

How has it all started a.k.a. Com.Unity.Lab as the 1st common international project of Department of strategic development and Department of Social Affairs

Why these two departments?

Strategic development

- ✓ Experience with URBACT projects
- ✓ Soft skills
- ✓ Open minded for innovation
- ✓ Enthusiasm for actions

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Social affairs

- ✓ Experience with social problems of the city
- ✓ Soft skills
- ✓ Open minded for innovation
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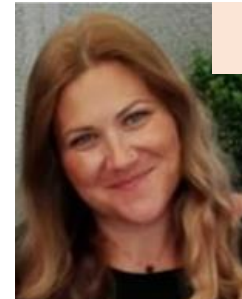
Get to know our project team!



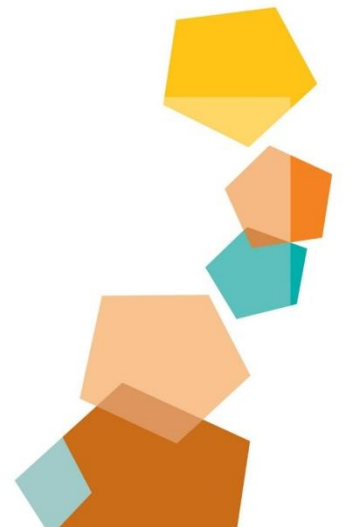
Katerina



Ondrej



Alena



1st network meeting on the international ground



19th and 20th March

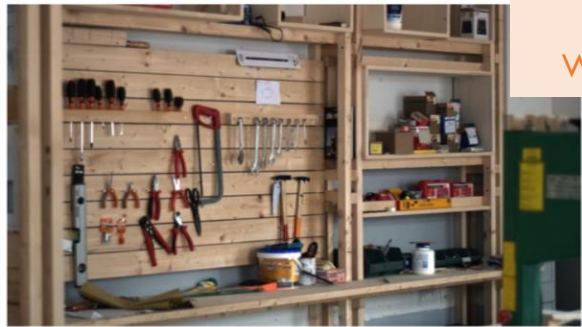


Bari

Big inspiration:

SPAZIO13

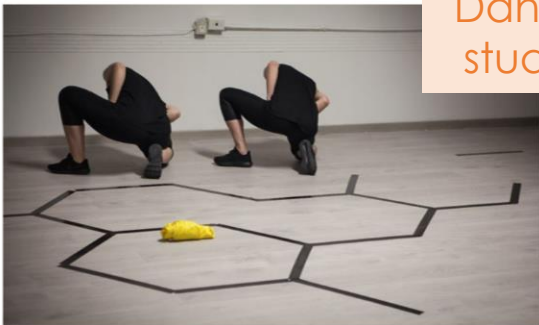
Formal primary school premises that were transformed into a space for community use after a long-term abandonment <https://spazio13.org/>



Craft
workshop



Lectures,
debates



Dance
studio



Common
relax room



Rap band

They devote to young kids and teach them how to rap in order to refrain them from unwanted activities.

Ostrava has number of abandoned spaces that could be used for the same purpose. We will focus on finding similar space in the areas uncovered by the project development.

1st meeting of Urbact Local Group



3rd April



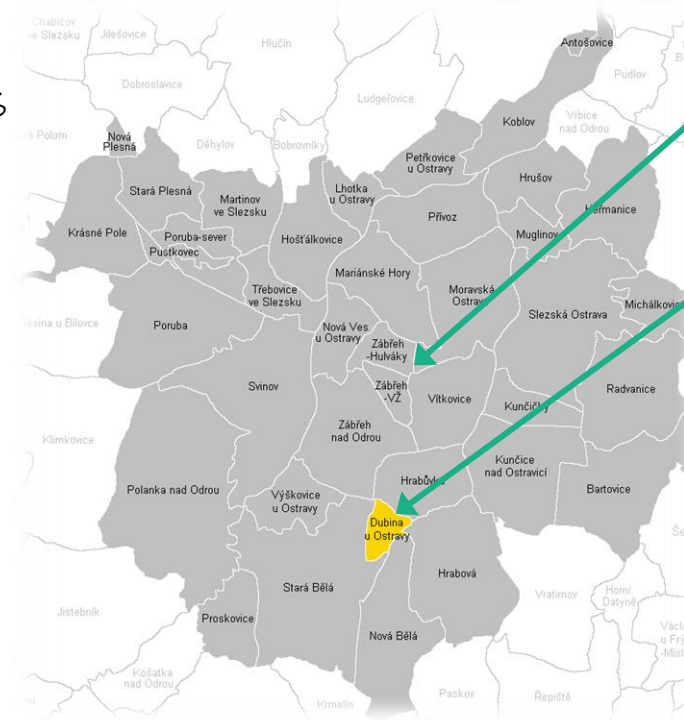
Premises of the City Hall

Mapping

- 10 participants including 2 potential partners from universities

- Presentations:

