European Citizens’ Laboratory for Empowerment: CiTies Shared

A European cultural cooperation project (2013-2014)

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Encourage creativity and new appropriation of urban space

Empower citizens to drive local change

Enhance European urban space diversity

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Questioning the role of cultural and creative actors in strengthening citizens’ empowerment in urban making.

A cooperation between 11 European and international partners from 9 countries. Cultural and creative actors working on links between culture, creation and social innovation. A transverse, structured and sustainable approach to:

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**Experimentations**

Laboratories in 6 European cities are implemented through artistic residences and workshops based on local, participative and crossways approach, integrating complementary fields: art, urban planning, architecture, new uses and new technologies.

Multidisciplinary artists and creative actors, citizens, local and European authorities are invited to share and answer local issues, through innovative and artistic projects, experimentating and analysing various approaches, methods and tools to favour citizens’ knowledge and action potential on urban environment.

**Open artistic participatory events and debates**

are organised to mobilise citizens, local stakeholders and authorities on urban issues, raising awareness and action capacity, enabling innovative forms for consultation and favouring a co-diagnosis and co-design for European urban development.

**Observation & recommendations**

The partners will lead an observation and analysis of the processes and actions initiated, to evaluate and put them into perspective, in an integrated approach - from local to political levels - in order to identify tools and draft political recommendations, during a final symposium, to be disseminated in Europe and beyond.

ECLECTIS action will be extended by the development of a European network on Citizens’ empowerment in urban context.

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