

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	MUNICIPALITY OF OUTES
PIC number:	893836862
Project name and acronym:	Strategic and Human Rebirth in European Local Community — EURebirth

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	10		
Event name:	9TH INTERNATIONAL EVENT «IMPROVE URBAN REGENERATION»		
Type:	9th International Event; conference, good practices, participatory game.		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Outes (Galicia, Spain)		
Date(s):	19th & 20th September 2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.outes.gal/gl/anuncio/847-proxecto-eurebirth		
Participants			
Female:	15		
Male:	13		
Non-binary:	/		
From country 1 [Spain]:	19		
From country 2 [Italy]:	5		
From country 3 [Romania]:	2		
From country 4 [Croatia] :	2		
Total number of participants:	28	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
A) Visit to good practices			

19th September - Renatur project and urban regeneration on the Tins River side & Voluntary activity – Outes

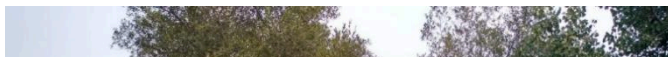
On the 19th of September 2024, EUREbirth project partners participated in a visit organized by the Municipality of Outes focused on the Renatur project and urban regeneration along the Tins River. The visit also included a voluntary activity in collaboration with the Montescola Foundation.



During the walk along the Tins River, representatives from the Montescola Foundation guided the group, explaining the various invasive plant species that threaten the native biodiversity. They highlighted the methods used to control these species through voluntary activities. Along the way, participants also took part in a clean-up, collecting rubbish found along the riverbank.



At the conclusion of the walk, the group engaged in an additional activity to help manage the local environment. Participants assisted in sorting branches and trunks of eucalyptus trees - an invasive species in Galicia - while other volunteers from the Montescola Foundation worked to cut down these trees. This initiative contributes to the ongoing efforts to preserve the native ecosystems of the region.



20th September – Visit to Porto do Son Municipality

On the 20th of September 2024, EUREbirth project partners visited the Municipality of Porto do Son as part of an initiative to explore sustainable practices and environmental preservation in coastal areas.

The visit provided an opportunity for partners to learn about the unique challenges faced by Porto do Son in maintaining the balance between urban development and the preservation of its natural coastal landscapes. Local representatives showcased their ongoing efforts to promote sustainable tourism and protect the biodiversity of the region, focusing on coastal erosion prevention and the restoration of natural habitats.

The visit to Porto do Son highlighted the importance of sustainable urban planning in coastal areas and reinforced the project's objectives of environmental preservation and community participation.

B) 10TH TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATION MEETING

The 10th Transnational Project Coordination Meeting took place on 19th September, focusing on project implementation and strategies to enhance citizen participation. Partners validated the methodology for assessing citizen engagement and reviewed best practices from sectors like tourism and agriculture. The Citizen Compass framework was evaluated to guide citizen-driven policy discussions.

Innovative ideas, including a game mechanism inspired by Monopoly, were proposed to simplify participatory processes. A Romanian best practices presentation showcased the revitalization of Alba Iulia's fortress, multifunctional spaces, and social housing initiatives. The meeting also reviewed drafts of the EUREbirth Citizen Participatory Strategy and the Urban Rebirth Game, designed to foster citizen engagement.

C) CONFERENCE “IMPROVE URBAN REGENERATION”

On 20th of September 2024, partners attended to the Conference “Improve urban regeneration”.

Mr. Manuel González López, Mayor of Outes, started the Conference by welcoming all participants. He also presented Carmen Fabregat and Joám Evans on behalf of the Renatur project, who will speak later in the event. Following this, Mr. Francesco Marchionni, on behalf of the Municipality of Capizzone, expressed gratitude for the experience and hospitality of the event in Outes.



The conference provided a comprehensive explanation of the Renatur project from both environmental and urban perspectives. First, Joám Evans from Fundación Montescala

presented the environmental aspects of the project, followed by Carmen Fabregat from the University of Coruña (UDC), who addressed the urban strategy involved.

