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Quarterly Network Report #5
January – March 2025

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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-Bréquereque area |
| Nitra | Martin's Hill |

Highlights of the first trimester of the Preparing Implementation Phase

- Project Partners
 - Met again online
 - Received tailored support on the URBACT methodology journey, and especially the IAP by Ed Thorpe..
 - .. And reviewed their Intervention Logics
 - .. And further drafted their IAPs
 - Organised between 0 and 3 ULG meeting each
 - Carried out additional (Testing) Actions
- The knowledge shared by Project Partners was communicated
 - in the fourth Quarterly Network report
 - In the last set of Inspiring Practice Fiches: on Nature-Based Solutions and Green Infrastructure

In this Quarterly Network Report, you will find details about the following:

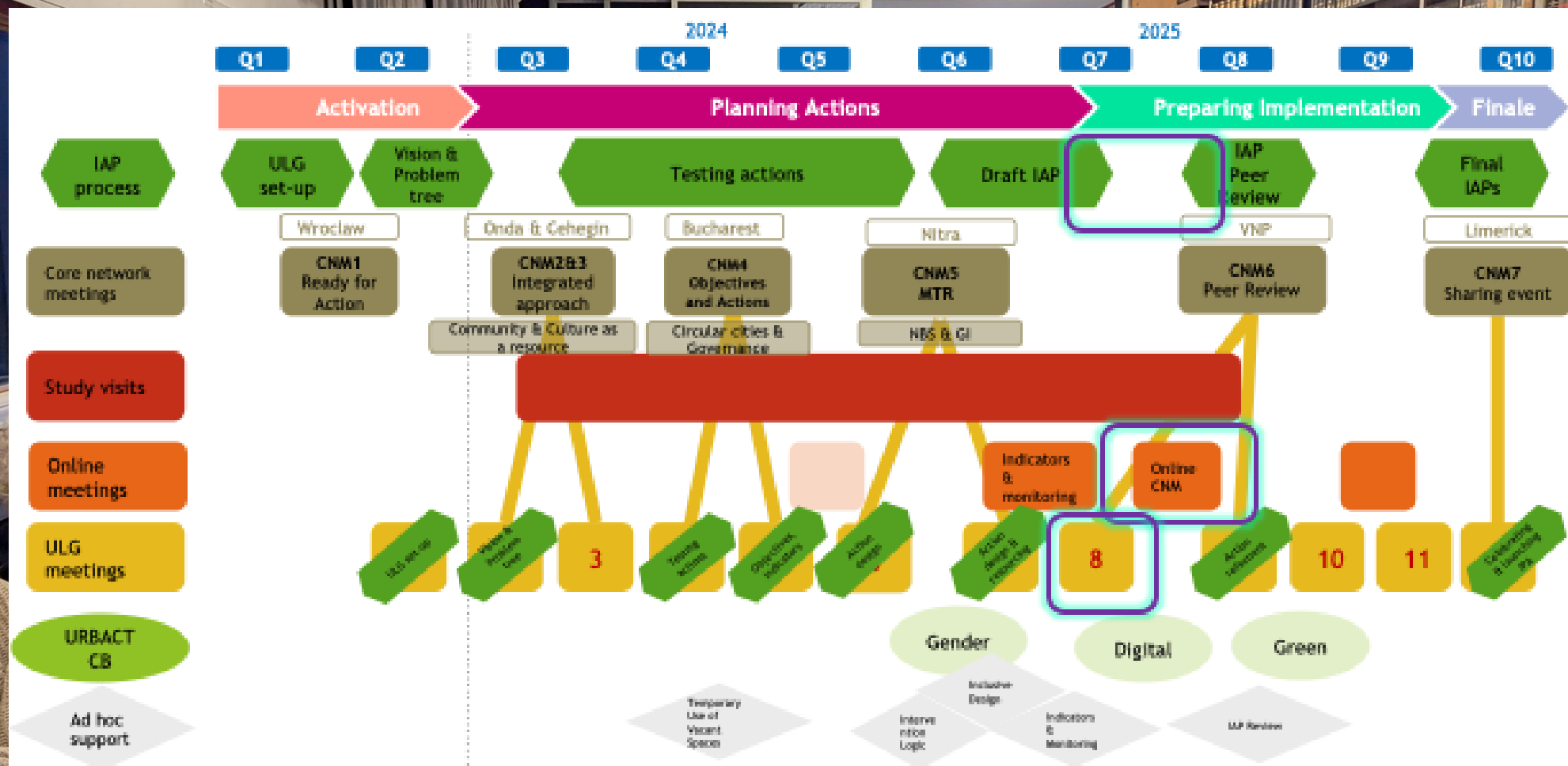
1. Where we are in the life of GreenPlace
2. Meeting online
3. The exchange of thematic practices
4. The steps towards the IAPs
5. The next steps





