

Lessons learned by Iasi during the transfer journey

For Iasi, as learning city within Civic eState project, the conceptual and regulatory framework of the „urban commons” and their co-governance proposed in the good practice examples have an innovative character at local level. We could see, through the analysis of Romanian legal context, that the concept, principles and the regulatory framework of the urban commons co-governance proposed by the mature cities in the project are not common in our country/city.

It was the first time we tried to respond to this type of challenge and, even if we must recognize that we had to face some difficulties during the learning process, the good practice examples helped us to better understand and gave us a basis to develop the approach proposed in the project, and some ideas to try to support in the future a potential legislative change.

We have learned a lot of things during the transnational meetings organized by our partners, that gave us answers to some of our common challenges. It was very useful for us that we had the opportunity to explain and to share ideas about our situation, with a focus on the obstacles encountered during the transfer process, but also to receive the experience shared by other partners. We could see how the other partners faced the challenges, such as ULG composition changes, communication difficulties between different components of the ULG.

The exercises proposed by the Lead Expert of the project during the Transnational Meetings and webinars had a learning role. For example, during a Transnational Meeting, the partners, under the coordination of the Lead Expert, talked about the principles / values underlying the urban commons framework. A webinar was organized in order to explain to the participants the 5 key variables which help us to evaluate the results and impact of the activities carried out during the transfer process: Co-governance, Enabling state, Social and economic pooling, Experimentalism and Tech justice.

In order to involve more representatives of the local community in the design of a creative concept of the Municipal robotics center for children and young people, the idea of launching an open call/contest of ideas was suggested by the Led Expert. The good



practice example of the open call launched by the City of Turin was presented and discussed during a ULG meeting, as a start point of inspiration for us.

We aim to capitalize the expertise of those interested, in terms of activities that could be organized in the benefit of the target segment of community - pupils and students – according to their needs, and regarding the effective operation of the robotics center to be established. The feedbacks obtained when the open call will be launched, would be important, supporting us to put into practice the ideas acquired during this learning process.

Not least, as we all know, the society is currently affected by the crisis generated by the COVID 19 pandemic, which reached more or less all the sectors of activity at global level. Unfortunately, this general context generated a series of difficulties concerning the smooth running of our journey, and we tried to see how we could deal with this unexpected challenge.

Given this context, at the partnership and local level, we started to reflect on the possible adaptations to the COVID crisis and how to motivate the community and together to identify new ideas and solutions. Consequently, it was adopted the alternative of the webinars for the organization of our Transnational Meetings, and within our ULG, we discussed the possibility to shift some of the activities carried out through this project to online environment.

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