

Destination 1

Connecting the green transformation social inclusion and local democracy



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Topic identifier	Topic title
HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-01	The impact of common space on neighbourhood communities
HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-02	Fostering and maintaining the social fabric for the green transition in neighbourhoods
HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-03	Beautiful, sustainable and inclusive street furniture for the transformation of neighbourhoods
HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-04	Network of neighbourhoods for innovative policies on gentrification



HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-01: The impact of common space on neighbourhood communities

- Type of action: Research and innovation action
- **Indicative budget**: €10.5 million
- Number of expected projects to be funded: 3
- Deadline: 12 November 2025
- Legal and financial set-up: lump sum



HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-01: The impact of common space on neighbourhood communities

Expected outcomes

- Better understanding of the effects of the design, aesthetics and other features of common spaces on inhabitants and opportunities to produce different forms of value.
- **Enhanced capacities** to integrate insights in policies, strategies, plans and measures for the regeneration of common spaces in neighbourhoods.

- Study a range of common space projects in at least three EU Member States or Associated Countries (medium and long-term impacts, effects of design and maintenance, uses and experiences of space by different groups and in different periods of the year).
- **Provide recommendations** for public administrations and other stakeholders involved in the regeneration of common spaces in neighbourhoods.

HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-02: Fostering and maintaining the social fabric for the green transition in neighbourhoods

- Type of action: Research and innovation action
- Indicative budget: €9 million
- Number of expected projects to be funded: 3
- Deadline: 12 November 2025
- Legal and financial set-up: lump sum



HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-02: Fostering and maintaining the social fabric for the green transition in neighbourhoods

Expected outcomes

- Better evidence on how cultural participation may reinforce the social fabric and civic engagement and contribute to the green transition in neighbourhoods
- Better understanding of the role that cultural and creative sectors in participatory decisionmaking, community engagement and activities for the green transition in neighbourhoods.
- Improved methods and strategies to increase sense of belonging, collective engagement and ownership in the green transition of neighbourhoods.

- Study the **conditions** under which **cultural participation** may **reinforce the social fabric and civic engagement** (evidence and data, trends, gaps, correlations, benefits, causal links, variables...).
- **Demonstrate at least 3** evidence-based **methods or strategies in at least 3 neighbourhoods** in different Member States or Associated Countries.
- Propose recommendations for public authorities and not-for-profit organisations

HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-03: Beautiful, sustainable and inclusive street furniture for the transformation of neighbourhoods

- Type of action: Innovation action
- Indicative budget: €10.4 million
- Number of expected projects to be funded: 2
- **Deadline:** 12 November 2025
- Legal and financial set-up: Financial Support to Third Parties (maximum EUR 100 000 per third party)



HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-03: **Beautiful, sustainable and inclusive street furniture for the transformation of neighbourhoods**

Expected outcomes

- Improved integration of public authorities, social actors as well as the arts, cultural and creative sectors and industries, into the design and development of innovative street furniture.
- Better evidence on the uses of street furniture and the role of the co-creation in its
 design informs procurement processes to improve quality of experience, safety, security,
 sustainability, climate-resilience and inclusiveness in neighbourhoods through street furniture.

- Develop and demonstrate innovative designs for sets of street furniture that contribute to a
 functional common space throughout the year, improves environmental performance,
 strengthens the aesthetic and cultural integrity of the common space, meets the needs of
 different population groups throughout time.
- Apply participatory methods while co-designing and prototyping innovative street furniture
- Produce recommendations to inform procurement processes for street furniture.

HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-04: **Network of neighbourhoods for innovative policies on gentrification**

- Type of action: Coordination and support action
- **Indicative budget**: €2.5 million
- Number of expected projects to be funded: 1
- Deadline: 12 November 2025
- Legal and financial set-up: lump sum



HORIZON-NEB-2025-01-PARTICIPATION-04: **Network of neighbourhoods for innovative policies on gentrification**

Expected outcomes

- **Increased use of policies** to mitigate the negative consequences of gentrification and enhance its positive impacts in urban, peri-urban, and rural neighbourhoods.
- Increased capacity of local policymakers to anticipate and mitigate the negative consequences of gentrification when designing and implementing policies in alignment with the NEB.
- Empowered local communities engaging in decision-making processes to mitigate the negative consequences of gentrification due to the regeneration of neighbourhoods.

- Create a bottom-up network (at least 15 neighbourhoods) with a (potential) risk of gentrification
- Map neighbourhoods' needs, challenges, trends and opportunities
- Identify, document, and disseminate knowledge, evidence, policy design, tools, and best practices
- Support local decision makers in better understanding (drivers, effects, interplays)
- Address gentrification (developing or revising local policies, developing strategies)