2Nite

Torino, Italy
863.249 inhabitants

Challenge

Some areas of Torino are perceived as unsafe, particularly in the evenings, as they are either unused or underused; some neighborhoods face problems with social cohesion and lack accessible services that are close to residents.

Local heroes

The project is implemented thanks to all 65 local non-profit organizations involved in the programme IMPATTO and the 18 projects funded by the Youth Climate Action Fund to help us reflect on how we can create inclusive, liveable and safe urban spaces. These grassroots actors work closely with the local communities, serving as antennas for local needs with a strong orientation toward action.

863.249



Funding

The funding required for the Torino Continuity Plan (2.4 MLN Euro) is sourced primarily from the National Operational Programme for Metropolitan cities (PN Metro Plus - ESF+).

The Plan

IMPATTO
community-based services for livable & safe urban spaces

We are implementing a Programme to intervene in peripheral areas of Torino identifying proximity as a driver for development, by investing in the quality of public spaces, safety and quality of life, and community-based services.

The social innovation measure IMPATTO is strongly inspired by the results of ToNite, with a strong focus on public space and local communities activation. Torino is investing 2,4 M € to support with public grants social and cultural activities managed by third-sector organizations in parks, green areas, squares and pedestrian streets, with the aim of creating livable and safe urban spaces and countering urban decay.



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CITTA' DI TORINO

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Cluj-Napoca, Romania
325.000 inhabitants

Challenge

Iris, a former industrial neighbourhood in Cluj-Napoca, is redefining its identity through rapid transformation. New residential developments brought demographic changes, but interaction between long-time residents and newcomers remains limited. This affects trust, social cohesion and safety perceptions in public spaces, especially during evening hours.

Local heroes

Iris's local heroes shape the neighbourhood daily: long-time residents carrying the memory and identity of the area, newcomers bringing new energy and perspectives, public institutions supporting the regeneration, universities and researchers understanding community needs and local organisations creating opportunities to meet, interact and reconnect. Together, they help Iris build belonging, trust and a shared identity for the future.



Funding

Potential future support for public space improvements and community activities may be explored through local municipal funding, the European Regional Development Fund, Horizon Europe opportunities related to social innovation and urban resilience, as well as partnerships with local organisations and cultural operators supporting community development initiatives in Iris.

The Plan

Reconnecting Iris
where community creates safety

In Iris, 2NITE fosters interaction and reconnection through public spaces and community life. Building on the regeneration of Parcul Feroviarilor and the Youth Pavilion, it brings together long-time residents and newcomers through storytelling, workshops, and community events to strengthen participation and sense of belonging. Together with the local group, the project explores how perception data and community engagement can serve public institutions. By measuring residents' experiences and analysing local needs, the initiative aims to develop a replicable tool that can measure community needs and perceptions in order to identify suitable measures that contribute to improving quality of life, strengthening social connections and increasing the perception of safety.



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CITY OF CLUJ-NAPOCA

2Nite

Associação de Municípios Pentágono Urbano Portugal, 698.151 inhabitants

Challenge

Across the Pentágono Urbano, several urban areas face low activity especially during evening hours, increasing the perception of insecurity. Public spaces remain underused at night, while existing initiatives are fragmented and lack scalable mechanisms to support citizen-led activation.

Local heroes

Local heroes include active citizens, NGOs, cultural organizations and members of the URBACT Local Group, supported by municipalities and the Pentágono Urbano. Their role is to co-design, implement and sustain initiatives, transforming public spaces into safer and more vibrant places at night.



Funding

The pilot phase is funded by the Pentágono Urbano and its member municipalities, through shared contributions.

Additional funding opportunities include European Regional Development Fund (NORTE 2030), national programmes supporting community-led initiatives, and potential partnerships with local stakeholders and private sponsors.

The Plan

Belonging Creates Safety

The Pentágono Urbano will implement a multi-city civic innovation mechanism to activate public space, especially at night, and improve safety perception.

The model is based on an open call for ideas from citizens, NGOs and informal groups, followed by a fast co-design process and a public selection event. The best proposals will receive financial support to be implemented as pilot actions.
Rather than delivering top-down projects, this approach funds local ideas, empowering communities to shape their own urban environment.

The expected impact includes increased use of public space, improved safety perception, and the creation of scalable solutions across five cities.



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Pentágono Urbano
O futuro onde nos ligamos
The future where we connect

2NITE

Sant Boi de Llobregat, Spain
85.317 inhabitants

Challenge

Sant Boi has the lowest victimisation index in the Barcelona Metropolitan Area (14.5% of citizens were crime victims in 2023, below the AMB average of 23.2%), but rising conflicts, especially between youth and neighbours, and perceptions of public unsafety threaten social cohesion and fuel safety and coexistence concerns.

Local heroes

Thanks to all local entities (Fundació Marianao, Associació Brújula Artística, PES Salesians Sant Boi, Espai Weller), private entities (Bar Musical Gater & Clàssic), and citizens for participating and reflecting on how we can make the night a space of coexistence in Sant Boi de Llobregat.



Funding

The funding required for the Sant Boi de Llobregat Investment Plan is sourced primarily from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for infrastructure and digital technology, and the city's own budget for social and participatory activities.

The Plan

The Caring City at Night:

an Integrated Plan for Inclusive, Safe and Vibrant Public Spaces

Sant Boi is adapting innovative practices from Turin, by combining urban regeneration with intangible social innovation. The plan focuses on empowering the local community of Sant Boi by establishing the participation body Youth Nightlife Table to build a new, positive narrative about the city, especially aimed at improving communication with the youth and the neighbours. Additionally, we seek to activate new proximity services that support small local projects by incorporating specific criteria into funding proposals that enhance community wellbeing. Lastly, urban regeneration will be addressed through physical interventions for revitalising two degraded areas to facilitate leisure and cultural activities for the youth.



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AJUNTAMENT SANT BOI DE LLOBREGAT

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Riga, Latvia
595.053 inhabitants

Challenge

The city's most populated neighbourhood with 52 000 residents, Purvciems, is characterized by Soviet-era block housing, degraded public outdoor spaces, a lack of strong local communities and low levels of trust among residents. These factors negatively affect the residents' sense of safety, especially at night.

Local heroes

During the planning stage, we received support from the State Police Prevention Management Bureau and the Purvciems Development Association, both represented in our ULG. Our cooperation partners, Blockhouse Community and Micromacrorayon, implemented creative community engagement activities in the courtyard. The courtyard renovation will be carried out by the Riga Municipality Outdoor Space and Mobility Department.



Funding

The total funding for the courtyard renovation could reach up to 700,000 euros. We hope that 250,000 euros will come from the municipal participatory budget, as the Purvciems Development Association submitted a project idea for the improvement of part of the courtyard in this year's call of proposals. The resident vote on the submitted proposals will take place in November. Meanwhile, funding for the improvement of the remaining parts of the courtyard is allocated from the municipality's regular budget.

The Plan

Changing Purvciems at the speed of trust

The Investment Plan includes the renovation of a courtyard among blockhouses in central Purvciems with resident involvement, creating a pleasant and safe space for leisure activities and social interaction. When planning the improvements, we collaborated with the State Police Prevention Management Bureau, whose specialists analyzed the site from a safe urban planning perspective and provided recommendations. During the project, we carried out several community engagement activities, including a mapping method to identify residents' desires for the courtyard's development. We expect to create favourable conditions for building closer community ties, thereby strengthening the residents' sense of safety in the area.



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