

## Creative concept of a Municipal Robotics Center – idea of an Open Call

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 is appropriate.

A point of discussion within the ULG meetings was the suggestion of the Led Expert of Civic eState project to organize an open call, in order to identify the ideas and proposals of the community representatives regarding their vision about the municipal robotics center and its functionalities. The good practice example of the open call launched by the City of Turin was presented and discussed during the ULG meeting, as a start point of inspiration for us. An inter-departmental team of Iasi Municipality will use the inputs of the ULG members as source of inspiration, for the elaboration of the text which will support the open call.

According to our pilot project idea, the applicants to this open call / contest of ideas should describe their vision on the possible functionalities, management/governance mechanisms of the future municipal robotics center and the co-design process of collaboration between the municipality and the different categories of involved stakeholders. For that, they have to propose a concept for the use of the building made available by the municipality, as a municipal robotics center, identifying the possible options, with a special focus on the social/community dimension of the project. The development of the concept will start from a preliminary project-idea (analysis of needs, beneficiaries, objectives, activities, methodologies etc.), it will be founded on a local community engagement approach and also will highlight the potential value of the intervention for the local community.

The proposals must be in accordance with a series of principles and values established within the framework of our project, as: mutual trust, publicity / transparency; responsibility; inclusiveness; openness; equal opportunity / non-discrimination; sustainability; civic autonomy.

We hope, through the contribution of those interested on this topic, to obtain their expertise in terms of activities that could be organized in the benefit of the target segment of community, in response to the requirements of pupils and students, and concerning the effective operation of the robotics center to be established. Their feedback regarding the conditions of use of the public space and its potential functionalities, in accordance with the community needs, will be essential to put into practice the measures designed during this learning process.



At this moment, the City cannot provide the necessary financing resources for the renovation of the building (a former high school canteen), which is not available for the organization of activities as a municipal robotics center.

So currently, our idea is to work on writing the text of the open call, and to launch it as far as we get the financing resources and availability of this building which is the object of our pilot project.

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