- Katerina – Lisbon good practice
- Alena – Excluded locations
- Zdenek – Social housing project
- Ondrej – Mapping in Lisbon and „how do we want to do it?“



Quantitative data
– the whole area

Qualitative data –
chosen pilot area

- We were searching for a positive term for excluded locality – the most suitable seems „PRIORITY NEIGHBORHOOD“ (but we will think about a better term, if possible)

2nd network meeting on the international ground



9th and 10th April



Lublin

Engaging citizens into the decision-making

- Lublin has a participatory budget of 15 mil. PLN per annum
- The committee that chooses projects composes from local citizens, so called „civic panel“
- 12 thousand citizens is randomly generated -> 700 agree to cooperate -> out of 700 - 60 is selected + 12 substitutes
- Civic panel gets to answer question related to sustainable development
- In order to find the answer, approx. 6 meetings of civic panel members with experts and NGO's
- Subsequently, the civic panel gives votes to submitted proposals -> proposals receiving 80+ % qualify for implementation
- As a result, the mayor releases e.g., 1 mil. PLN for local heating improvement



3rd network meeting on the international ground



6th and 7th June



Aalborg

- Presentation about urban planning and future vision
- Aalborg was also industrial city in the past (concrete production), in the place of factories the new city district was built



Focus on quality in our planning

- Develop and support different **identities in neighbourhoods**
- Match housing to population and ensure **mixed urban** neighbourhoods
- **Public institutions** are planned and built so they create **urban quality and urban life**
- **Sustainable architecture** and urban spaces is designed to fit the environment and in high quality materials
- **Sustainable mobility** with Aalborg plusbus and good connections for all
- **Green and blue qualities** in urban as well as outskirts areas
- Climate initiatives to secure the municipality with **climate adaptation solutions**
- Concentration of mixed functions in nerve centres for **urban life and synergies**
- **Strategic urban leadership with partnerships** for holistic solutions



- Videoconference Aalborg → Lisbon, detail presentation with a topic of **TASK FORCE**

MOTTO: „The city for people with emphasis on quality of life in every aspect of city development“

2nd meeting of URBACT Local Group



3rd June at 10 a.m.



Refill Office Ostrava

- 9 participants from City of Ostrava, universities, architectonic platform POLYCHROME and Refill office
- We agreed on a term „**PRIORITY NEIGHBORHOOD**“ for the locality we selected for the project
- We discussed the possibilities of mapping, data acquisition and finance
 - Due to high financial and personal capacity for mapping and short length of the project we have **2 WAYS**:

1) Mapping of the whole territory of Ostrava but very superficially, assuming the use of available data

OR

2) Focusing on one selected locality in terms of hard data collection but also soft data collection, questionnaire survey in the field and participatory



3rd meeting of Urbact Local Group



4th October at 8,30 a.m.



Premises of the City Hall

- 11 participants from City of Ostrava, Municipal District Ostrava-South, architectonic platform POLYCHROME and Charity Ostrava
- We introduced the project Com.Unity.Lab and put it into context with the selected priority neighbourhood „Dubina“



Problems of the priority neighborhood:

- Absence of children facilities , playgrounds are destroyed
- Growing number of inadaptabile inhabitants and high criminality (can lead to aging population)
- We suggested possible solutions and discussed possibilities of questionnaire and how we can arouse the interest of citizens of the locality in the survey



4th network meeting on the international ground



9th and 10th October



The Hague

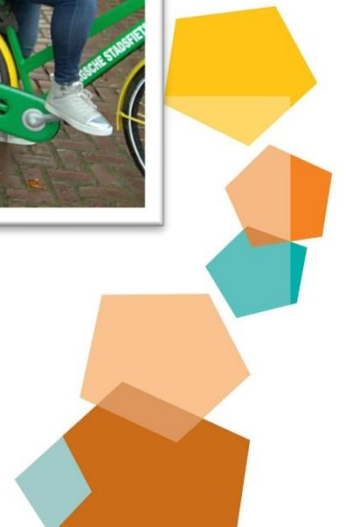
- Summary and evaluation of the work of partners up to now and examples of CLLD projects
- We were inspired by the methods that partner cities use to initiate and lead development (open calls, independent chair, CLLD groups)
- Examples of specific projects implemented through the CLLD in The Hague are an example of higher level of volunteering and active citizenship, also they refers about a greater orientation to support activities and personal development