Joám Evans highlighted Galicia's identity as the "land of ten thousand rivers" and emphasized the need to rethink our relationship with nature. One of the project's key aims is to draft the first collective Declaration of Rights for the Tins River, outlining ten rights and fourteen commitments to protect its ecosystem. The initiative includes different activities such as rubbish collection, tree planting, and the removal of invasive species. Additionally, the project takes a sustainable approach by repurposing trunks from the river into tables and chairs for local primary schools. The motto "Pensa global, actúa fluvial" encapsulates the philosophy behind these efforts.



Following this, Carmen Fabregat (UDC) presented the urban strategy component, which focuses on reorganizing spaces to better integrate the environment. The project revolves around three main points, starting with an ethnographic process to preserve the memory of the river and ensure future generations do not forget its significance. The goal is to enhance public participation, involving citizens in the river's restoration. The project also seeks to restore nature to areas of the river with low water levels and protect its banks from further degradation, while offering opportunities for the development of future environmental initiatives.



During the Q&A session, it was mentioned that the project had initially been planned on a larger scale, but certain key aspects could not be implemented as originally intended. Nonetheless, Renatur remains a vital initiative for the sustainable future of Outes.

D) PARTICIPATORY GAME

Continuing with the session, partners participated in the activity Participatory Game: Experimentation of Urban Rebirth - The EURebirth Project Game for New Citizen Participation. The workshop aimed to develop a game that encourages citizen engagement in urban renewal, using a collaborative and creative process.



The workshop followed a simplified structure:

1. Introduction (15 minutes)

Facilitators introduced the concept of "Urban Rebirth" and explained the goal of creating a game to promote citizen participation.

2. Brainstorming (30 minutes)

Participants brainstormed key game elements, such as objectives, target audience, and mechanics. Ideas were collected on post-it notes and shared with the group.

3. Core Mechanics and Prototyping (60 minutes)

In small groups, participants developed game rules and tested basic mechanics using prototyping materials. Adjustments were made in real time based on group feedback.

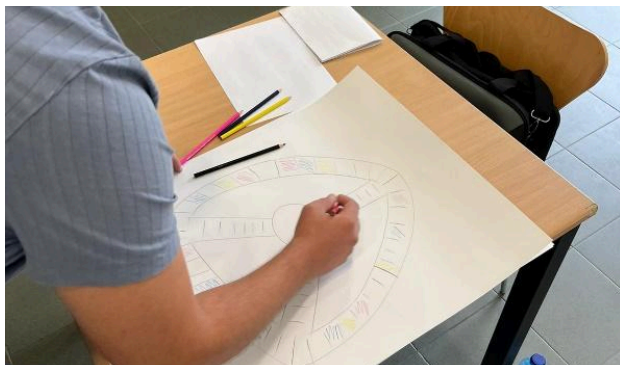
4. Presentation and Feedback (30 minutes)

Each group presented their prototype, followed by an open discussion to gather suggestions for improvements.

5. Summary and Next Steps (15 minutes)

The session concluded with a review of the key takeaways and an action plan for further development of the game.

After thoughtful deliberation, the participants reached a consensus to design a game modeled after Trivial Pursuit, but specifically tailored to the goals and themes of the EURebirth project. The game will focus on key topics such as economic development, urban planning, and social services, which are central to the project's mission of promoting urban renewal and community engagement.



In addition to these core themes, the game will feature questions and challenges related to the countries and municipalities actively involved in the EURebirth project. This inclusion ensures that the game not only promotes general knowledge about urban renewal but also fosters an understanding of the specific contexts, cultural heritage, and developmental priorities of the regions participating in the project. Through this approach, the game will serve as both an educational tool and an interactive experience, allowing players to explore important aspects of community development while also learning about the diverse European communities involved in the initiative.



By combining these elements, the game is expected to engage citizens in a fun and accessible way, encouraging greater awareness of the challenges and opportunities related to urban rebirth, while fostering a sense of connection across different European regions

E) MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.outes.gal/>

Television: <https://canalbarbanza.com/archivos/107222>

Newspaper:

<https://obarbanza.gal/2024/09/outes-acolle-o-19-e-o-20-de-setembro-a-novena-edicion-do-proxecto-europeo-de-sustentabilidade-eurebirth/>

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).