Incubators of public spaces

What makes a good urban place is the integration of spatial forms, built and open, that favours the interactions of people as they inhabit those spaces. Incubators addresses ways to harness the new technological possibilities and integrate them within co-creative urban planning and governance with a plurality of stakeholders in the making of vibrant public spaces.

In an Incubator, you can go online or join a public meeting, to easily shape your own scenario for the place, with clear and simple 3D models of spaces – as expected to be: flying through and walking around, exploring and making changes. Then, crowdfund the agreed scenario to provide your support, revamping the city as enjoyably as buying a book online.

Aim/objective

• To develop a methodological approach for the self-organisation of places
• To implement a software platform for crowdsourced/crowdfunded placemaking
• To test the project’s methodology and technology in real-world experiences

Approaches/methods

• Stakeholder interviews, as preliminary face-to-face talks with prospective users
• Personas, as a tool to support the user-driven development of the system
• Scenario workshops, as a participatory method to engage the local community in future visioning

Expected results and impacts

• The Incubators platform, for the running of physical and virtual design workshops
• Three Governmentality Living Labs, for the co-creation of policies and local-governance
• Multi-stakeholder scenarios arising from the layering of micro-interventions

Involved cities/project examples

• Josaphat Ancienne Gare, Brussels
• Quartiere Mirafiori Sud, Turin
• London

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JPI Urban Europe is a transnational research and innovation programme on urban transition. With the ambition to develop and validate new solutions for sustainable and liveable cities, a cooperation platform and programme is provided to connect urban stakeholders, researchers, cities, business and society

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