Peace Palace



Bike tour



5th network meeting on the international ground



4th and 5th November



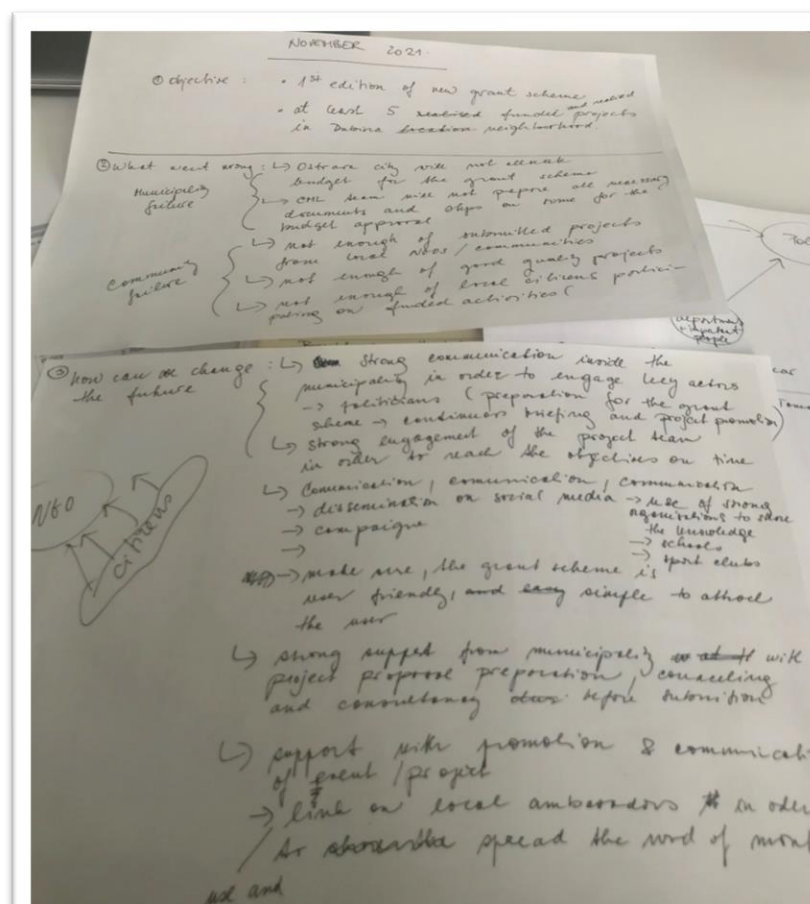
Lille

Focus on social economy and mid-term review

We paid a visit to „Accorderie“ - the skill exchange project where the currency is TIME. The meeting itself was held in La Baraka, the social project, in the „priority neighbourhood“ of Roubaix.



Part of the meeting was the midterm review with the presents of URBACT secretariat as well as a special guest Ivan Tosic



4th meeting of Urbact Local Group



28th November at 1 p.m.



Premises of the City Hall

Setting up collaboration with the Municipal District Ostrava-South

- 7 participants from City of Ostrava, Municipal District Ostrava-South and POLYCHROME architectonic platform
- Presentation of project progression
- Together we consulted opportunities of support from the municipal district, possibilities of implementing a questionnaire survey and selection of strategic place for data collection



5th and sixth meeting of Urbact Local Group



18th and 20th February



Ostrava-Dubina

Outdoor survey

- We had a prepared questionnaire to map aspects of living and housing in this area, the most serious problems of locality, relationships with neighbors and motivation to participate in a neighborhood activity



- 109 respondents (and another 205 in online version)
- More than 50 % of respondents think about moving from Dubina
- One of the biggest problems is a criminality
- In the place is a high rate of anonymity
- More than 50 % of respondents do not communicate with their neighbors



7th meeting of Urbact Local Group



6th August at 2 p.m.



