

Let's talk about the lessons learned in Gdansk!

Very interesting and useful meeting in Gdansk!

Full of inspiration, good practice examples and lessons for the other partners within the project, including Iasi.

I will concentrate my reflection in this page on the workshop run by Peter Wolkowski during the peer learning session *Making the commons common – how to co-create the place*, organized by the host city at an empty building located at Dolna Brama 8, that the city wants to transform into a social hub. Through a practical exercise, which consisted of working in groups, we have identified some “values” representing the base of co-creating the social hub proposed by the city of Gdansk. So, the reflection and dialogue between the members of the three teams, led to the following principles which help to give the necessary comfort zone to inhabitants and politicians, to “make the place our place”, principles generally applicable to all partners involved in this process. In that order, the values resulting from this exercise are based firstly on the energy of the people, using the collective thinking, according to the principles of transparency, openness, equality, mutualism – receiving and giving back; it is also very important to have the ability to read emerging needs, all these values ensuring the success of our project.





Very useful for me was also the session dedicated to the legal framework for commons in Polish legal order, that shown some similarities with the Romanian legislation, but also gave some ideas on what legal adaptations and improvements could we made in Iasi in order to facilitate the way to valorize potential common urban assets, by involving local stakeholders and civil society in their administration. Iasi will have to take some steps in the consolidation of the legal instruments regulating the public-private-community partnership.

In conclusion, I consider that this transnational meeting was a success, a step forward in our journey, giving answers to some of our common challenges.

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