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Advances to “FUTURE SEARCH”

Building Collaborative
Pathways for Just and
Inclusive Urban Futures

The JUSTURBANITIES project, a European initiative dedicated to rethinking how cities can become more just, inclusive, and resilient, proudly announces the successful completion of its second milestone: “Future Search.” This phase brought together project partners, local organizations, and diverse stakeholders to identify shared priorities, map good practices, and deepen collaboration for sustainable urban transformation.

Future Search: Progress and Outcomes

The Future Search phase focused on stakeholder mapping, good practice identification, and foresight exploration. Partners conducted empathy interviews across multiple cities to better understand community needs, aspirations, and challenges. These insights provided a foundation for aligning project goals with real-world priorities, ensuring that future interventions are relevant, grounded, and co-created with local actors.

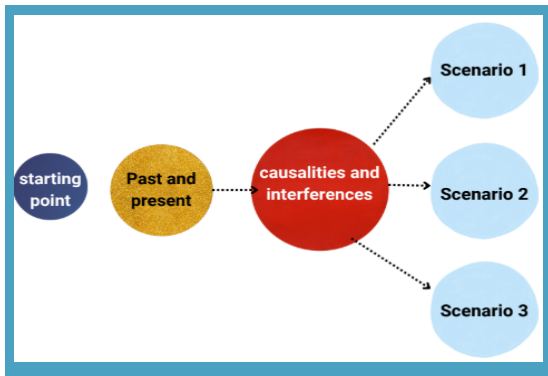
At the Transnational Project Meeting in Graz, partners shared their findings from the sensitive neighborhoods, highlighting the importance of trust-building, inclusive public spaces, and low-threshold community engagement. Good practices and successful projects in the area demonstrated how simple, participatory interventions can strengthen social cohesion and activate underused spaces.

Empathy interviews conducted by the partners revealed shared priorities for improving quality of life, fostering civic participation, and addressing vulnerabilities among youth and the elderly. Stakeholders emphasized the need for integrated, proximity-based solutions and stronger coordination among local actors to address fragmentation and promote community resilience.

About JUSTURBANITIES

JUSTURBANITIES is a multi-partner European project committed to exploring how urban spaces can be reimagined through social justice, participatory innovation, and future-oriented thinking. By connecting local communities, public authorities, and research organizations, the project aims to develop practical tools and approaches that empower residents and make urban neighborhoods more equitable, cohesive, and livable.



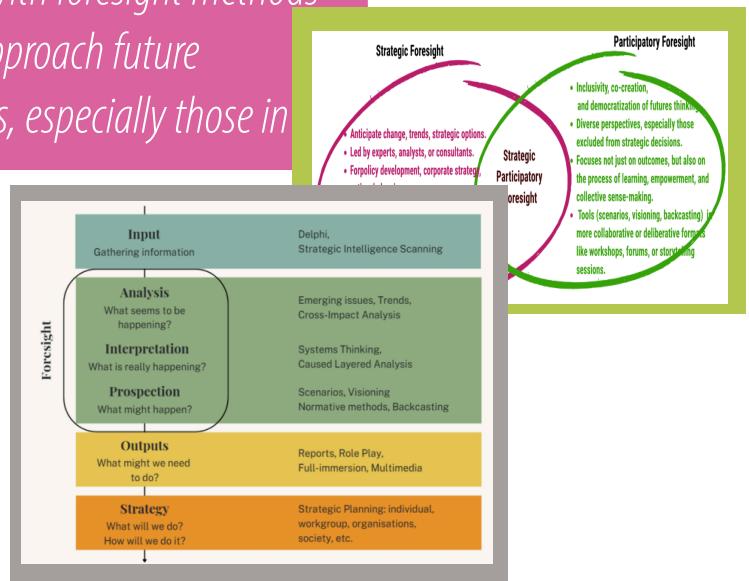


Foresight Workshop in Berlin: Expanding the Toolbox

An intensive Learning, Teaching, and Training (LTT) Workshop in Berlin exposed project partners to foresight methodologies such as the Generic Framework, Future's Wheel, and Scenario Matrix. These tools encouraged participants to imagine alternative urban futures and explore innovative ways to address complex challenges.

" Learning and experimenting with foresight methods inspired us to rethink how we approach future planning with local communities, especially those in vulnerable situations. "

Participants particularly valued the diverse perspectives in the workshop which helped them to bring together practitioners from different professions, age groups, and cultural backgrounds to co-create future scenarios for urban neighborhoods.



An Invitation to Collaborate

JUSTURBANITIES thrives on partnerships and shared learning. As the project enters its next phase: GAME JAM, game testing and game development sessions. We invite urban practitioners, academics, policymakers, and community members to collaborate and share insights. The upcoming interactive urban game will be a unique tool for exploring justice-driven urban futures, and we welcome contributions from all those eager to shape it.



Next Steps

The next milestone will focus on developing and testing an interactive urban game, designed to engage communities, challenge assumptions, and inspire actionable solutions for just urban transitions.

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