Cooltour cultural centre

Setting the grant scheme

- 16 participants from city of Ostrava, Municipal District Ostrava-South, Municipal District Ostrava-Poruba, POLYCHROME architectonic platform, Cooltour and primary school



- Presentation of the results of a questionnaire survey
- Discussion of the topic of usability potential, content of the grant scheme, type of applicants, procedural and administrative matters of the grant
- Hard and soft interventions are missing in the locality



8th meeting of Urbact Local Group



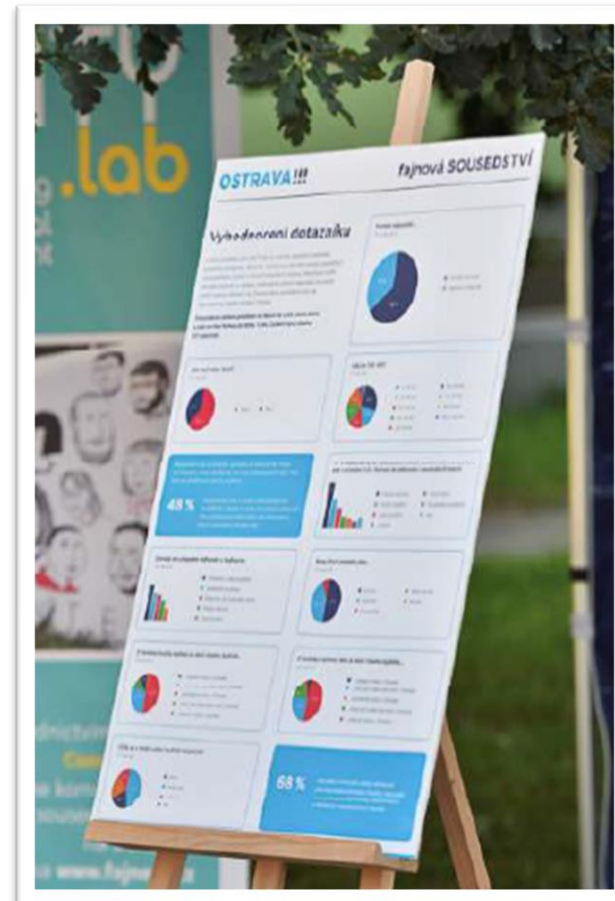
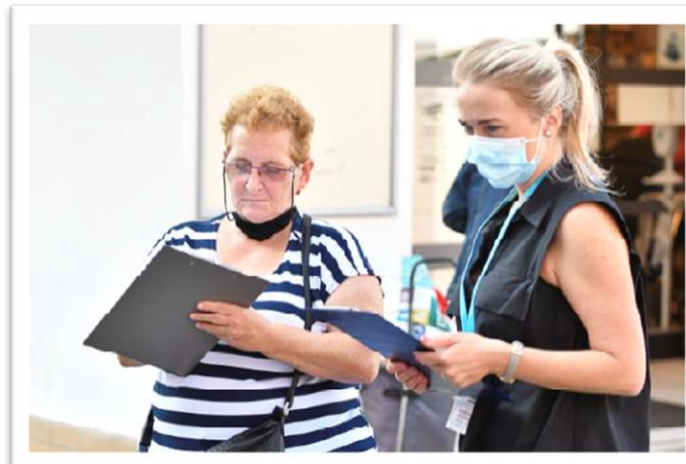
22nd September at 10 a.m.



Ostrava-Dubina

Public consultation with Dubina citizens

- Presentation of the results of the February questionnaire survey to the public and verification of key statements
- The results were displayed on large boards and a member of the project team worked on validation with individuals or a small group
- Demonstration of examples of good practice



9th meeting of Urbact Local Group



10th November at 9 a.m.



