
- **Wrocław, Revitalised tram depot as a vibrant cultural centre:**
Providing space for students, artists, social leaders and NGOs



2 Good Practices

- **Gothenburg, Smart design for increased security and a city for all:**
Place-based collaboration framework for supported housing units
- **Kristianstad, Urban Community Development:**
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- **Wrocław, Czasoprzestrzeń Culture Center:** A revitalized Wrocław tram depot as a vibrant cultural center
- **Lublin, Let's think up Lublin together:**
The practice focuses on involving stakeholders in city decision-making
- **Lublin, Youth Spaces Network in Lublin:** A unique network of safe, open spaces created with youth
- **City of Ostrów Wielkopolski, Revitalization of Ostrów Wielkopolski:** Bringing the city center back to the people with green, welcoming spaces

- **Oulu, Open and Shared City:**
Making an impact through open governance, shared planning and participation





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- **Trnava, Public Space Revival:**
Revitalising residential courtyards for eco-friendly, inclusive outdoor recreation





7 Good Practices

- **Etablissement Public Foncier d'Île-de-France, Public actors' partnership for neighbourhood renewal:**
Improving energy efficiency of private housing and social support to vulnerable inhabitants
- **Garges-lès-Gonesse, Proactive and Anticipatory Housing Policy:**
A tailored strategy anticipating, preventing, and combatting substandard housing
- **Lyon Métropole, Transitional urban planning for metropolitan public policies:**
A testing ground for transitional urban planning
- **Lyon Métropole, Tools for sustainable transformation of companies:**
A digital platform measuring the territorial impacts of companies and the Positive Impact Economy Observatory
- **Mouans-Sartoux, Sustainable Food Education Centre:**
Reducing citizens' carbon footprint by education on sustainable food
- **Métropole Rouen Normandie, Participatory Urban Park Project:**
Turning wasteland into public green spaces
- **Eurométropole de Strasbourg, Bike to work challenge**
Promoting cycling as a means of commuting in the city



Usti nad Labem: Ucka (Účka)

Účka empowers the citizens of Ústí nad Labem to actively engage in community development and sustainability through a rewarding volunteer credit system

City City of Ostrava: We Create Space

The program supports citizens' ideas for revitalizing public spaces and gives communities the opportunity to implement projects themselves, fostering co-responsibility in shaping the city



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