



# STREETS FOR CITIZENS

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As the Streets for Citizens project enters its final stretch, we are excited to move into one of the most dynamic and visible phases of our journey. After months of preparation, collaboration, and planning, the partnership is now approaching the moment when ideas truly come to life. The groundwork laid through previous work packages—developing methodologies, engaging citizens, and designing roll-up plans—has prepared our cities for what comes next: the implementation of pilot actions.

In the coming months, most of our pilot interventions will be rolled out across the participating cities. These activities will test tactical urbanism solutions in real urban environments, transforming public spaces through creative, low-cost, and people-centered approaches. For the partnership, this represents the most exciting part of the project, where planning meets practice and local communities can directly experience new ways of using their streets.

We expect to see inspiring transformations taking shape—from temporary street redesigns and pop-up activities to initiatives that promote greener, more inviting public spaces and active mobility. These pilots will also generate valuable lessons about how cities can experiment, learn, and adapt before implementing long-term solutions.

As implementation progresses, we will be sharing more and more visual stories from the field. Soon, you will see exciting photos and videos showcasing the pilots in action and the people who bring them to life. Stay tuned as Streets for Citizens enters its most vibrant chapter yet, demonstrating how collaborative experimentation can help cities across the Mediterranean reclaim their streets for citizens.

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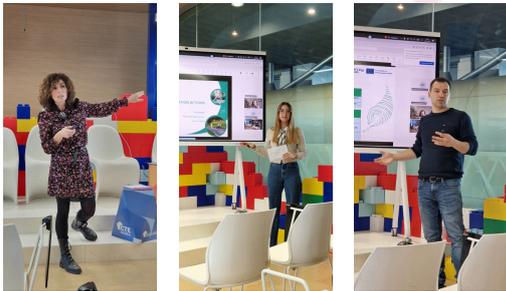
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# MEETING #5

The Streets for Citizens partnership met in Rome from 27 to 29 January for a key transnational partner meeting, kindly hosted and excellently organised by ANCI Lazio. Taking place as the project enters its final phase, the meeting played a crucial role in ensuring that all partners move forward in a well-coordinated and aligned way.

The first day focused on the practical experiences of territorial demonstration partners related to pilot implementation and community campaigns. Partners shared lessons learned, highlighted technical and organisational challenges, and provided constructive feedback on each other's approaches. These exchanges confirmed the value of peer learning and helped identify common issues that can be addressed jointly at project level. In the afternoon, discussions shifted toward pilot assessment, including a dedicated peer-review session. This work directly supports the co-creation of one of the project's most important outputs: the Euro-MED Toolkit for designing tactical urbanism solutions, aimed at enhancing the transferability of results to other small and medium-sized towns across the region. The second day was dedicated to hands-on workshops focusing on the co-creation of policy papers and the communication activities planned for the project's final period. Partners worked together to align messages, formats, and timelines, ensuring that pilot results will be effectively communicated to citizens, decision-makers, and wider professional audiences. On the third day, the meeting concluded with a site visit showcasing a tactical urbanism intervention in Rome, including a dedicated school street section. This on-site experience provided valuable inspiration and grounded discussions in real-life implementation.



27-29 JANUARY  
ROME

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## AREANATEJO (POR)

Agência Regional de Energia e Ambiente do Norte Alentejano e Tejo (AREANATEjo) has been strengthening its contribution to the Streets for Citizens Project through the implementation of its territorial demonstration action in the city of Portalegre, focusing on active mobility.

### A Colourful Pedestrian Corridor Connecting the City

The demo action currently under development centers on the creation of a multicolored pedestrian corridor composed of four distinct colors bands. This intervention aims to revitalize public space, improve walkability, and enhance the attractiveness and safety of everyday routes. The corridor strategically connects schools located in the city center with several key points of interest, including public gardens, local services, and, most notably, the city's bus terminal.

Despite setbacks caused by periods of heavy rainfall in the city of Portalegre, the AREANATEjo team has closely monitored the on-site implementation, awaiting favorable weather conditions to ensure high-quality execution. The visible progress of the corridor is already transforming the perception of urban space, making it more welcoming, inclusive, and people oriented.

