

SPATIAL JUSTICE

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Meet FJONA from Albania



I learned that spatial justice is more than just how cities are designed, but how the power dynamics in cities shape the lives of people living in them. This includes access to resources, representation in decision-making, and the resources available to marginalized groups. I am now motivated to use my newfound knowledge to make lasting change in the field of spatial transformation. I plan to actively engage with local and national governments to ensure that spatial justice is taken seriously and that the voices of marginalized communities are heard.

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ABOUT INTERNATIONAL TRAINING IN VIENNA

During September 2022 young urban advisors from Austria, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro participated in the International training in Vienna.



Urban Advisors from each country were engaged in exchanging good practices from program countries in the urban design, revitalization of peripheral areas, advocacy, and participation for peripheral revitalization. Each day of the training was spent in different location, engaging urban advisors in different learning activities and participation in open project, in order to provide them practical knowledge and understanding of the issue. The methodology used during the training events was non-formal training method, study visit, exchange of best practices.

It was especially helpful for the trainees to see a practical example of reactivation of vacant spaces. Upon arrival to their countries, urban advisors had an opportunity to participate in gamification process, as well as to lead local events and trainings, which were organized for sharing knowledge and empowering of local youth in each country.



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Meet HANA

from Bosnia and
Herzegovina



I've learned that reclaiming a vacant space involves a little initiative, some creativity and a lot of collaboration - producing free self-expression of individuals and collectives in their community.

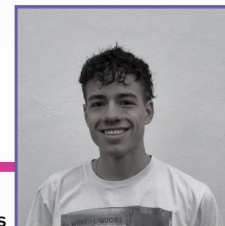
I think this project strengthens a community and allows locals to put vacant spaces to use in response to their needs and hobbies.

I plan on consistently making an effort towards bringing people together through both public and vacant space reclamation projects in a suburban area that lacks cultural services.

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Meet ROBERT

from Austria



Spatial justice is gaining importance as a key issue in our society, bringing to light disparities and injustices that have long been overlooked.

Through projects like these, we become more aware of inequalities in access and opportunity and are empowered not only to recognise but also to bring about positive change.

Therefore, I am happy to participate in this project and share my knowledge in the following local workshops.

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Meet NINA

from Slovenia



I have learned how important is to find new ways to use abandoned places and how to make them usable for people again. Buildings and places are there. Abandoned. Why not make a use of something we have. We have a resource than we should make a good use of. It is important to show that every thing has a second chance "to live"

It's important to talk to people, to make them see and understand the problem and solution on the topic. Many residents of cities could have great ideas what to do with an abandoned buildings and places. It is important to work on this topic together to get the best results out of it.

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Meet KEJSI

from Albania



I learnt to develop a collective alternative to the demolition of urban and architecture transformation being imposed on their neighbourhood, and to support alternative proposals - proposals that have since influenced urban renewal in the town, and prevented some demolitions.

By developing advocacy activities, intervening in public meetings, free parking activities, residents can make their proposals and pressed local institutions to take them into account.

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„Right to the City“ Game

Spatial Justice has developed „Right to the City“, which aims to activate a growing number of people from different communities, including professionals, researchers and policy makers, to make them aware of the roles and challenges with it, which each party faces during development and coexistence in the city. A certain context is built, which tends to draw attention to the needs and present for solutions the challenges faced by a certain community or city. Game developers propose urban interventions in these areas, leaving the options for the most favourable design solution to the game participants.

The layout for the game is adapted for a specific context in each partner country, representing realistic area, which is a subject of urban development. Space is achieved through several educational and recreational centres, which composed with the necessary elements, include accommodation units, services, as well as many very innovative green surfaces, such as green labyrinths, agricultural museums, etc.



Figure 1. The site model for the gamification tool based in Shkoder, Albania



Figure 2. Infographic of the assets used in the game with the respective surface area

In order to ensure the dynamic development of the "Right to the City" a considerable commitment of the community is required. Six groups of stakeholders participate in the game: civil society for children, citizens, municipality, creative industry, land owners and investors.

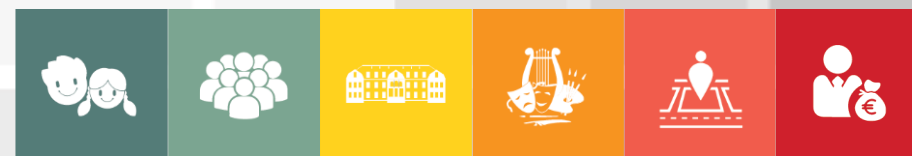


Figure 3. Infographic of the assets used in the game with the respective surface area

Each of these groups receives their own budget for achieving their own aims, while moderators and jury supervise and guide a game, trying to develop different scenarios of the game.

The gamefication was conducted among youth in Albania, Austria, Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina and feedback from participants were collected.



Albania



Albania



Bosnia and Herzegovina



Austria



Slovenia



Montenegro



Local events

As of the beginning of 2023, partners have started the implementation of local events, which included not only gamification „Right to the City“, but also the lectures and study visits in order to improve knowledge of local youth and share best practice examples of what's already learnt during international training in Vienna.



Stay tuned for what
is coming next:

e-learning platform

soon to be released,
20 hrs of learning
materials about spatial
justice

in local language and
in English!

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