1. WHERE ARE WE IN THE LIFE OF GREENPLACE?

The current GreenPlace state of play

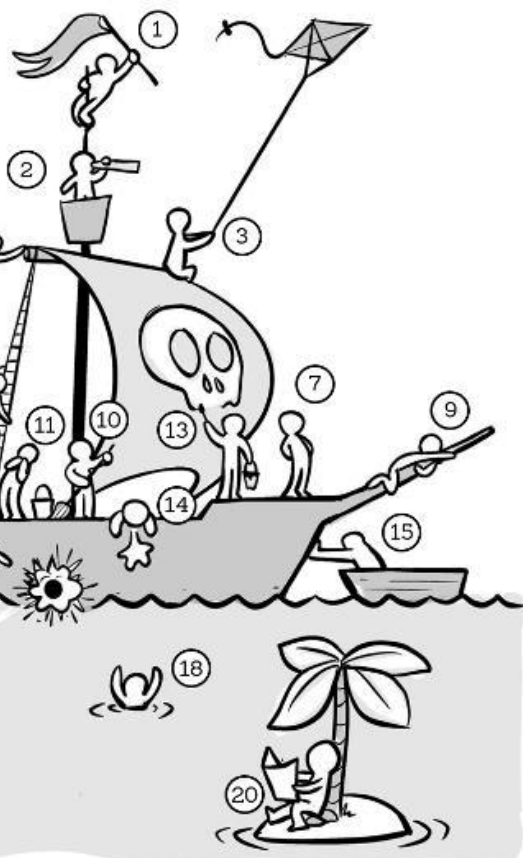




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We are all on this boat together!

- *Who are you on this boat?*
- *(do we have anybody new in the project?)*



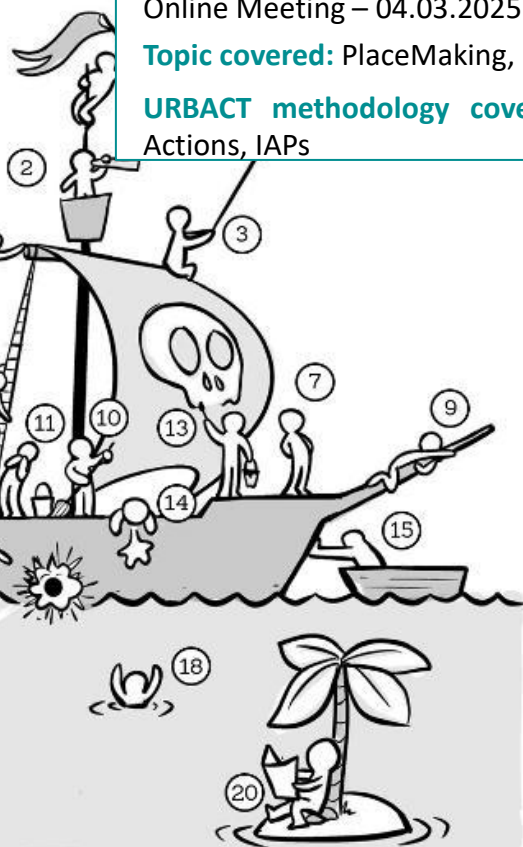
2. MEETING ONLINE

A one-day online meeting

Online Meeting – 04.03.2025

Topic covered: PlaceMaking, Digital Solutions

URBACT methodology covered: URBACT Campuses, ULGs, Testing Actions, IAPs



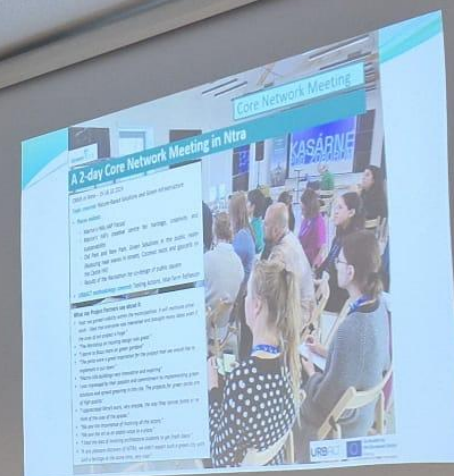
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Online Meeting





