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Quarterly Network Report #3
July – September 2024



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The GreenPlace network

GreenPlace is an URBACT network consisting of ten partners who aim at developing a set of activities for "recycling" unused urban areas, using social participation tools. The project takes into account not only the regional specificities and conditions of each of the partners but also introduces greenery as a key factor in limiting climate change in urban areas. It is running from July 2023 to December 2025.

It is led by the City of Wrocław (Poland) and is composed of 9 Project Partners:

- Boulogne-sur-mer Développement Côte d'Opale - France
- Bucharest Metropolitan Area Intercommunity Development Association - Romania
- Cehegin - Spain
- Limerick - Ireland
- Löbau - Germany
- Nitra - Slovakia
- Onda - Spain
- Quarto d'Altino - Italy
- Vila Nova de Poiares - Portugal

Find out more about GreenPlace [here](#).



GreenPlace areas

Each of the GreenPlace network's Project Partners will focus on one area which will be central to its Integrated Action Plan (IAP).

Partner	GreenPlace area
Abandoned buildings	
Löbau	Noodle Factory
Quarto d'Altino	Civic Centre
Forgotten buildings	
Wroclaw	Former Tram Depot Popowice
Bucharest	Victorei Tram Depot
Unused green areas	
Limerick	Medieval wall
Vila Nova de Poiares	Green Zone
Cehegin	Ejidos
Unused built area	
Onda	Green Lung
Boulogne-sur-mer	Station-Bréquerecque area
Nitra	Martin's Hill



Highlights of the third trimester of the Planning Actions Phase

- Project Partners
 - further deep dived the URBACT methodology journey with working on their Intervention Logics
 - have continuing acting via their Testing Actions
 - met online to discover Löbau's practices on Community Engagement
- The knowledge shared by Project Partners was shared
 - in the second Quarterly Network report
 - in the latest two sets of Inspiring Practice Fiches: on Circular Cities and Governance

In this quarterly Network report, you will find details about the following:

1. Where we are in the life of GreenPlace
2. The activation of GreenPlace through Testing Actions
3. Diffusing the learning and exchange
4. The work with ULGs
5. The steps towards the IAPs
6. The study visits
7. The next steps



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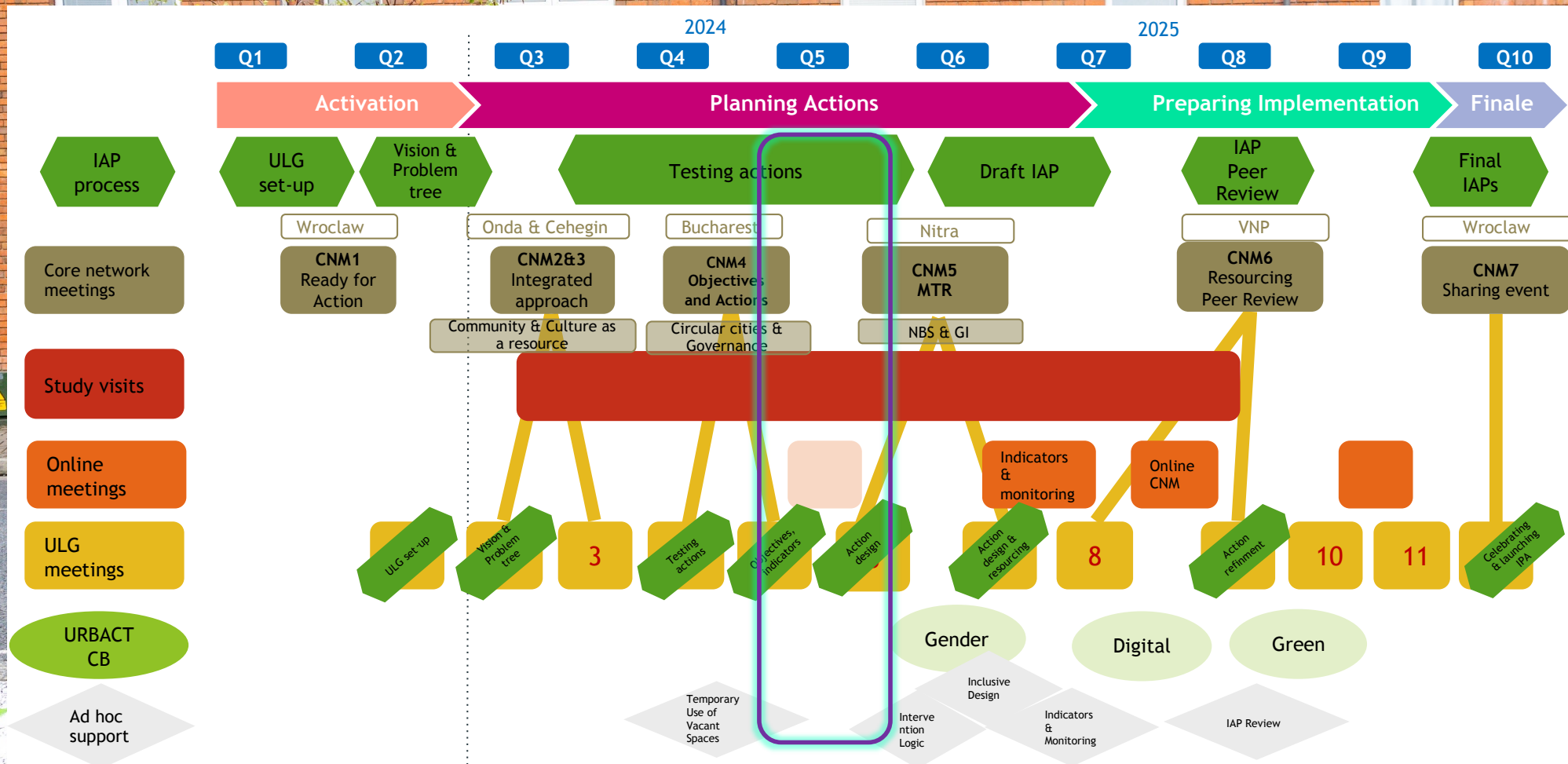


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1. WHERE ARE WE IN THE LIFE OF GREENPLACE?

