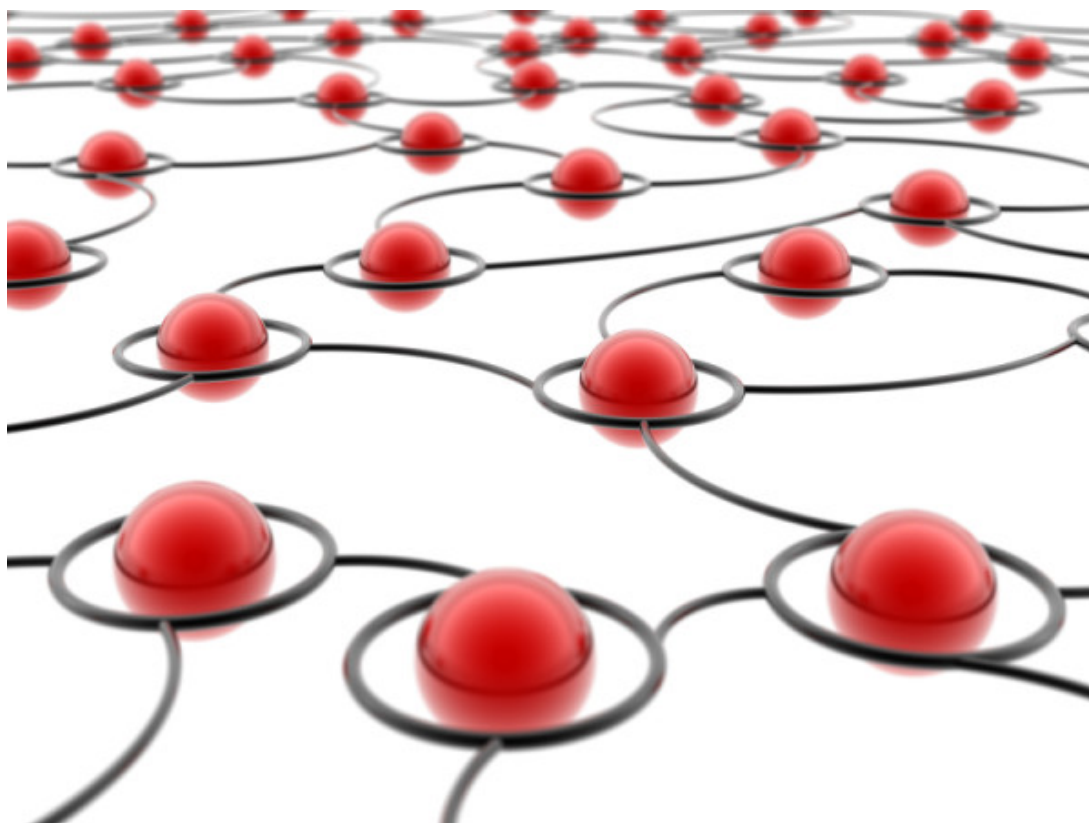


Good practice transfer progress in Iasi

As a partner in Civic eState project, we were motivated to learn from the good practices of the mature cities, in order to understand in what ways we could adjust our local environment to better use our local urban assets, by involving the different actors of the community in this process. For our city, it's a quite innovative approach, given that it's the first time we tried to respond to this type of challenge, so we must recognize that we had to face some difficulties during this journey.

The transfer of the good practice aimed to improve the degree of awareness and stimulate the participation of the community in the use and governance of civic patrimony in Iasi.

For that, we started to learn from the other partners, with more experience in this field, the concepts, principles and methodologies to adapt to our context. Also, we analyzed the legal framework regulating this type of participatory approach to the governance of public goods, which remains still a challenge for our city. The most innovative point of this project was the concept and the legal formula of co-governance or co-ownership of urban assets proposed in the good practice examples.





At the start point, the local public authority, who was the initiator of this approach, has engaged in discussions with local stakeholders - NGO's, private actors, schools and universities - and we tried to give a structure to our ULG (Urbact Local Group). It was a hard work, and it took us a while, since the reaction from these actors was not immediate. Individual discussions went well, creating a good dialogue framework, so currently we have these 4 categories of stakeholders within our project.

Actually, we try to motivate the active involvement of the different actors in debates, by asking for their feedbacks, by sustaining their ideas and initiatives, but also by making them aware of their role and responsibilities.

The contribution of each category of stakeholders is very important. Their feedback regarding the legal issues, the conditions of use of public spaces and possible activities and functionalities for those, the community needs, will be essential to put into practice the measures designed during this learning process.

We hope that, in the future, we can enlarge this ULG structure and make this initiative attractive also to citizens. However, we are still in a good perspective, because we are understanding the conceptual basis and principles of this approach and actively working to engage more and more actors in this important project for our community.

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