3. EXCHANGING ON THEMATIC PRACTICES

Presentation on PlaceMaking in Wrocław

Colleagues from Wrocław shared their PlaceMaking approach and practices, making this methodology more familiar to the GreenPlace Project Partners.

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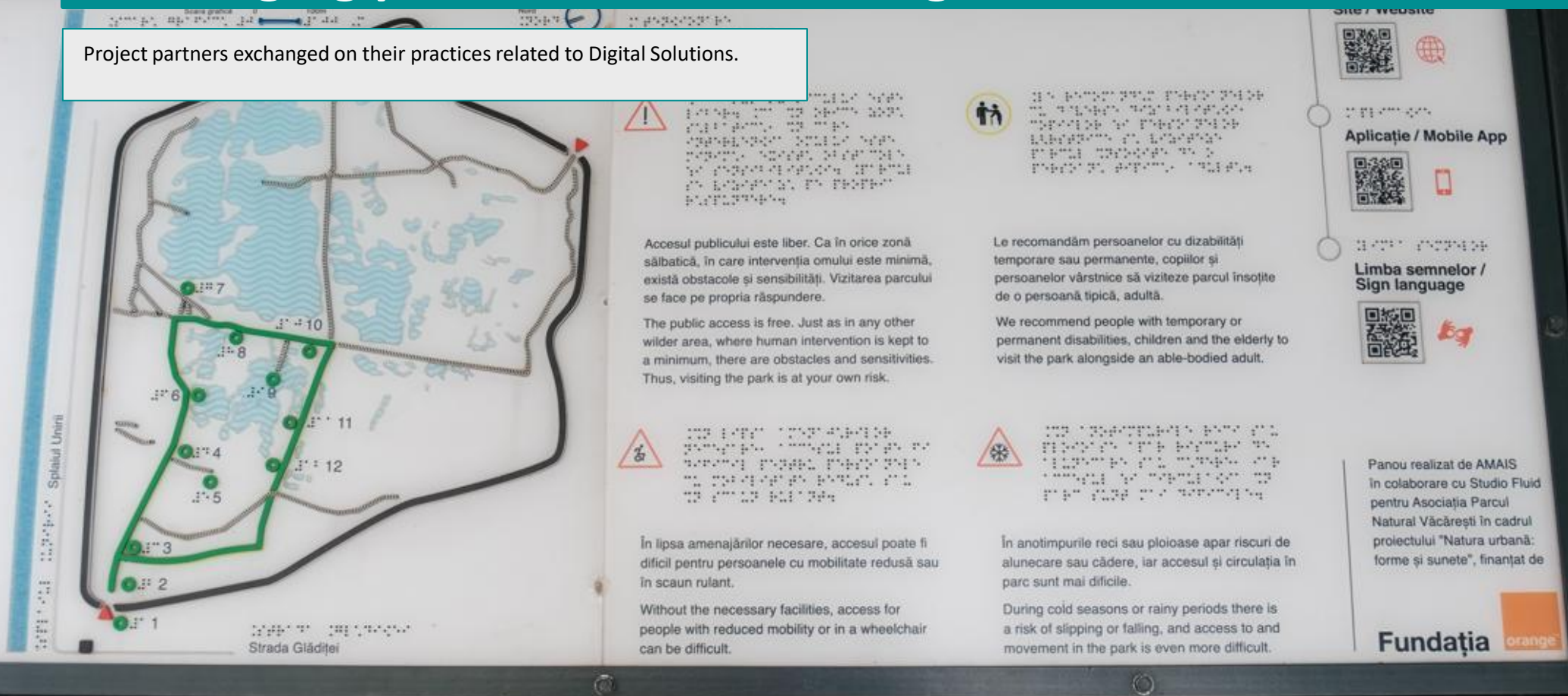
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Exchanging practices related to Digital Solutions

Project partners exchanged on their practices related to Digital Solutions.



| City | Practices |
|----------------|---|
| Bucharest-Ifov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making nature accessible to all with QR codes |
| Limerick | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MyPoint |

Making nature accessible to all with QR codes, Bucharest

The Văcărești Natural Park welcomes all visitors by providing inclusive signboards: text is written with latin as well as braille alphabets. A sensitive map with volumes is also provided. Last but not least, QR codes give access to voice recorded tours as well as sign language guidance.