The current GreenPlace state of play





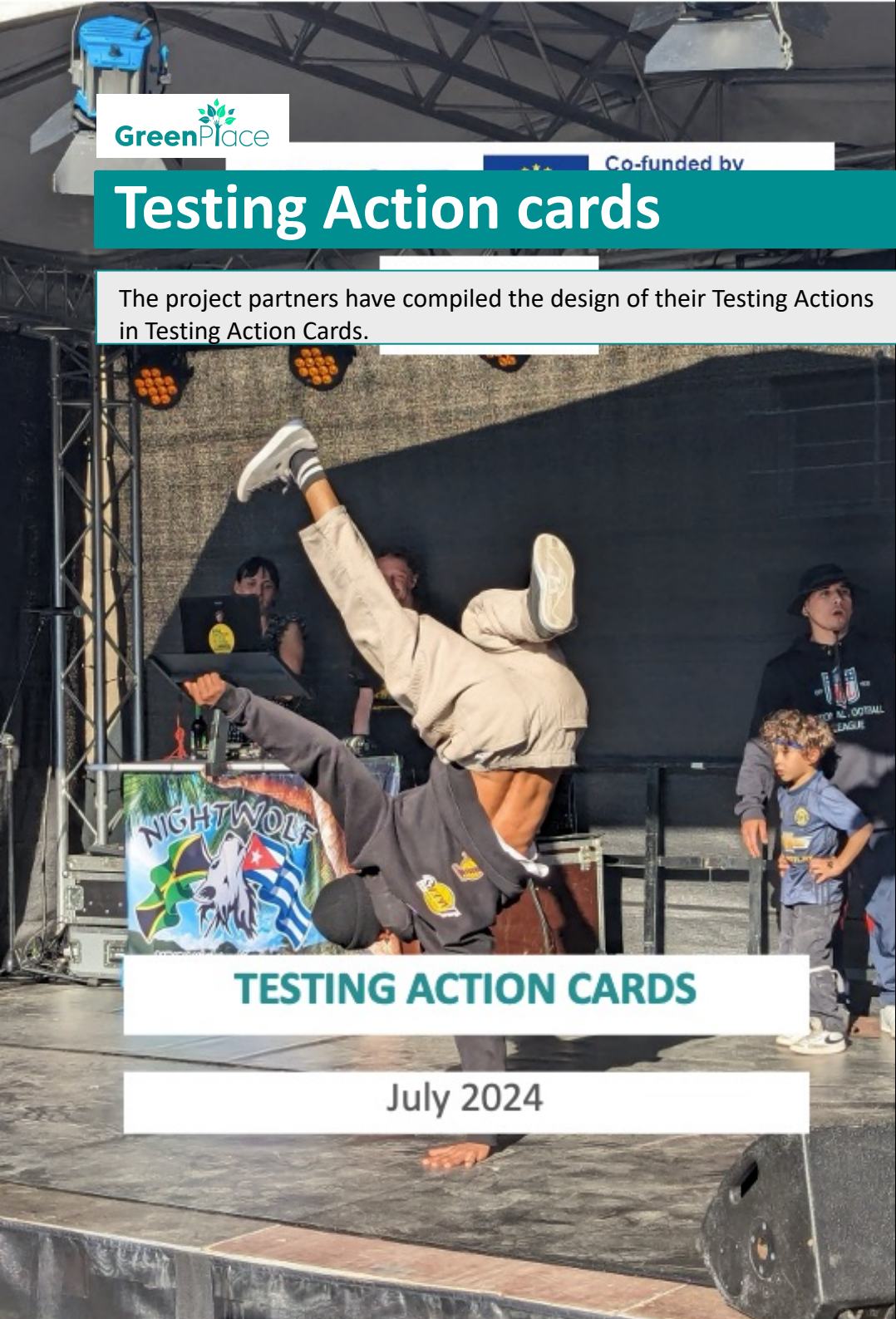
**2. ACTIVATING GREENPLACE
THROUGH TESTING ACTIONS**

State of Play of Testing Actions

City	Testing Action	Status
Combinaison of test activities		
Löbau	Multifunctional tests of the site	Finished - Summer 2024
Quarto d'Altino	Enlighting altino - initiatives around the Altino Civic Center	Finished – 14 and 15 September 2024
Nitra	Open day in the Creative Centre on Martin's Hill	Finished – 6 July 2024
Limerick	Medieval May Fair, Johnsgate community/residents Tree Planting, Johnsgate community/residents (alongside section of city wall) Heritage week	Finished – 9 March 2024; 25 May 2024; 25 August 2024
Hackathon/working with students		
Onda	Hackathon – circular marathon	4-5 October 2024
Boulogne	6-month study on site with students - under revision	Delayed
Visit of the site/close work with the ULG		
Bucharest Ilfov	Tram depot visit for the ULG and the Urboteca Fellowship Team	Finished - 20 May 2024
Vila Nova de Poiares	Open Days with ULG	Finished – 4 March 2024
Small infrastructure		
Wroclaw	Testing a green leisure zone for public use	Delayed

Testing Action cards

The project partners have compiled the design of their Testing Actions in Testing Action Cards.



TESTING ACTION CARDS

July 2024

Testing Actions

Organising a depot visit for the Urbact Local Group and the Urboteca Fellowship Team

Cristina Pavelescu, Bucharest

Rationale

Why do you want to test this?

The Urboteca Fellowship Project have chosen as a site for their project the Victoriei Tram Depot. The project's aim is to explore public interest themes in neighborhoods through participatory diagnosis of public spaces and facilities, advocating for community initiatives to influence resource. The site visit will allow the Urbact local group and a team of fellows to physically experience a space they have not yet seen, despite its relevance to their studies on green regeneration. Since the depot is still operational and less visible within the city, this visit provides a unique opportunity for all involved to directly engage with the site.

Objectives

What do you expect to happen?

Being on location can inspire more effective and creative strategies as they can better understand the spatial and environmental context, potentially leading to innovative solutions for the depot's future. Participants will have their first direct exposure to the site. This experience is likely to enhance their understanding of the specific challenges and potentials of the location. Being physically present may spark creative thinking and innovative ideas, as they can visualize and discuss real-world applications of theoretical concepts they have studied. Additionally, the visit could foster a collaborative atmosphere among the group, leading to a more cohesive and inspired approach to developing future strategies for the depot's use and regeneration.

Process

How will it take place?

Because the depot is still working, it is not accessible to the public. Before the visit, participants will receive an informational brief about the depot, including safety protocols, objectives of the visit, and any specific areas of focus. This helps ensure everyone is on the same page and understands the goals of the site visit. We will contact the administrators of the Depot and have a person with more knowledge on the history of the depot, to offer relevant information on history, technical aspects to the visitors. The group will be taken on a guided tour around the depot. During the tour, participants could be encouraged to observe, ask questions, and discuss among themselves. They might be prompted to think about specific problems or opportunities related to green regeneration.

Indicators

How will you assess the results of the Action?

Feedback will be asked, using an online form and an indicator will be the amount of feedback received. We can evaluate the quality and quantity of ideas generated during the brainstorming or workshop sessions. We can track any follow-up actions taken by participants or the organization post-visit. This could include further research, proposal submissions, or planning meetings that indicate ongoing engagement and the practical impact of the visit.

Timing

When will it take place? For how long?

20 May, 2-3 hours

Budget

How will you fund it?

