

Cities of Making

Cities of Making explores opportunities for strengthening urban based manufacturing in European cities following years of decline and offshoring.

Using a combination of strategic and action research, our ambition is to identify what works in supporting a resilient and innovative urban manufacturing base, and to test those solutions in a real-world setting.

We will learn from experiences in London, Rotterdam and Brussels – each with a distinct industrial heritage. By the end of the project we will have developed ideas, practices and policies focusing on public authorities (and many other relevant stakeholders) to breathe new life into their manufacturing communities.



Aim/objective

We aim to have defined the basic building blocks for urban manufacturing addressing moves for 'Re-industrialisation', 'Re-shoring', 'Industry 4.0', 'The Circular Economy' and so-forth. This involves focusing on three themes: technology and resources, space and transitions.

Approaches/methods

- Strategic research through compiling data (GIS, statistical and material flows) and engagement methods.
- Action research to adapt tools.
- Stakeholder engagement through ongoing interviews, discussions and workshops.

Expected results and impacts

- Strong stakeholder input with user centred design of the tools.
- A toolkit focused on three significant dimensions: technology & resources, spatial opportunities and the strategic approaches to achieving it.
- Three distinct implementation plans within the three partner cities.

Cities of making – Resources for activating new urban industry through technology, spatial design and transition governance.

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Involved cities

- Brussels
- London
- Rotterdam / The Hague

About JPI Urban Europe

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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