MyPoint, Limerick

In 2021, the City of Limerick used the MyPoint to survey its residents on the frequency of grass cutting (to ensure biodiversity protection). The responses clarified for the municipality the local position on this issue.

More information [here](#).



Proposed works at Bruree bridge in Co. Limerick, comprise of rehabilitation of the 7 arch bridge



Welcome to MyPoint

The public collaboration and consultation portal of Limerick City and County Council

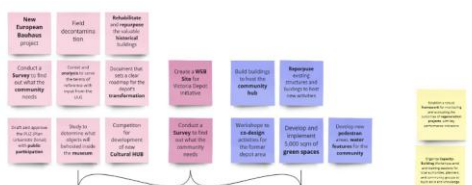
4. TOWARDS THE IAP



The area of the former Military Barracks in Nitra is restored to a pleasant place used by all generations

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Area of intervention



5.2. Four areas of intervention

Each of the interconnected areas of intervention is carefully designed to address the immediate and long-term challenges of the **Victoriej** tram depot, transforming it from an underutilized historical site into a vibrant, multifunctional space. By preserving its **heritage**, improving **accessibility**, fostering **community** participation with broader, the redevelopment project will become an urban asset for Bucharest.

Heritage

- preservation and rehabilitation of the depot's other cultural assets of the place: historical trams, old signs, old equipment.

IAPs

Towards the IAP

Objective 1: **Objective 2:** **Objective 4:** **Objective 5:** and Activation

Partners have improved their Intervention Logics with the support of Ad Hoc Expert Ed Thorpe, and have moved on towards the finalisation of their IAPs.

Strategic Objective 1:

Preserve and promote the heritage of the area

Specific Objective 1.1.

Increase the number of renovated buildings

Action 1.1.1.

Renovate buildings

Specific Objective 1.2.

Create strategy of the area development

Action 1.2.1.

General plan of the area

Specific Objective 2.1.

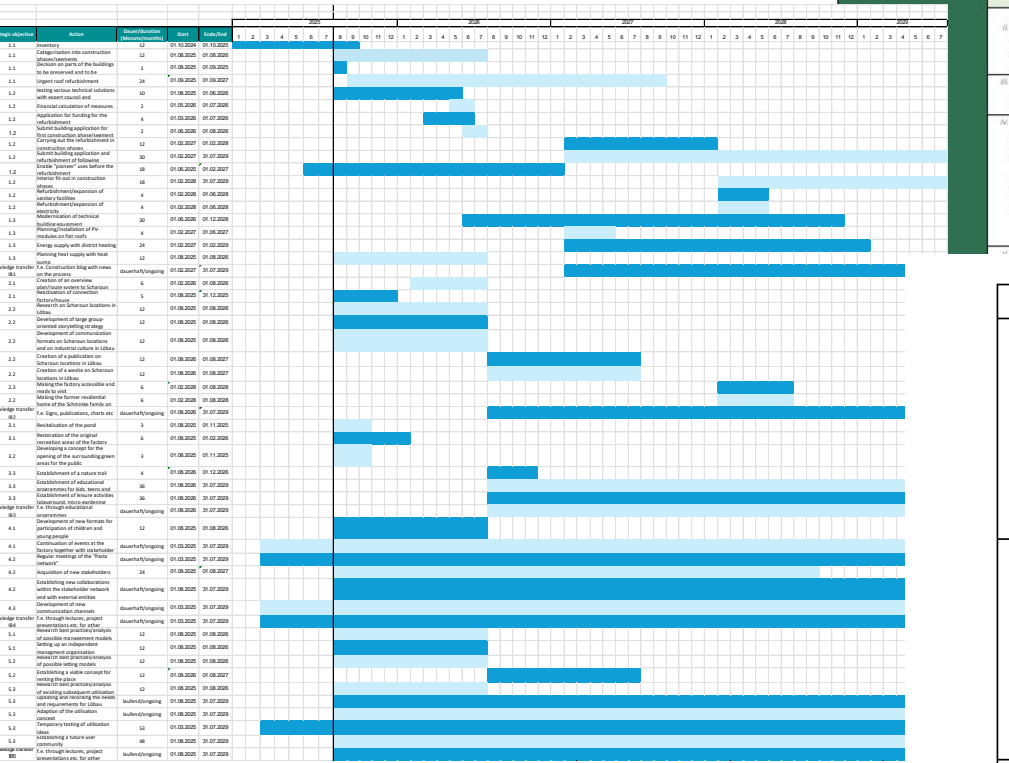
Create a platform for stakeholder cooperation in the area