Closed testing Action – Limerick

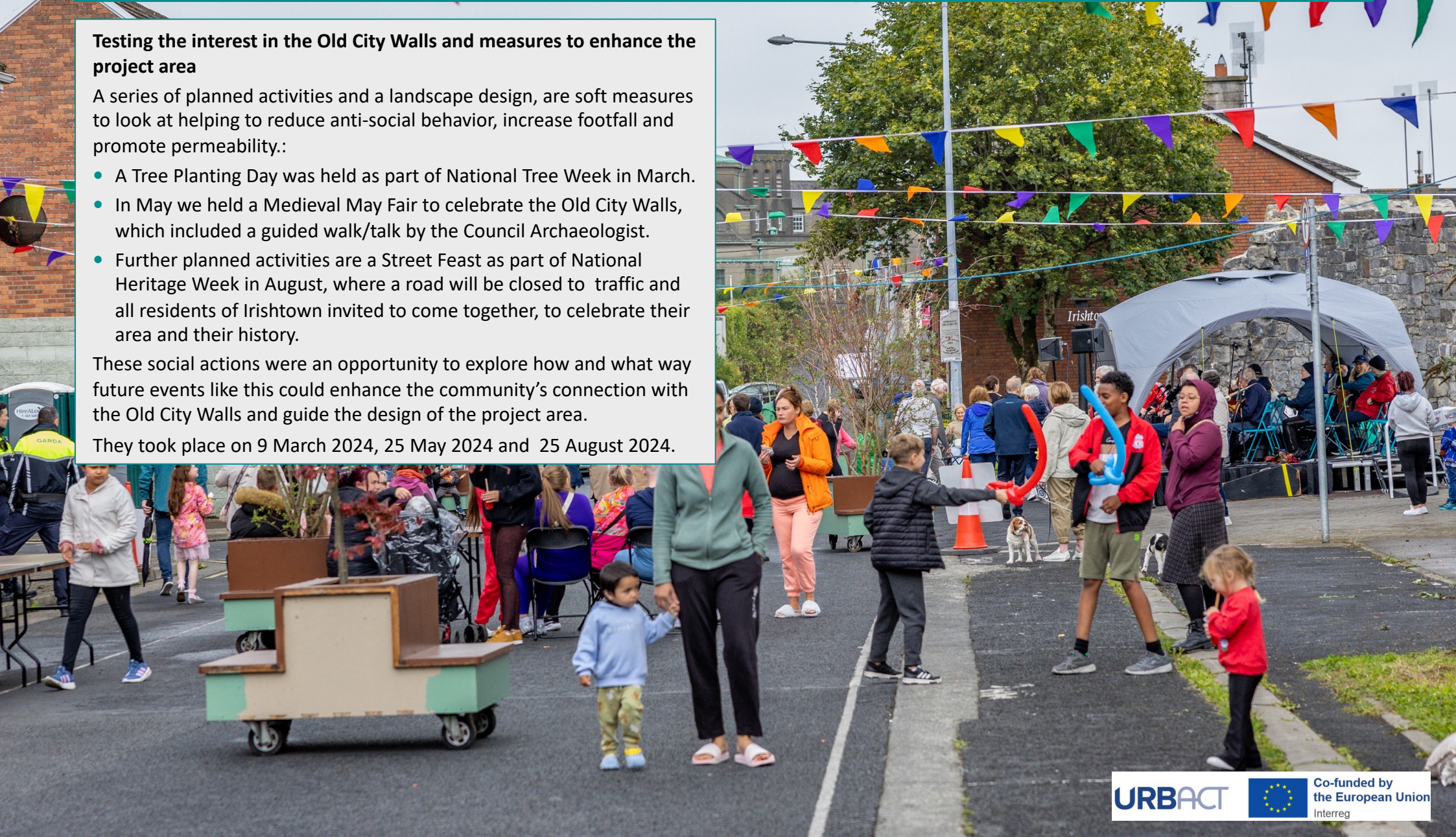
Testing the interest in the Old City Walls and measures to enhance the project area

A series of planned activities and a landscape design, are soft measures to look at helping to reduce anti-social behavior, increase footfall and promote permeability.:

- A Tree Planting Day was held as part of National Tree Week in March.
- In May we held a Medieval May Fair to celebrate the Old City Walls, which included a guided walk/talk by the Council Archaeologist.
- Further planned activities are a Street Feast as part of National Heritage Week in August, where a road will be closed to traffic and all residents of Irishtown invited to come together, to celebrate their area and their history.

These social actions were an opportunity to explore how and what way future events like this could enhance the community's connection with the Old City Walls and guide the design of the project area.

They took place on 9 March 2024, 25 May 2024 and 25 August 2024.



Closed testing Action – Löbau (1/2)

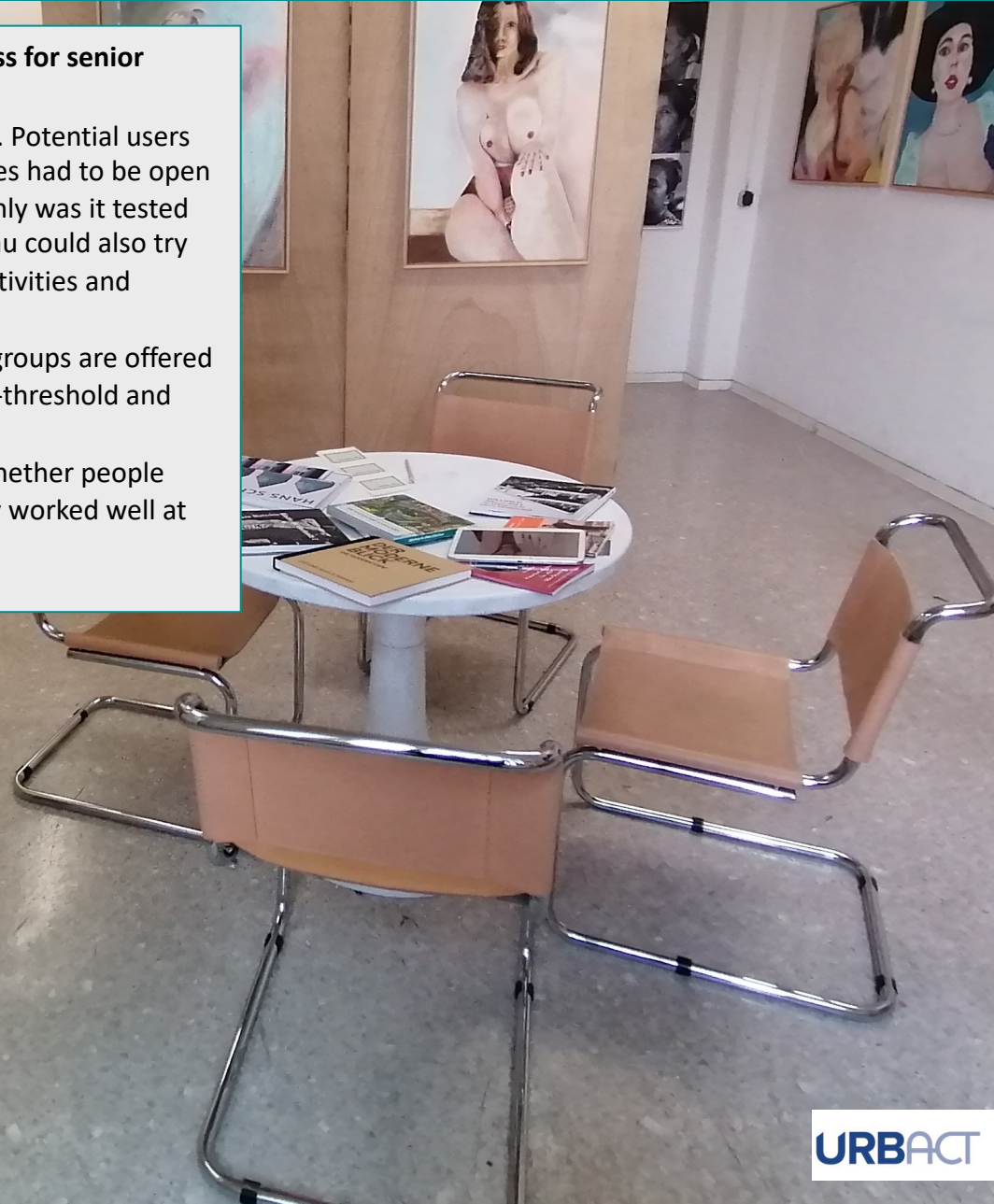
Yoga/Saxophone/Art classes at the factory/Sportsclass for senior citizens

Various uses were tested in the empty Noodle Factory. Potential users were able to apply to use individual rooms. All trial uses had to be open to guests, participants or the public. In this way, not only was it tested what could work in the factory, but the people of Löbau could also try out what it would be like to come to the factory for activities and workshops.