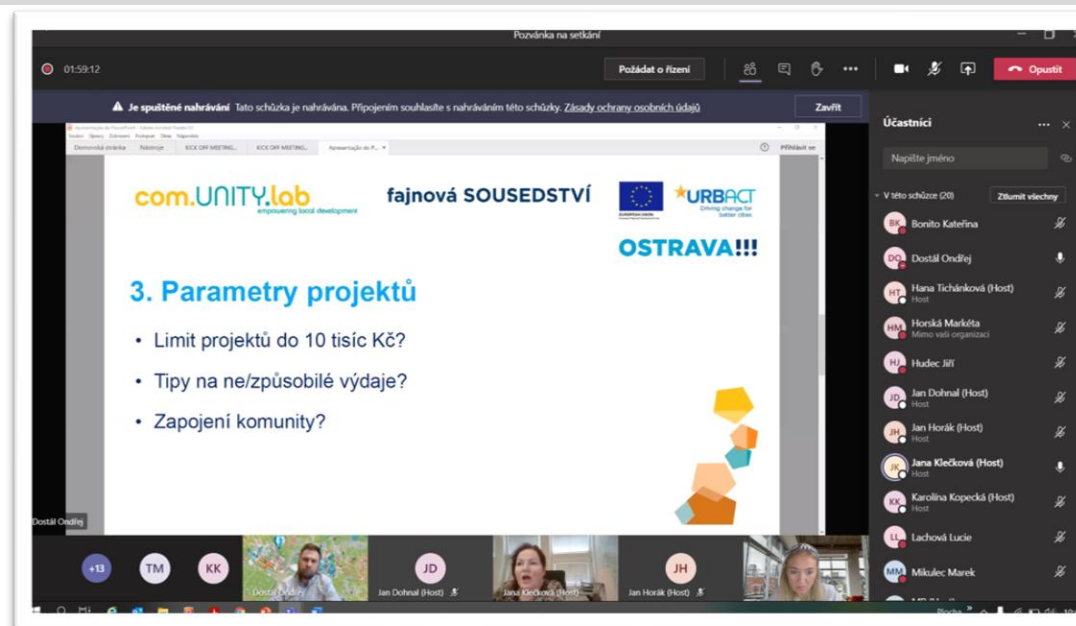
Microsoft Teams

Grant scheme

- Information about the plan of a grant scheme were presented to representatives of the City of Ostrava, city districts and other participants
- The implementation of the grant scheme should help reduce anonymity and support the strengthening of community life in the Dubina housing estate or other Ostrava housing estates
- The participants talked about their experience from similar projects and they are ready to participate in this project

Next steps:

- Pilot testing at the Dubina housing estate (2nd half of 2021 and 2022)
- Application of the model in other districts of the city in case of successful testing and interest of residents, start of the grant scheme (2022 and more)



6th network meeting „on the international ground“ (but on-line)

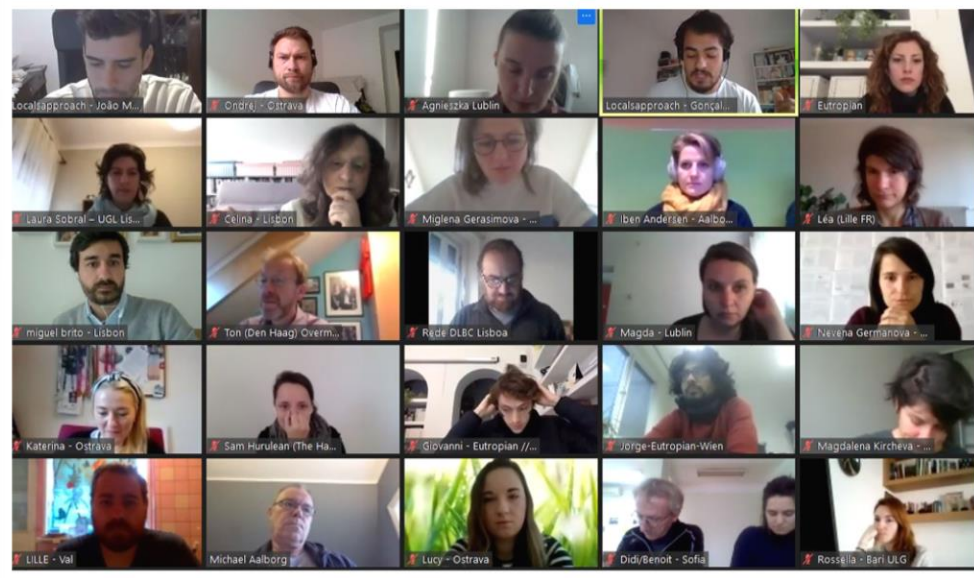


25th November at 10 a.m.

