



Working in pandemic times

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Most of my work in these lockdown or quasi-lockdown times it not about properly working, but find the motivation to work.

Don't get me wrong, I did not quit my duties, I keep on following my objectives and in a way I can gain terrain on some outputs I delayed to conclude, but this requires me a lot of energy. Yes: - staying focused, alone in your room - it's a hard job!

It's different from staying at the office with your partners dealing with the same challenges in the same room. The Covid-19... it's a pain, it's dangerous, but it seems to me we are underestimating the indirect trouble this situation is causing to our body, mind and feelings.

Mostly for a social-oriented project like Civic eState, focused on communing and doing things together, the pandemic is a hard hit! I mean you can understand it can be difficult to find strong motivation on something is based on body language and contact now that it's more or less impossible to have both.

Working with my ULG got really difficult too because all the spaces we were used to meet are closed due to the quarantine.

The URBACT team is doing a great job with the online communication, but there is always something missing from the physical relations... it's harder to get every point, to stay on point. My mind always travels away (everything is a click away!).

Despite this, the webinars we are doing are important to put this situation in common and perspective, to discuss it and tell us about that what we are doing and we can do is still relevant!

I guess a good thing is to plan, focusing on future projects for a better future, hoping we can be back together, get in touch again.

I'm sorry I will not attach any images this time, because in the last weeks I saw only my screen, my flat and my flatmates :/!