A wide range of activities for different target and age groups are offered during the test uses, which are open to everyone, low-threshold and with free entry for most activities.

All test uses have the same feedback posters to ask whether people enjoyed the activity and to assess whether the activity worked well at the Noodle Factory.

Then events took place during Summer 2024.



Closed testing Action – Löbau (2/2)

Outdoorevents in the courtyard of the Nudelfabrik, Löbau

Various events were tested out in the courtyard of the Nudelfabrik. In addition to four “spotlight events” with various partners within the “Fabrik reanimiert” project, several external events were also realized.

All events had to be open to guests, participants and the public and free of charge. That way, the people of Löbau should become aware of the factory and be “lured” to the site to participate. So-called “opinion postcards” were then used to gather opinions and ideas from the population. Each completed postcard was rewarded with a trade (drink, selfie from the photo booth, coffee/cake...).

Then events took place during Summer 2024.



Closed testing Action – Quarto d'Altino (1/2)



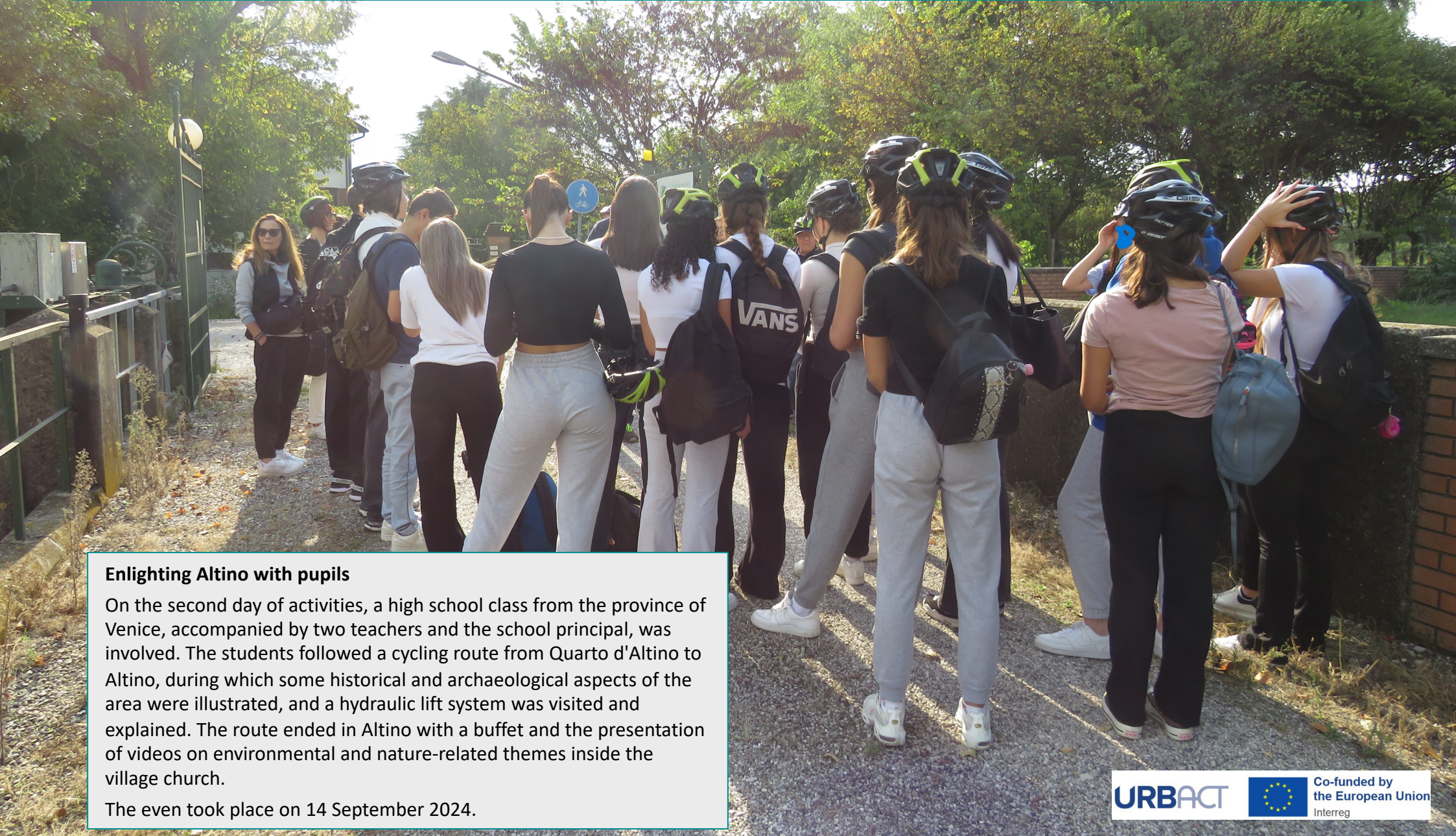
Enlightening Altino with the general public

The public could choose between a walking exploration, coordinated by Nordic Walking Altinum ASD, which combined natural, environmental, and historical-cultural aspects with the presentation of a health-oriented practice along the route. The second option was a bicycle exploration of the route towards Altino.

Both groups gathered in the Altino square, in front of the Civic Center under restoration, for a joint historical and archaeological presentation, followed by a buffet and the distribution of a questionnaire.

The even took place on 14 September 2024.

Closed testing Action – Quarto d'Altino (2/2)



Enlightening Altino with pupils

On the second day of activities, a high school class from the province of Venice, accompanied by two teachers and the school principal, was involved. The students followed a cycling route from Quarto d'Altino to Altino, during which some historical and archaeological aspects of the area were illustrated, and a hydraulic lift system was visited and explained. The route ended in Altino with a buffet and the presentation of videos on environmental and nature-related themes inside the village church.

The even took place on 14 September 2024.

