

SYNCITY

The city of tomorrow needs enduring participatory processes involving all relevant stakeholders and to push innovative competence and operate within a paradigm of sustainability. This is the starting point for the project SYNCITY.

In line with SDG 11 ‘Sustainable Cities and Communities’, SYNCITY shows how urban transformation projects, especially in deprived areas with highly diverse communities, can reach high acceptance by dwellers and have positive consequences for the urban society as such, the local economy and the overall co-living in the city.

Often urban transformation plans with a potential for positive change lack comprehensive and coordinated stakeholder integration. The SYNCITY case study in the neighbourhood Cureghem, located in central Brussels, leads to a methodology for urban transformation processes, resulting in three feasible proposals for future larger scale urban transformation projects in Cureghem, and a toolbox for European municipalities to better implement integrative urban transformation processes in the future.

Aim/objective

Raise the life quality in the neighbourhood of Cureghem in Brussels by creating a durable and integrative stakeholder process for feasible sustainable urban transformation

Under the header “a neighbourhood for all and for the future”, raise awareness of local stakeholders on sustainability issues and the importance of the commons

Develop a toolbox for European municipalities for improved stakeholder processes, sustainable urban solutions and higher acceptance of these by local communities

Set the basis for a Europe-wide network “Creating Cities Together” with clear standards for sustainability and participation

Expected results and impacts

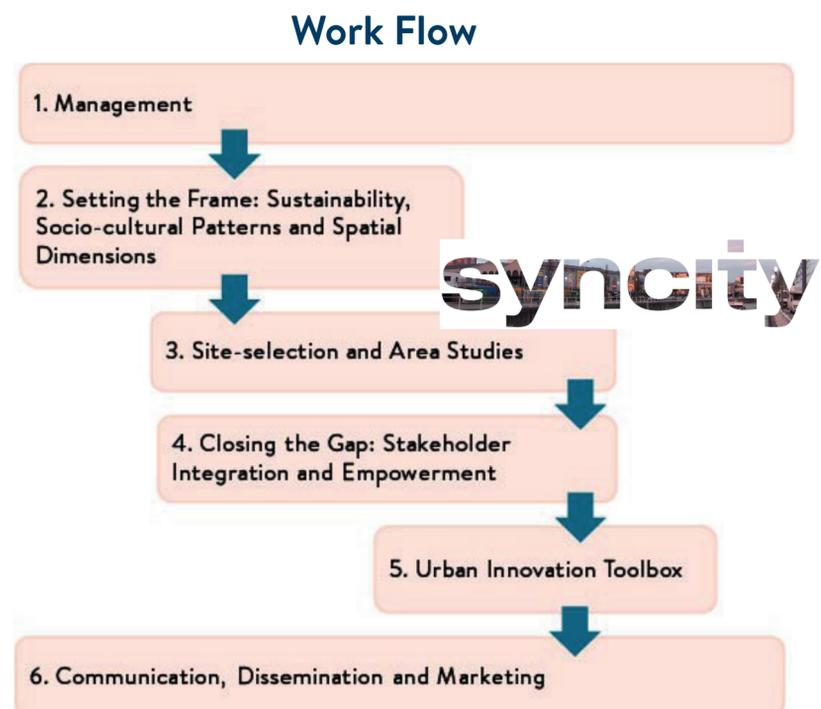
Three research-based, stakeholder integrated sustainable urban design solutions for Cureghem

The Urban Innovation Toolbox: a guide for municipalities to successfully organize an urban transformation process, integrate sustainability criteria and reach high acceptance by citizens for urban projects

Enhanced life quality through improved communication between local stakeholders and the creation of a collective narration

Enhanced awareness of local stakeholders for the need for sustainability-driven urban solutions that support local communities and urban public life for all

Raised interest of outsiders and potential investors in the area. European Network “Creating Cities Together”



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Involved cities: Brussels, Vienna

Making Cities Work Joint Innovation Call

The Making Cities Work call invited municipalities, businesses, researchers, civil society and other stakeholders to build transnational consortia to create challenge-driven innovation projects for European urban areas that have the potential to result in commercially successful services and products.