Action 2.1.1.

Operation instruction

Action 2.1.2.

Maintenance schedule



Strategic Objective : 1. A resilient neighborhood adapted to climate change

| Strategic objective | Specific objective | Actions | RESULTS | Outputs | Owner | Timeline | Cost |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|------------|-----------------|
| 11 Increase planted, shaded and permeable areas within the neighborhood | 11.1 Create a green infrastructure | 1. Installation of modules, seating, and fitness equipment 2. Ground markings (Active design) to raise awareness about living organisms 3. Operation of less-beton 4. Creation of facades operation 5. Hire a project management assistant (AMO) to drive the dynamics within the site 6. Implement a 'Permit to Plant' initiative 7. Experiment with a food hub third place to guide its establishment | - Change the current use of the site. - Promote and enhance the importance of planted spaces within the urban fabric. - Raise citizen awareness about this concept. | - Amount of newly planted spaces (in m²). - Number of citizens reached through awareness efforts. - Survey of new site users. | Ville de Boulogne-sur-Mer, CAB, BDCC, Services parcs et jardins, rivières propres, adopta, ville ou privé ABF | Short term | Not determined. |
| 11.2 Use the site's redevelopment as a springboard for raising awareness | 11.2.1 Awareness campaign 'Water and Nature in the City' visits to Adopta and the Artois Picardie Water Agency practices with expanded ULG members, linked to Action 24 of Objective 2 | 8. Awareness campaign 'Water and Nature in the City' visits to Adopta and the Artois Picardie Water Agency practices with expanded ULG members, linked to Action 24 of Objective 2 | - Strengthen the consistency of interventions on this topic. | - Sketch and design of a working group | Ville de Boulogne-sur-Mer, BDCC | Short term | Not determined. |
| 11.3 Support and assist the design office in sketching these spaces | 11.3.1 Cross-disciplinary work meeting with various relevant services (Parks and Gardens, Water Agency, CAUE, etc.) 11.3.2 OAP for planted spaces in Boulogne-sur-Mer and the area, for instance, via the ESUG project. 11.3.3 Monitoring by the LPO (Bird Protection League) | 9. Cross-disciplinary work meeting with various relevant services (Parks and Gardens, Water Agency, CAUE, etc.) 10. OAP for planted spaces in Boulogne-sur-Mer and the area, for instance, via the ESUG project. 11. Monitoring by the LPO (Bird Protection League) | - Promote and support this interest with the project manager (MO) - Promote the development of biodiversity within the neighborhood. - Improve water flow management within the neighborhood. - Enhance knowledge of planted spaces in the area and across the city. - Educate and empower residents within the neighborhood. | - Number of newly planted species. - Identify or quantify the increase in biodiversity. - Square meters dedicated to these efforts. - Identification of fauna species benefiting from these ecological | Ville de Boulogne-sur-Mer, BDCC, Agence de l'Eau Artois Picardie, MOE, Gestionnaire du site Centre social, Associations | Long term | Not determined. |
| 11.4 Create planted enhanced | 11.4.1 Intervention and support from city technical services | 12. Intervention and support from city technical services | | | | | |