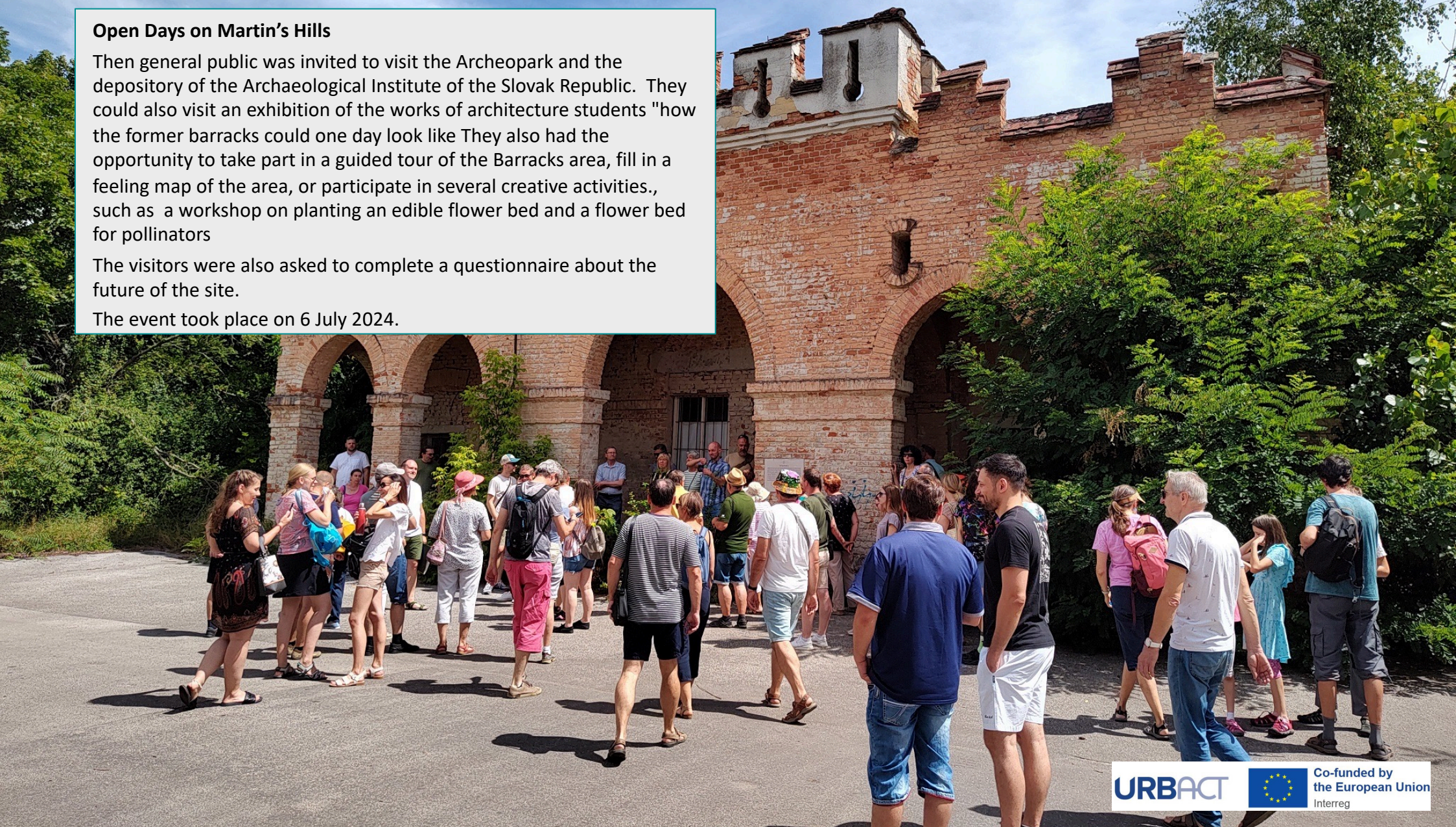
Closed testing Action – Nitra

Open Days on Martin's Hills

Then general public was invited to visit the Archeopark and the depository of the Archaeological Institute of the Slovak Republic. They could also visit an exhibition of the works of architecture students "how the former barracks could one day look like They also had the opportunity to take part in a guided tour of the Barracks area, fill in a feeling map of the area, or participate in several creative activities., such as a workshop on planting an edible flower bed and a flower bed for pollinators

The visitors were also asked to complete a questionnaire about the future of the site.

The event took place on 6 July 2024.



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3. DIFFUSING THE LEARNINGS AND EXCHANGES

Inspiring Practices

The Project Partners have now compiled 51 Practices of interest to inspire other local authorities on the topics of:

- Community Engagement
- Cultural Heritage as a resource
- Circular Cities
- Governance

They are available on the [GreenPlace website](#).



