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Implementation of UEA: An overview of the action planning concept and implementation framework



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“It [an action plan] should be used to identify the **specific tasks, timelines, and resources** necessary for implementation. It will activate the community’s **vision** by enabling the desired outcomes appropriate to the people and place, including the protection of natural landscape.”

Coyle, 2011



1. ACTION PLANNING IN GENERAL

City of Vancouver, B.C. , Canada

- Roadmap to becoming the greenest city in the world by 2020
- Ten goal areas
 - E.g. access to nature, climate leadership, green buildings, etc.
- Measurable targets and deadlines (i.e. specific tasks)



<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/6513582/greenest-city-2020-action-plan-the-city-city-of-vancouver>



1. ACTION PLANNING IN GENERAL

City of Vancouver, B.C. , Canada

- Goal area: access to nature
- Targets: all residents live within five minute walk of a park, greenway, or other green space by 2020, plant trees, restore/enhance natural areas
- Resources: city, students, businesses, institutional partners



Georff, Peters: Dining in the Davie Community Garden
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/gpeters/5045979145/>



2. ACTION PLAN CONTENT AND STRUCTURE WITHIN SALUTE4CE

Action Planning Steps	Description of each step
General considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Background and aims of the SALUTE4CE Project. -Description of action plan goals: How will urban acupuncture be utilized within the respective FUA?
Creating local action plans (3-phase process)	<p>Problem statement - potential acupuncture points</p> <p>Potential solution (s)- pinpricks /needles</p>
Step 1:Preparation Phase (preliminary activities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Deciding on responsible parties (e.g. forming an action planning team) -Developing visions for city/ FUAs and identifying goals -Gaining support for the pilot project (e.g. public, political & financial) -Defining planning procedures (e.g. Set milestones, work program, timetable)
Step 2: Analysis Phase (gather information, evaluation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Data collection & generation if necessary -Creation of a FUA profile (i.e. knowledge concerning general conditions and the local situation) -Pre-selection of UEA sites
Step 3: Development Phase (formation of action plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Final selection of UEA sites -Defining plan targets and measures -Public feedback on planning process and concept to improve the action plan (i.e. living labs)
Plan Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -UEA site creation -Maintenance & management plan creation -Monitoring & evaluation concepts based on set indicators

2. ACTION PLAN CONTENT AND STRUCTURE WITHIN SALUTE4CE

Simplified structure



2. ACTION PLAN CONTENT AND STRUCTURE WITHIN SALUTE4CE

Action plan structure

- The contents is modeled after the transnational action plan table of contents.
- An outline was provided by the IOER and included in the appendix of the final transnational action plan.
- Ten-page English summaries

Proposed structure of a local Action Plan

1. Introduction

Challenges of urban development in the City XYZ; context of SALUTE4CE; context of urban green and UEA; general objective of the plan

2. Process of action planning in the city XYZ

Initial situation, vision and goals of the city, Involvement of stakeholders, citizen participation, work program and timetable

3. UEA sites in the city

Selection of UEA sites, analyses, assessment matrix

4. Action plan

Identification of measures and approaches, public feedback, selection of targeted measures, recommendations for the future

5. Maintenance and management plan

Who will take over maintenance, future financing, etc.

6. Controlling, Outlook and future prospects

English Summary

Example based on proposal by Christian Bachmann



3. ACTION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS IN PARTICIPATING CITIES

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACUPUNCTURE

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- Alessandria
- Impulse Region
- Liptovský Mikuláš
- Chorzów



3. ACTION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS IN PARTICIPATING CITIES

Report on action planning

→ Action planning goals

- Action planning goals vary for each FUA, but
- All 4 FUAs focus on climate change adaptation (heat regulation, air quality, high precipitation events).

→ Main supporters throughout planning process

- Variety of actors involved: e.g. city employees, garden/greenery offices, city planning offices, office managers, consultants, students
- Main supporters: consultants, NGO's, political/local administrators, climate protection managers, green/city urban planning departments, external experts, local residents, scientific SALUTE4CE PP



3. ACTION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS IN PARTICIPATING CITIES

→ Public Involvement in the planning process

- All focused on including the public (in GI planning, future maintenance).

→ Selection of UEA sites

- Importance of the public emphasized (involved in planning process in various formats: living labs, GIS map applications, presentations, online meetings, research walks).
- Data contributing to selection
 - collected from residents, cadastral (e.g. land use, climate change) and
 - information collected on-site (e.g. soil, percentage of sealed area, shade, temperature)

→ Controlling and monitoring (C&M)

- Included measuring for example: temperature, biodiversity, impact of green sites on learning capacity, impact of vegetation/soils, vitality of green areas, visual usefulness of furniture, safety, accessibility