Community

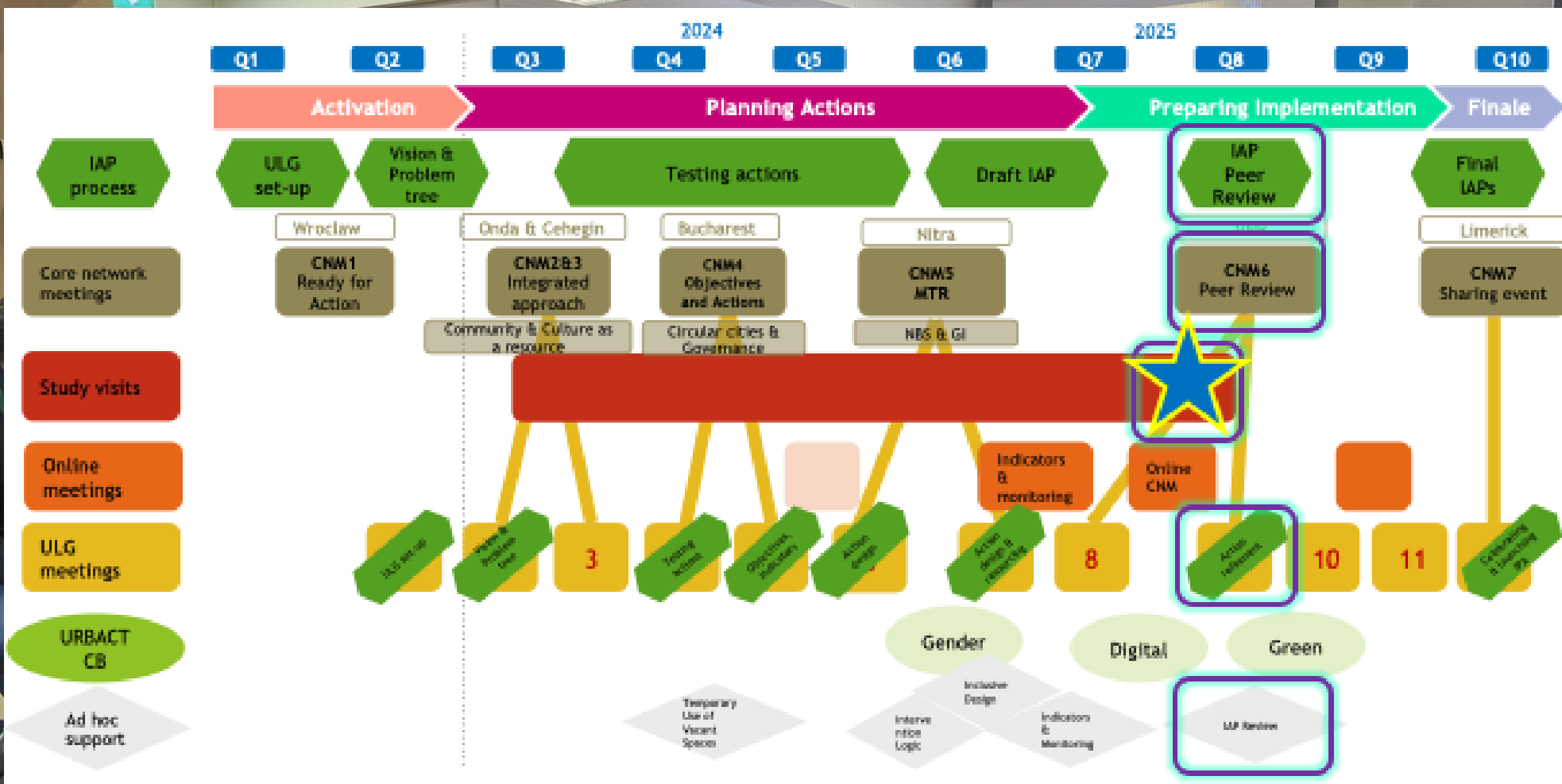
ensuring that the local community remains involved in the planning, design, and management of the space

| Specific objective from chapter 5 | Indicator | Notes |
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| 1.1 Maximising the preservation of original substance of the factory | Percentage of the preserved building substance (not including parts of the building that are not to be preserved, such as the warehouse and workshop). | Highly dependent on the condition of the building fabric, can only really be assessed in the course of the building component tests or when drawing up the refurbishment strategy. |
| 1.2 Maximising the squaremetres ready for renting inside the factory | Percentage of rentable space in relation to the total area of the factory. | Good utilization of the existing space also depends on the required technical areas, stairs, corridors, etc. This must be taken into account when drawing up the refurbishment strategy. |



5. What's next?

Where are we heading to?



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