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The neighbourhood promise wishful thinking or breakthrough approach?

a.k.a. "the neighbourhood session" at the CIVITAS Forum 2017

Friday, 29 Sept. 2017 – 9:30-11:30 – Session C1



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Abstract



Four new CIVITAS projects focus on urban districts or neighbourhoods, based on the assumption that neighbourhood-specific characteristics (proximity, trust, identity etc.) can be strategically utilised to trigger new types of mobility solutions. These assumptions will be tested in the projects Cities4People, METAMORPHOSIS, MUV and SUNRISE. This session will include a short presentation of each project and some insights from a related initiative from the SUITS project. Afterwards, two parallel break-out groups will discuss the advantages, potentials, promises of neighbourhood-focussed approaches and their risks, disadvantages and pitfalls. All participants will have to chance to wear a sceptic's and optimist's hat during this interactive World Café style discussion.

Background

- **Specific characteristics of neighbourhoods / urban districts**
 - Street space is not only transport space but **space for social interactions**
 - Typical competition between various uses of space, esp. with **parking**
 - **Proximity**, clarity and navigability; opportunities for F2F encounters
 - Quick effects of interventions; **direct feedback loop** ideal for experimentation
 - Sense of **community and trust**; shared language, cultural references, history
 - Emotional attachment and commitment, **belonging**, responsibility, identity
 - **Knowledge** about local situation, geographically, socially, historically
 - Suitability for intense collaboration, **collective thinking** and learning
 - Higher chance to reach **hard-to-reach groups**;
- **Assumptions like these will be tested by four new CIVITAS projects**
 - Cities4People,
 - METAMORPHOSIS,
 - MUV,
 - SUNRISE.
- **Related experience from Erfurt (SUITS project)**

Structure

- 09:45** • **Impulse from Erfurt**
 - „Inner city as a meeting zone - Experiences, Chances and Challenges“*
 - positive experiences
 - negative experiences
- 10:00** • **The „neighbourhood projects“**
 - participating neighbourhoods / districts
 - conceptual framework,
 - aspirations & expectations,
 - risks & concerns.
- 10:30** • **World-Café style break-out groups**
 - Sceptics and Optimists
- 11:00** • **Swap roles**

Presenters



- Erfurt: Sebastian Spundflasch / Heidi Kroemker, Ilmenau Univ. of Technology
- Cities4People: Julie jo Nygaard, Copenhagen Business School
- METAMORPHOSIS: Karl Reiter, FGM AMOR
- MUV: Salvatore Di Dio, PUSH
- SUNRISE: Hana Peters, Rupprecht Consult

Thank you!



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