

Empowering Neighbourhood Associations – Riga, Latvia



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PILSĒTAS ATTĪSTĪBAS DEPARTAMENTS



The Riga pilot focuses on Community-Led Local Development. This includes involving residents, entrepreneurs, NGOs, and municipality representatives in a collaborative local action group. Together, they will work on developing a neighbourhood development strategy that reflects the needs and aspirations of the community.

WHY | Purpose

The Riga pilot is situated in the interconnected neighbourhoods of Grizinkalns and Avoti, located in the historic centre protection zone of Riga. These neighbourhoods offer a mix of residential areas, range of educational facilities and recreational options.

One of the aims of this pilot project is to empower neighbourhood associations by addressing their financial dependence on the municipality. By providing more tools, methods and ways for a greater independence, these associations can take more active roles in shaping the development and well-being of their neighbourhoods. By incorporating Public Interest Design approaches and community-led principles into the project activities, the Riga pilot aims to create a more inclusive, sustainable, and community-driven approach to territorial planning and development in the chosen neighbourhoods.

HOW | Field of Action

Bottom-up planning mechanisms to give residents a more significant role in decision-making processes regarding their neighbourhoods.

- Mapping local stakeholders to identify key actors and potential contributors to the development process.
- Facilitating networking between stakeholders to establish a strong and cohesive local partnership.
- Organising workshops for co-designing the local development strategy, ensuring the active involvement of community members.
- Conducting informative seminars to share knowledge and best practices among stakeholders.
- Encouraging the community to organise events to foster a sense of ownership and pride in the neighbourhood's development.

WHO | Actors

- Residents of Avoti and Grizinkalns neighbourhoods.
- NGOs - Avoti and Grizinkalns Neighbourhood Resident Associations, Riga Neighbourhood Alliance.
- City Council's Specialists.

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"Everything we create profoundly shapes our societal function. Understanding PID offers a practical framework for crafting improved and pertinent responses to collective challenges in social, economic, political, cultural, and behavioural domains, facilitating public engagement in addressing their own issues and initiatives." - Viliams Kursītis-Vroblevskis