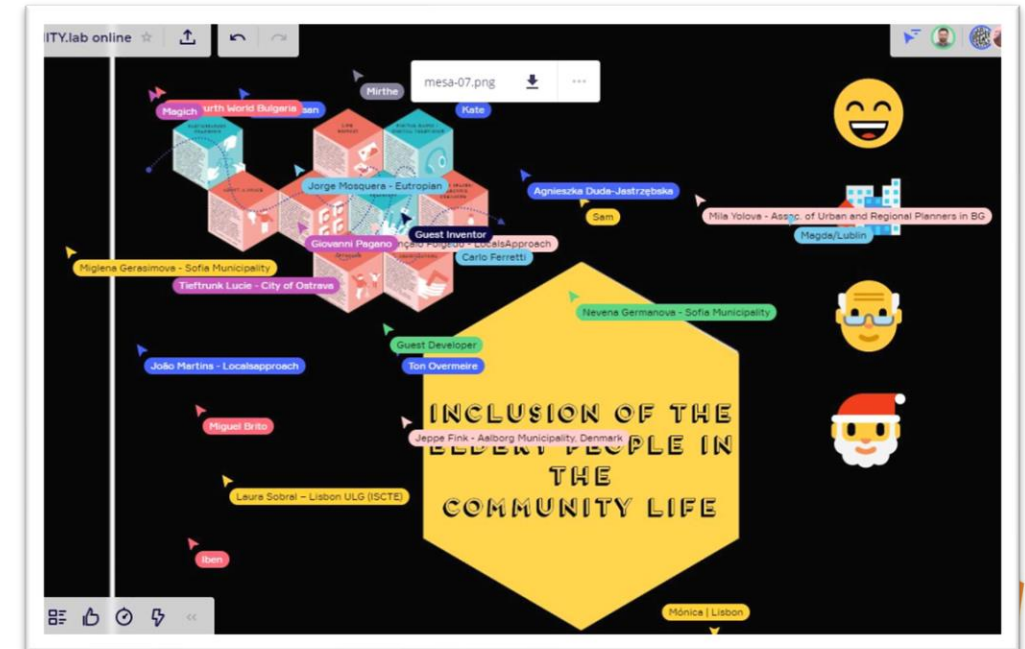


„Sofia“ (Zoom and Miro)

- Sofia presentation about main focuses in their local development:
 - elderly
 - minorities
 - zero waste
 - green energy + air quality



- o Project updates from each partner



- o Playing a participation card game: The participants were divided to the „rooms“, each room had its own focus for which had to find right methodologies and strategies leading to solution

7th network meeting „on the international ground“ (but on-line)



24th February at 10 a.m.



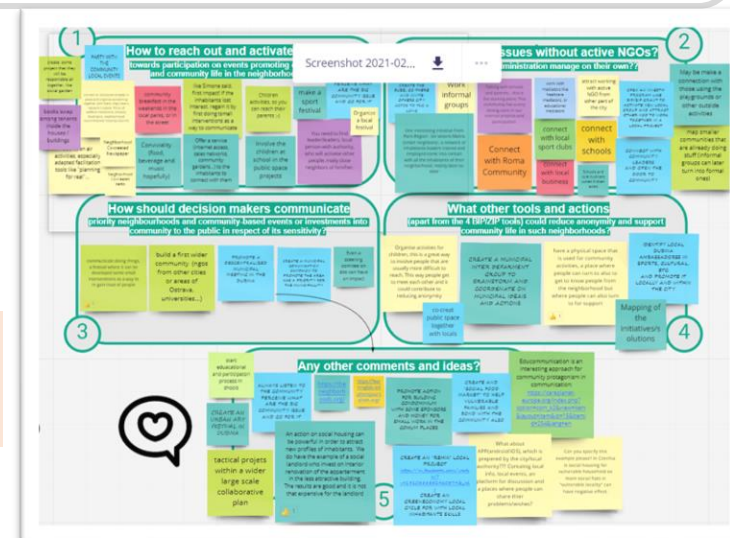
„Ostrava“ (Teams and Miro)

- Ostrava virtual tour
- Good practice of social projects in Ostrava („Bedriska“ especially)
- Presentation of Ostrava-Dubina – the priority neighborhood
- Updates on communication activities and challenges



COMMUNICATION brainstorming on MIRO board

1. How to reach out and activate people?
2. How to deal with challenge #1 without active NGOs?
3. How should decision makers communicate priority neighbourhoods and community-based projects?
4. What other tools and actions could reduce anonymity and support community life in such neighborhoods?



Urbact Local Group meeting



5th May at 10 a.m.



City hall

Presentation of project conclusions to municipal district

- Presentation of plans to the representatives of the municipal district Ostrava-South the project conclusions included questionnaire survey outputs
- Discussion of grant scheme and projects specifics:
 - The first year will be only a pilot and later could be the conditions modified
 - In advance we have to define the conditions what can be included in project budget
 - For control could be used bills and pictures of event



Urbact Local Group meeting – cross department collaboration



31st May at 10 a.m.



City hall



- Presentation of project conclusions and future plans
- Discussion over experience with grant scheme i.e. What works the best
- Discussion over two models – micro grant scheme up to 800 EUR maximum funding and grant scheme with larger budget up to 40.000 Eur.

>>What IMPACT will each of them leave?<<