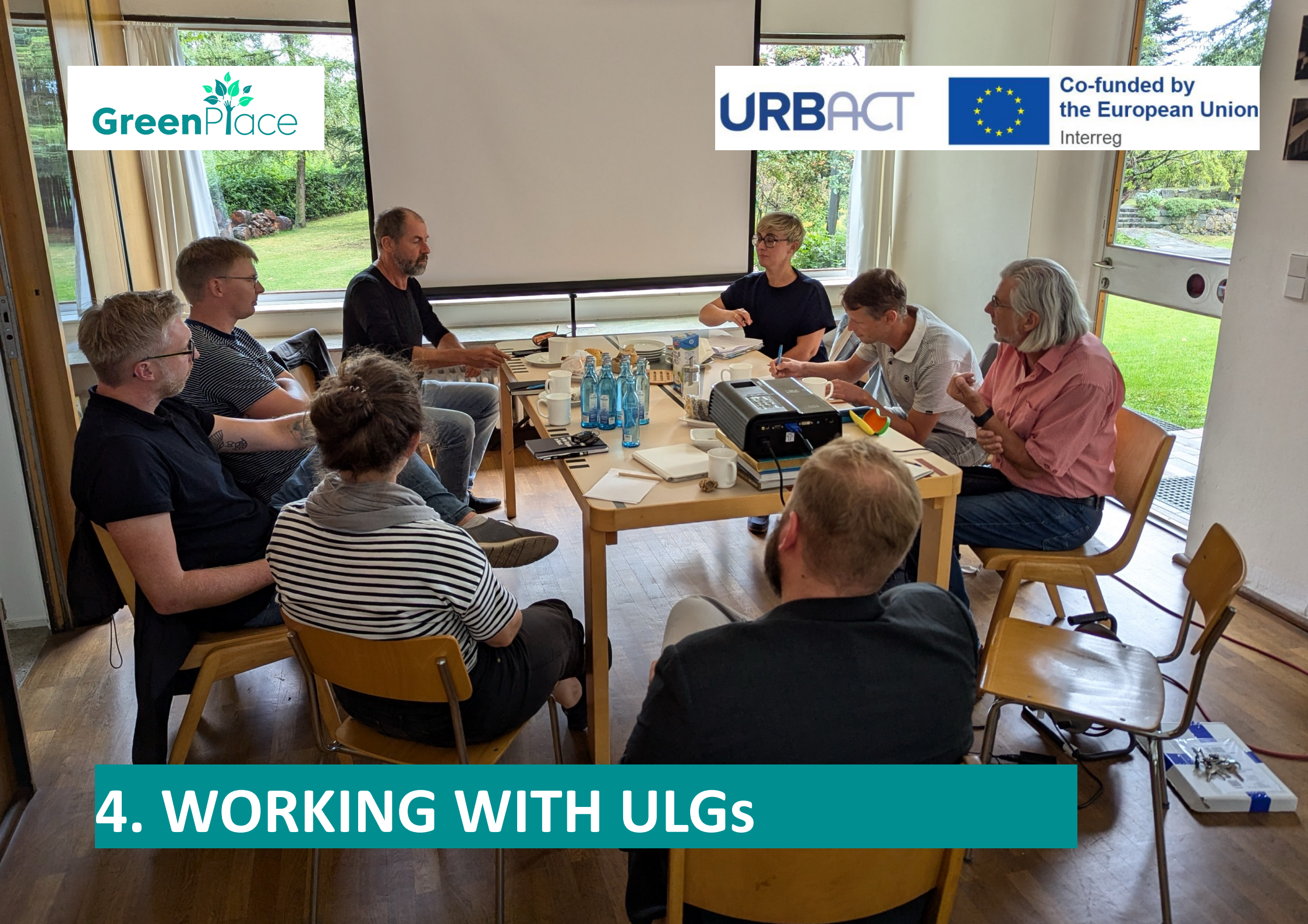
INSPIRING PRACTICES on CIRCULAR CITIES

September 2024

INSPIRING PRACTICES on COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

June 2024

4. WORKING WITH ULGs



How do Projects partners work with their ULGs?

- They have organised from 3 to 12 ULG meetings since the beginning of the project. 3 is too low to ensure real co-creation, 12 might be too high to ensure commitment of ULG members.
- They have focused on the APN journey: Presentation of GreenPlace, Feedback from LE partner visit, Pre/post CNMs
- They have shared the URBACT methodology: SWOT, stakeholder ecosystem map, stakeholders power interest matrix, stakeholder analysis table, problem tree, vision, Intervention Logic, Testing Action Templates
- They focus on their GreenPlace area:
 - Local history
 - Project within local strategies
 - Masterplan (incl. specific foci)
 - Synergies between ULG members' work and GreenPlace
 - Synergies with other GreenPlace areas
 - Updates on this and similar projects
 - Work with students
- They are preparing ULG activities
 - Site visits
 - Testing Actions
 - Terms of reference in future ULG meetings
 - Updating ULG lists
- They have organised site visits



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OBSZARY INTERWENCJI

KATEGORIE

Stworzenie ryneku

PRZYGOTOWANIE OFERTY INFRASTRUKTURALNO-FUNKCYJNO-SPORTOWEJ

Angażowanie Społeczności lokalnej

Przygotowanie oferty z zakresu kultury i sztuki

PLACE-MARKING

Edukacja

Kultura

Sztuka

Sport i rekreacja

Stworzenie miejsca do wypoczynku / spędzania czasu wolnego

Miejsce dostępne / inclusive

Stworzenie multifunkcyjnego miejsca dla ludzi i zwierząt

Turyści

CZŁOWIEK

Rękodzielniczy

NGO

Artysty

Mieszkańcy

Stworzenie społeczności Skupionej / identyfikującej się z miejscem

Budowanie wizerunku miejsca

Podniesienie świadomości i widoczności miejsca

Zaizolowanie miejsca Zachowanie różnorodności

Wprowadzanie nowoczesnych technologii i odnawialnej energii

Wprowadzenie rozwiązań przyciągających do odzysku wody

Przyroda

Ograniczenie efektów miejskiej wyspy ciepła

OGRODY WERTYKALNE

STWORZENIE OGRODU NASADZENIEM

uporządkowanie zieleni

Wprowadzanie architektury pasywnej

ODNAWIALNE ŹRÓDŁA ENERGII

Zbiorniki na deszczówkę

Muzeum zabytkowego taboru

Prezentowanie zabytkowego taboru

Technika

Historia

Zachowanie dla odzysku (budynki / infrastruktura)

know-how

PRZESTRZEŃ

Infrastruktura

Biogazownia

5. TOWARDS THE IAP

on-line

spacery po Łajesłoni

brozury

o historii Łajesłoni

The IAP of Onda is structured as follows:

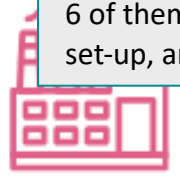
- 1 Overall strategy
- 5 GreenPlace interventions
- 5 Strategic objectives
- 15 Specific objectives

Intervention Logics

All the Project Partners have started to draft their IAPs, based on the work carried out during the Baseline Study (city profile notably) and the first three months of the network (problem-tree and vision). 6 of them have started working on their Intervention logics, objectives set-up, areas of intervention design as well as design of actions.

OVERALL VISION
The Green Lung: an innovative project that aims to create a large green area for residents to enjoy, while recovering and integrating the city's centre.

AREAS



HERITAGE

Strategic Objective:
 Restoration and conservation of cultural and architectural heritage

- Specific objective 1:** Identify and protect valuable architectural and cultural assets
- Specific objective 2:** Promote community and academic participation in heritage recovery
- Specific objective 3:** Integrate elements of the industrial past into the design of the green



HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Strategic Objective:
 Improvement of public health and environmental quality

- Specific objective 4:** Create a large green space
- Specific objective 5:** Restore the area to re-establish ecological balance and promote biodiversity
- Specific objective 6:** Remove hazardous substances from buildings



SOCIAL INCLUSION AND SECURITY

Strategic Objective:
 Ensure access and enjoyment of the new green lung for the whole community. Ensure the safety of the area after the transformation

- Specific objective 8:** Create meeting points for neighbours. This promotes social cohesion and a sense of community
- Specific objective 9:** Facilitate accessibility and equity in the use of the Green Lung for all social groups
- Specific objective 10:**



TOURISM

Strategic Objective:
 Promote the municipality as a sustainable destination, using the new green lung as a key attraction for visitors and tourists

