

Workshop Co-design for new forms of urban living 2020

#EURegionsweek

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Empathy in government is key to:

- understanding the needs of and provide ownership to inhabitants
- designing effective and sustainable solutions
- make sure everyone is involved/ no one is left behind
- restore faith in democracy and policy making



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In dialogue and cooperation with inhabitants

- Community managers
- Information sessions & dialogues
- Digital participation tool & offline festival 'Leuven, maak het mee!'
- Surveys e.g. Stadsmonitor
- Citizen jury



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- Information and consultation are also important!
- Collecting ideas and ask for advice in various small and large projects:
 - Placement of mobility points, ...
 - Reconstruction of streets
 - Construction or design of squares, parks and playgrounds
 - Master plans
 - Multi-year budget



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- Online platform
- Offline festival and dialogue evenings



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Stimuli for 'Stand up for your neighbourhood' projects

- Strengthening social cohesion
- Design your own neighbourhood: gardens, meeting spots, festivals, ..
- In 2018: € 250.000 invested in citizen's projects



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(Temporary) use of public buildings:

- Hal 5
- Scheutsite
- Molens Van Orshoven
- Silo's
- ...



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- Keep on innovating
- Deliberative participation including citizen jury for design of 'de Vaartoevers' and 'Podiumkunstensite'



Innovation & inclusion: Horizontal collaboration model

- New governance model, based on collaboration and connecting people
- City defines the framework and brings every actor together
- New way of cooperation and systematically join forces
- Quadruple helix



Innovation & inclusion: Horizontal Collaboration Model

- To tackle complex problems and challenges
- Collaboration in context of a strong common vision and citywide goals
- Leads to involvement and innovation



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- Get everyone involved
- It's also about emotion

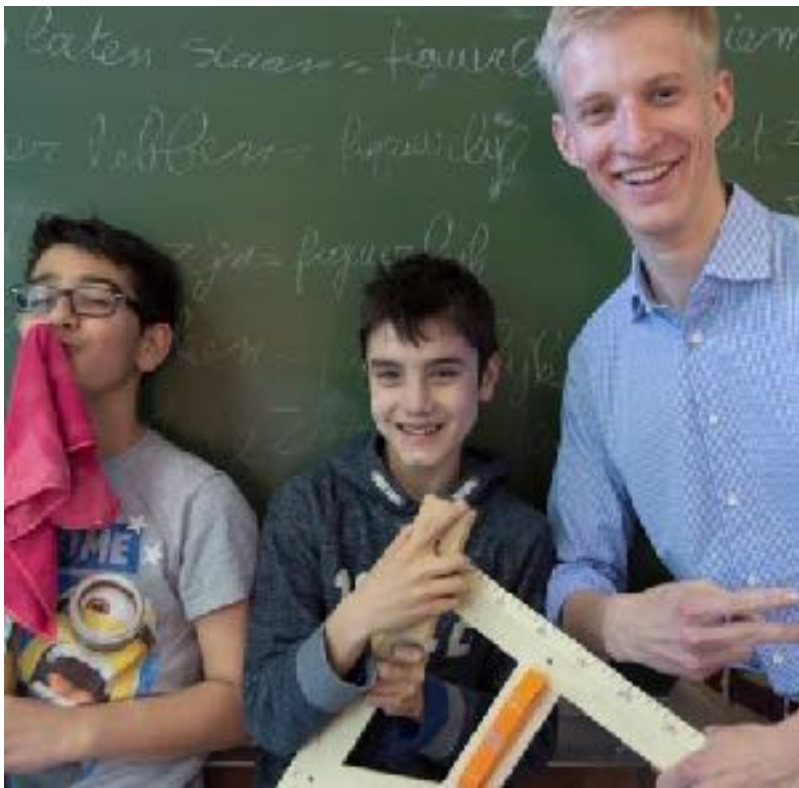


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Buddy project

Believe you have a future

Challenges

- Representativeness and public interest
- Intensive process
- Expectations
- Political courage





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