CAPA.CITY

CAPA.CITY will develop a theoretical and operational framework to support the building of collective capabilities to create smart and robust urban ecosystems.

Collective capabilities refer to the ability of a collective – consisting of citizens, businesses, NGO’s and institutes– to meet a set of pre-defined objectives. The point of departure is that building these capabilities is a process of joint learning.

For this reason, CAPA.CITY proposes to experiment with 3 location-based experiential learning methods, namely telling, envisioning and making, in order to initiate capacity building processes in 6 residential subdivisions located in Belgium, Denmark and France.

Aim/objective

- Which capabilities does a collective needs to develop to support the creation of smart and robust urban ecosystems?
- How can we improve the capabilities of a collective to reach this aim?
- How can we assess the impact of this capacity building process?

Approaches/methods

- A focus on the retrofitting of residential subdivisions
- Initiate capacity building processes in 6 residential subdivisions (action research)
- Three location-based experiential learning methods: telling, making and enacting

Expected results and impacts

- A taxonomy of collective capabilities and conditions to improve these capabilities
- Retrofitting strategies, capability development protocols, debriefing protocols and tools to support capacity building
- A learning network on capacity building

Involved cities

- Périgueux & Aix-En-Provence
- Turnhout & Lanaken
- Ågerup, Nykøbing & Asnæs

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