3. ACTION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS IN PARTICIPATING CITIES

Neighbourhood Sofa



Grand Mama Garden



Good Practice Examples

Identifying problems & solutions, Impulse Region



Design concept with children, Liptovský Mikuláš



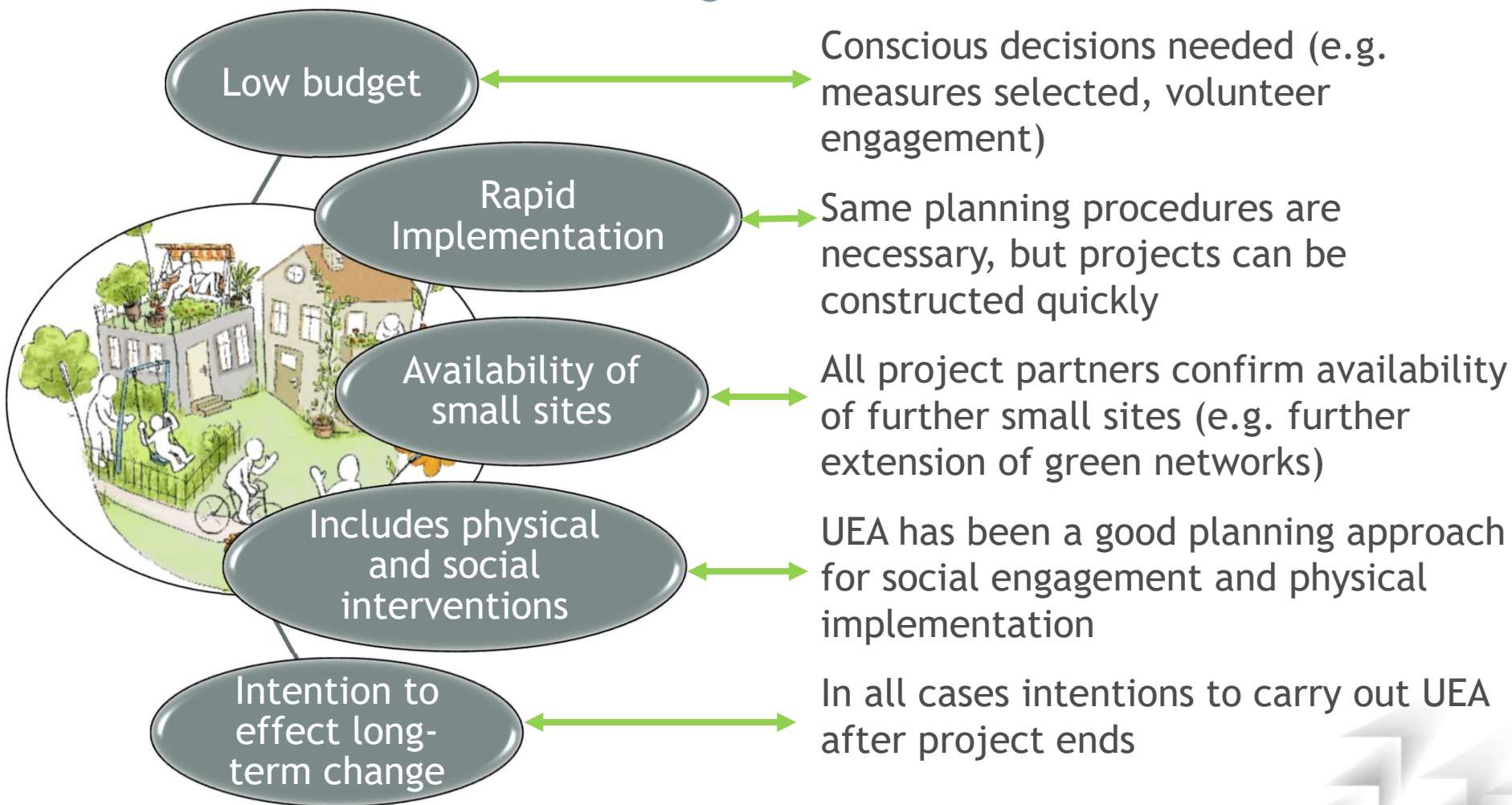
Implementation with school children, Alessandria

Exploratory walk, plant species selection, Chorzów



4. LESSONS LEARNED

Examining Individual Factors



4. LESSONS LEARNED

Advice from Project Partners

Alessandria

- The planning process can be improved through private intervention/ contribution and by multi-annual planning carried out by administration.

Chorzów

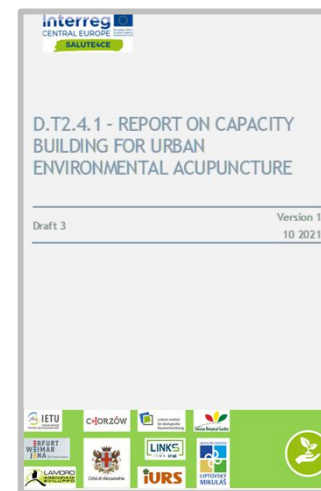
- The first step in improving the planning process for UEA is to convince decision-makers that such investments are important and necessary.

Impuls Region

- To move UEA from status of a model approach to a regular task, a widespread network of well-integrated stakeholders is needed to support and sustain the process.

Liptovský Mikuláš

- The list of UEA sites should be a living document and should be updated/supplemented regularly.



4. LESSONS LEARNED

Action Planning for UEA

- Informal
- Complementary to other forms of planning
- Suitable for public participation/input
- Arouses interest in green infrastructure planning
- Addresses challenges of green infrastructure implementation
- Future-oriented



5. DISCUSSION



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