

SubUrbanLab

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The Urban Living labs are:

- 1) "Shape your world"
- 2) "New light on Alby Hill"
- 3) "Vacant space Alby"
- 4) "Energetic co-operation"
- 5) "Sustainable decisions" and
- 6) "Together more"

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Results and expected impact

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The booklet "Urban Living Labs as arenas for co-creation in urban areas" presents the success factors of urban living labs including the lessons learned during the project to encourage also other cities and municipalities to follow. The booklet also emphasizes the added value and benefits to be gained through collaboration. The target groups of the booklet are e.g. organizations who want to start and lead urban living labs in connection to modernization and uplifting actions.



Aim/objective

- Develop and implement Urban Living Lab methods
- Develop and implement modernisation and social upgrading actions based on involvement and co-creation with users and stakeholders

Approaches/methods

- Urban Living Labs as arenas for co-creation of innovative urban solutions and a means to involve the residents and stakeholders into development in an urban context

Expected results and impacts

- Boundary conditions and key success factors for Urban Living Labs developed
- Increased sustainability in the two less valued suburbs included in the project through Urban Living Labs
- Assessment of potential for the implemented actions and the co-creation methods to be up-scaled across Europe

Involved cities/project examples

- Three Urban Living Labs in Alby, Municipality of Botkyrka
- Three Urban Living Labs in Peltosaari, City of Riihimäki

SubUrbanLab – social uplifting and modernization of suburban areas with urban living lab approach

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