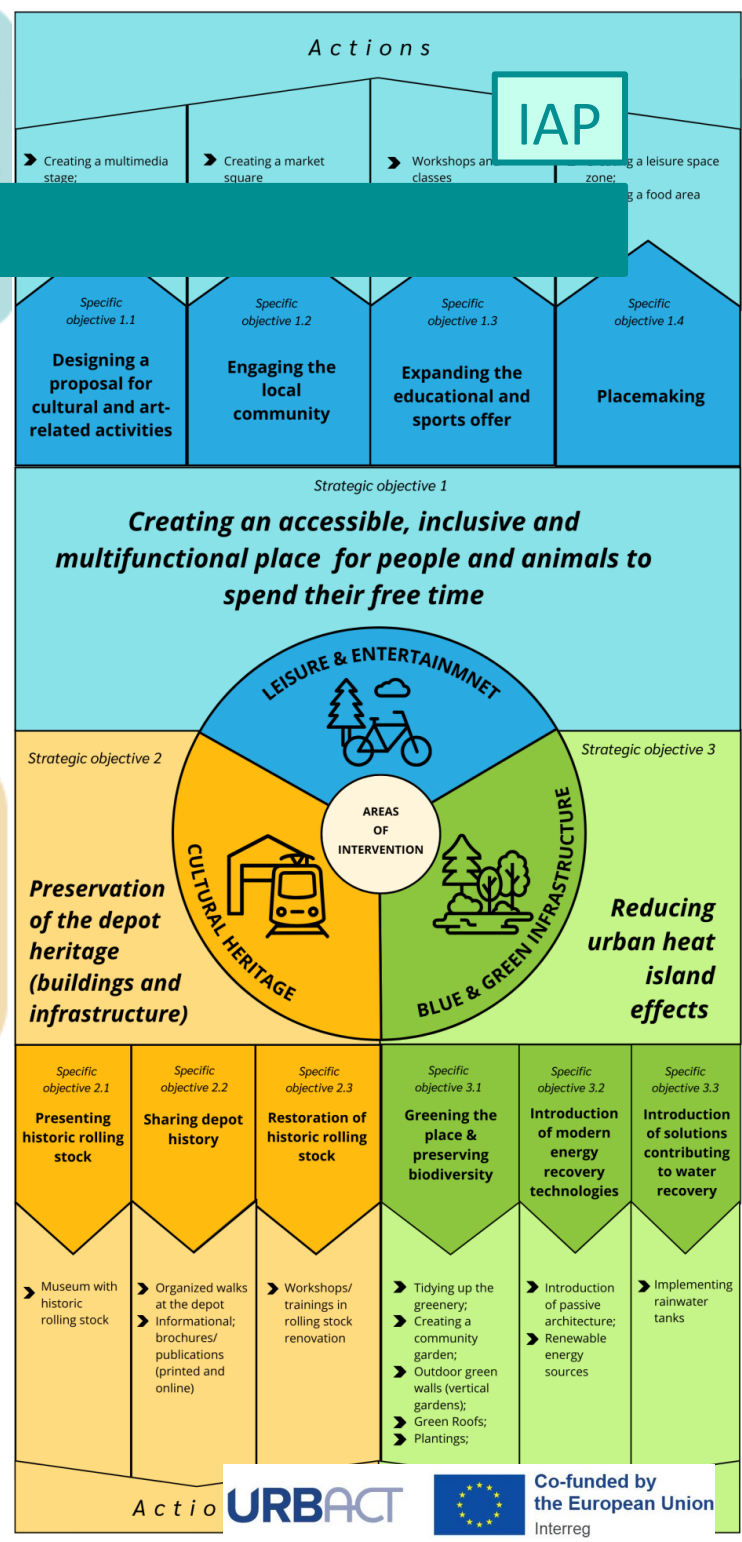
- Specific objective 11:** Use the new Green Lung to raise the profile of the municipality as an example of urban regeneration and environmental sustainability
- Specific objective 12:** Promote local and regional tourism through events and



EDUCATION

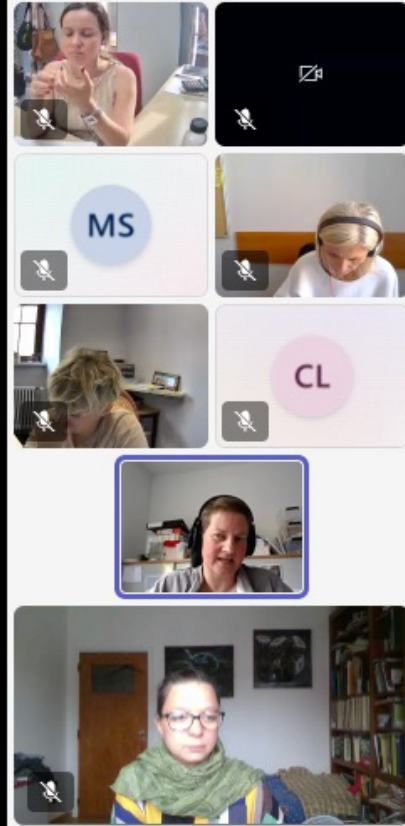
Strategic Objective:
 Promotion of environmental education

- Specific objective 14:** Use the Green Lung as an educational resource for all ages
- Specific objective 15:** Raise awareness of the importance of urban ecosystems and their conservation





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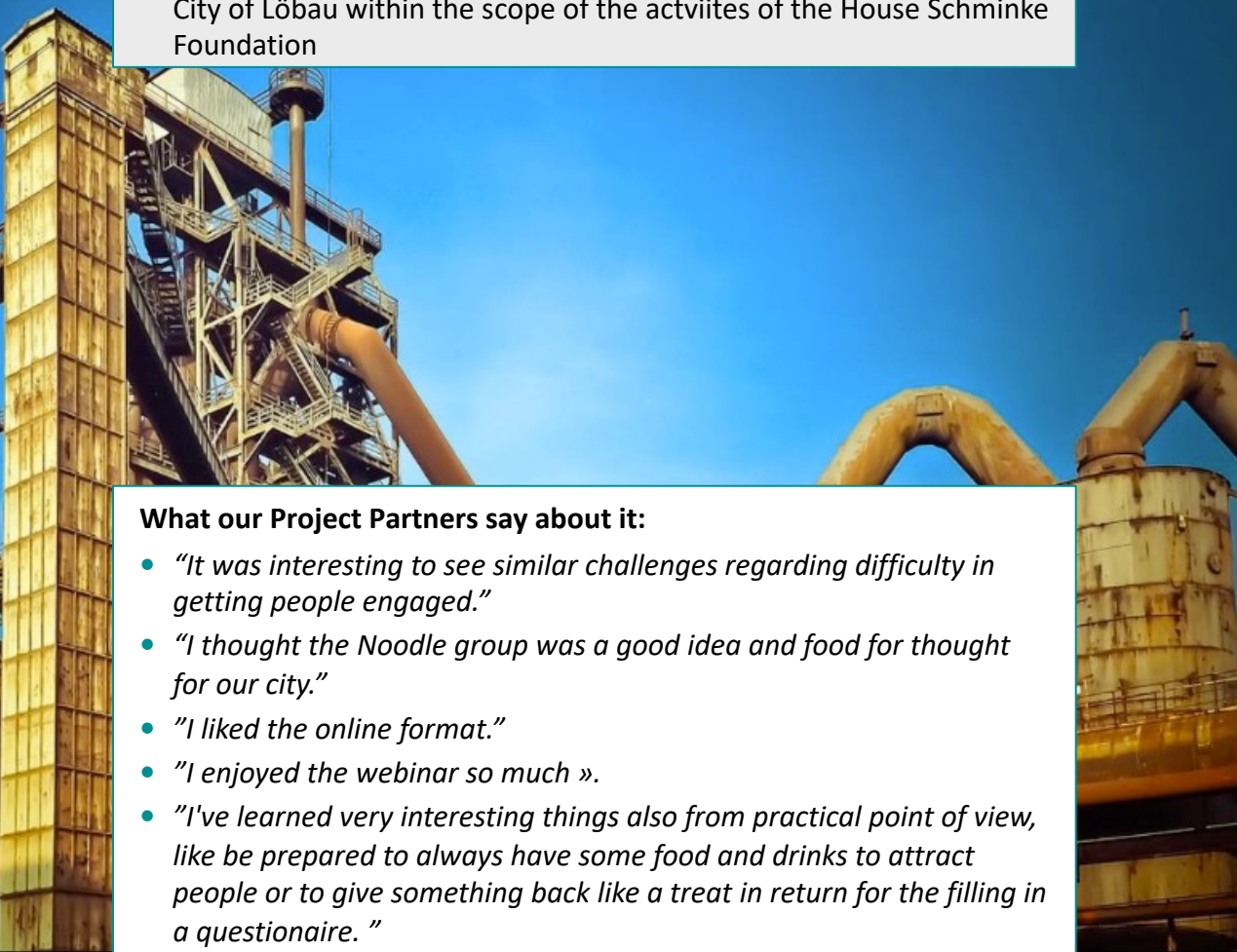
6. STUDY VISITS

