

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	KRIZEVACKI LABORATORIJ INOVACIJA ZA KLIMU (KLIK)
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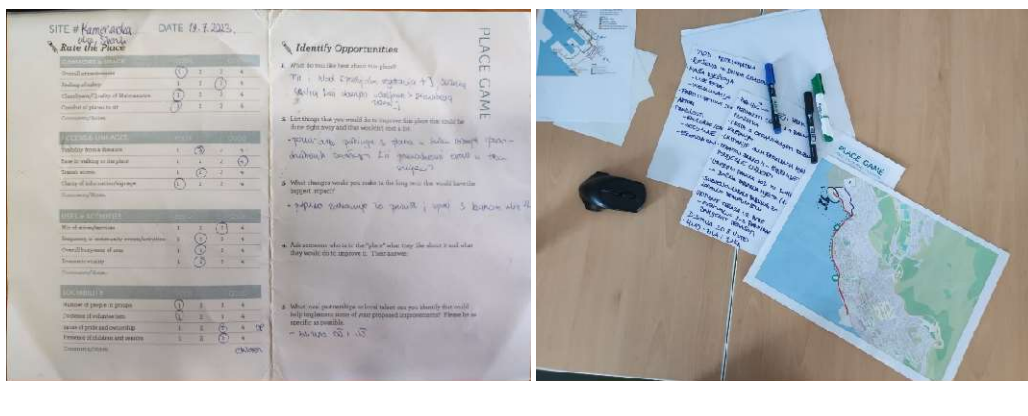
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	13		
Event name:	Community Placemaking Workshop - Šibenik		
Type:	Workshop		
In situ/online:	In situ		
Location:	Put Tanaje 29, Šibenik, (The Fortress of S. John)		
Date(s):	July 19, 2023		
Website(s) (if any):	-		
Participants			
Female:	23		
Male:	11		
Non-binary	0		
From Croatia:	34		
Total number of participants:	34	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>As part of the Odras Summer School, which took place in Šibenik from 17.7. to 21.7.2023, a successful placemaking workshop was organized in collaboration with the Križevački Laboratory for Climate Innovation (KLIK). This initiative gathered participants with the aim to learn about the Placemaking approach, explore its potential, possibilities and tools, and encouraged them to actively participate in the process of co-creating the space. Using the Place Game tool, participants proposed practical solutions to improve the local space in order to shape the urban space according to their wishes.</p>			



Placemaking is an innovative approach that allows citizens to actively contribute to the creation of communities tailored to their needs and interests. The workshop was a great opportunity for citizens to open their minds, stimulate their imaginations, and visualize the city they want to see in the future. Most of the proposed solutions focused on reducing traffic and increasing green spaces in the city, which is in line with the European Union's climate policy.



The workshop participants were divided into five groups with equal representation according to gender and guided by mentors to selected locations. There, they used observation methods and direct contact with citizens through questionnaires to collect relevant data about the assigned space. Upon their return from the field, they analyzed the collected data, drew conclusions, and developed a group vision for each place, along with proposed solutions.



The participants' conceptual solutions for each place were presented in several steps, including establishing a direct bus route connecting the dormitory to the student campus, building bike garages and establishing a public bike system, reforesting the area by planting new trees, reducing the number of parking spaces and converting those spaces to parks, closing traffic in the downtown area during Mobility Week, and establishing a parklet.



The participants presented their solutions to the public, including representatives of the Šibenik Municipality, who showed interest and promised to consider some of the ideas in their further development plans. The workshop successfully brought citizens together with local authorities and stimulated a dialog on the possibilities of urban development in the city.



Ultimately, the workshop contributed significantly to raising awareness of place-making as an important tool for improving urban space and inspired citizens to take an active role in creating a better and more sustainable environment for all.

Although the workshop was originally planned to be held in Cres/Lošinj, we decided that it would be better to hold it in Šibenik for several important reasons. First of all, we decided to partner with Odraž, an organization with which we have common interests, and the joint cooperation enabled us to achieve common goals in a wider area. In addition, young experts from various fields (architecture, construction, transport sciences, economics, etc.) who express their interest in placemaking thinking came together in Šibenik, which gave us the opportunity to spread ideas and promote innovative thinking. Moreover, we received additional support and help in organizing the workshop due to the good cooperation with the local authorities in Šibenik.

At the end of the workshop, participants expressed their satisfaction with the presented placemaking approach. Such an interactive workshop provided them with valuable insights, inspired them and stimulated them to think about new ideas. As the workshop was mainly attended by young people who are at the beginning of their professional careers, they felt that this kind of event can significantly help

them in further developing their professional careers and that their actions can improve the communities around them.

34 individuals from 1 EU member state participated in this Community Placemaking Workshop. Of the participants, 23 identified themselves as female and 11 as male.



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