Study visit „Storytelling and community engagement“

Online study visit of Löbau

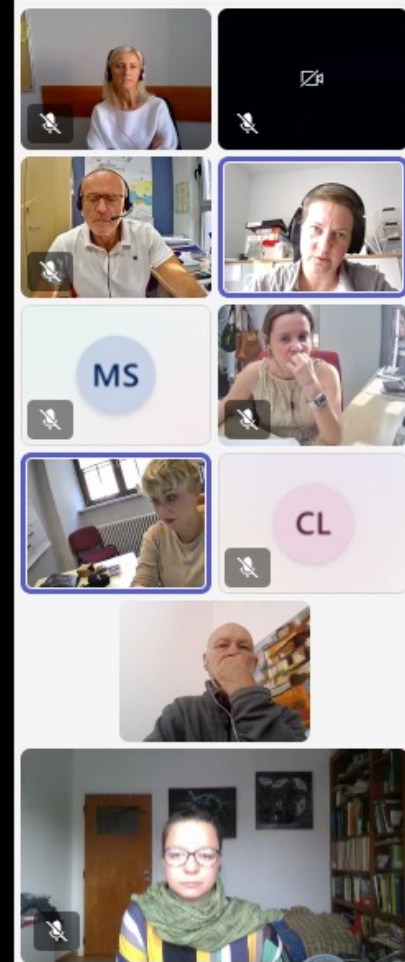
Community Engagement Activities

- Presentation of community engagement activities carried out by the City of Löbau within the scope of the activities of the House Schminke Foundation



What our Project Partners say about it:

- "It was interesting to see similar challenges regarding difficulty in getting people engaged."
- "I thought the Noodle group was a good idea and food for thought for our city."
- "I liked the online format."
- "I enjoyed the webinar so much ».
- "I've learned very interesting things also from practical point of view, like be prepared to always have some food and drinks to attract people or to give something back like a treat in return for the filling in a questionnaire."
- "For me especially inspiring were the digital tools created to attract locals as well as to show the history in an attractive and creative



Offers and planned study visits

Online

- Autumn 2024 - Boulogne-sur-mer- **on solar panels – 2024**

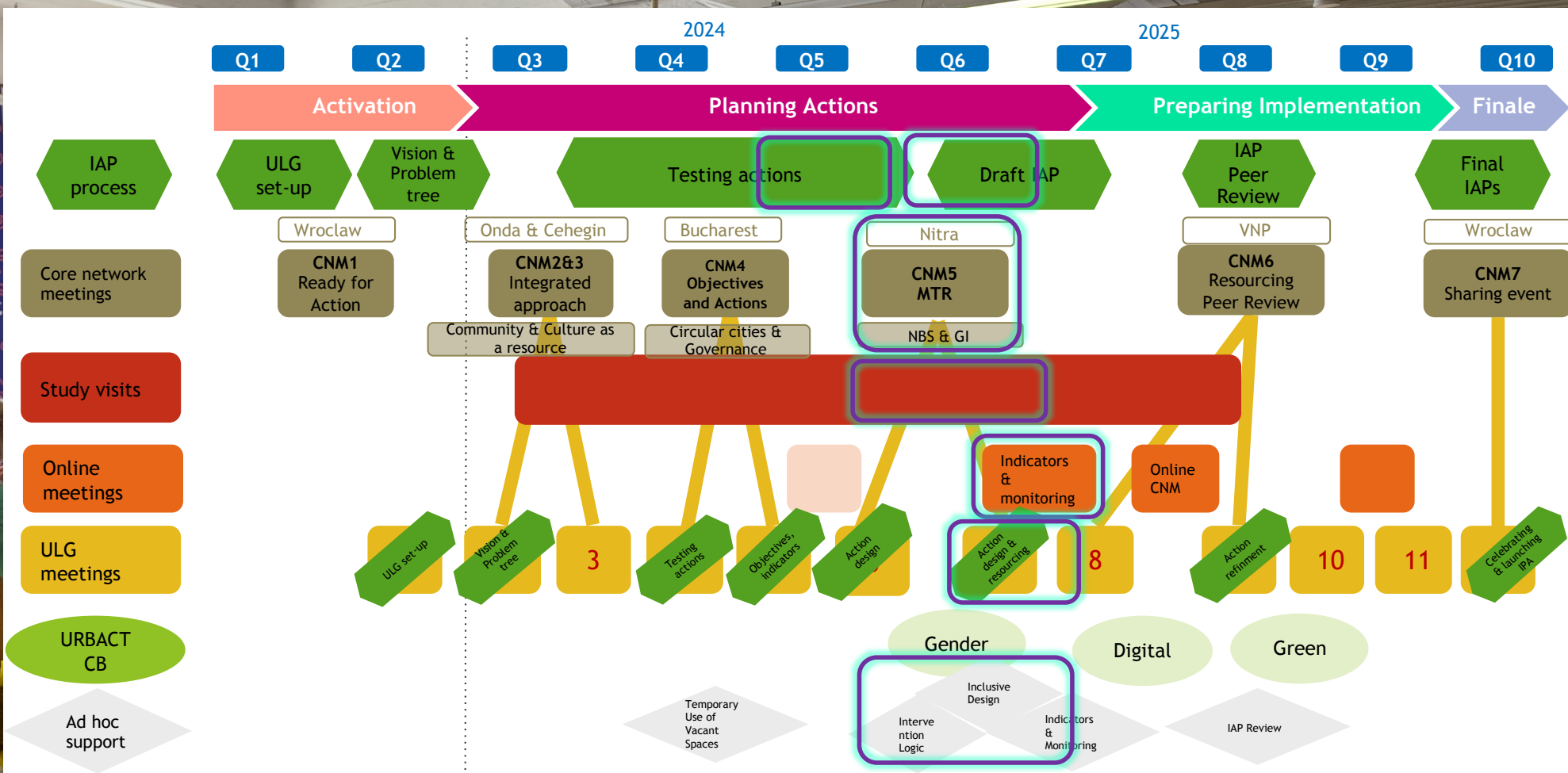
In person

- Pre/post CNM5 – Nitra – **NBS Solutions**
- Autumn 2024 - Boulogne-sur-mer - **temporary gardens and post-industrial sites**
- Spring 2025 (after City Festival) – Löbau – **Landesgartenschau**
- Spring 2025 - Limerick - **temporary use activities and mobile tree nursery**
- Spring 2025 - Vila Nova de Poiares to Quarto d'Altino – **smaller city experience**



7. What's next?

Where are we heading towards?





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