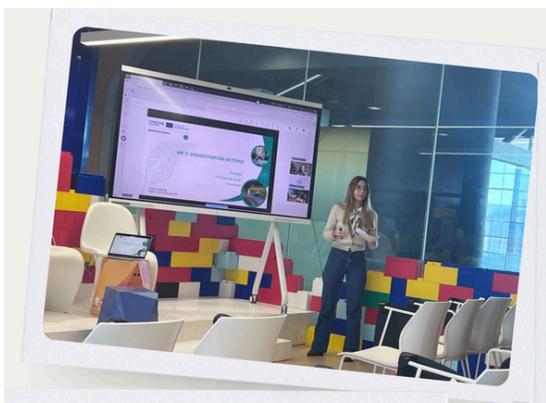
### Promoting Active Mobility and Intermodality

Beyond encouraging walking, the pilot also integrates a strong intermodality component. The installation of urban furniture is currently being developed to further support sustainable mobility practices, namely drinking fountains and bicycle parking facilities placed at strategic locations along the route. These measures aim to facilitate the combination of soft modes of transport with public transport, promoting healthier and more environmentally responsible mobility habits.

### Community Engagement as Added Value

A key added value of this phase has been the active involvement of the local community. The intervention has been openly discussed with citizens of all ages, including students from the schools located along the pedestrian route. This participatory approach has enabled the collection of valuable input, strengthened local ownership, and ensured that the implemented solution effectively responds to real community needs.

Through this pilot, AREANATEjo demonstrates in a tangible and visible way how relatively simple yet strategically planned urban interventions can contribute to more sustainable, healthy, and better-connected cities.



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## DUCOR (ESP)

DUCoR contributed to the work within WP3 as a knowledge provider partner, also leading the A3.3

Communication demonstration activities.

DUCoR was the KP partner dedicated to the demonstration action group G3 - Pop-up activities. We supported pilot partners delivering their pilots / demonstration actions with providing technical assistance. We supported partner cities in communication about the technical pilot actions through community campaigns. DUCoR developed D3.3.1 Directives for Open your Streets events document to help pilot partners in delivering their events.

We worked on the Assessment methodology, which provides pilot partners with a set of evaluation methods for the assessment of their pilot actions - such as a questionnaire survey (for citizens), individual interviews (for key stakeholders), structured peer reviews (to assess the quality of pilots), a self-assessment tool and also a tool to assess community campaigns. DUCoR developed the document with contributions from the whole partnership.

We participated at the 5th partner meeting which was held in Rome, Italy in January, 2026. We facilitated a plenary consultation with territorial demonstration partners about assessments and held the peer review workshop with the involvement of the whole partnership. Furthermore, we presented our concept developed for the Mainstream Labelling Campaign to partners.

We provided input for the article written about the project by Interreg Euro-MED: [From concrete to green: Which trends will shape your city's future?](#). This was later integrated into the DG Regio newsletter of the European Commission: [Inforegio - Interreg driving the New European Bauhaus: from tactical urbanism to water-smart cities](#).



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## NICOSIA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CYP)

ANEL has advanced with increased citizen engagement and activities over this period, bringing the vision for the intervention closer to reality! Following the participatory workshops, detailed designs and architectural plans for the Green Corridor were developed and submitted for approval. On 10 January 2026, ANEL in collaboration with the SURF Lab of the University of Cyprus and the Municipality of Latsia-Geri, transformed part of the plans into action with a community planting activity along the pedestrian street next to the Latsia Health Center, as part of the "Open Your Streets" event.

The event was a lively gathering of residents of all ages, from children and students to families and local groups, demonstrating the community's enthusiasm for enhancing their public spaces. The Mayor of Latsia-Geri personally joined the activity, planting herbs alongside municipal staff and council members, sending a strong message about the importance of collaboration between citizens and local authorities. Many participants brought their own plants from home, enriching the intervention area and creating a sense of ownership and personal connection to the street. This spontaneous contribution highlighted how small, collective actions can make a visible difference in the urban environment.

The planting activity is part of the broader "Walking Together in Latsia & Geri" initiative, following workshops where residents contributed ideas and co-decided the type of interventions for the pedestrian street. During the event, participants had the chance to learn about tactical urbanism, see the vision for the street and understand the potential of simple, hands-on activities to gradually transform public spaces into greener, more functional areas for everyone.

This intervention is just the beginning. Further enhancements are planned, including shaded areas, seating and urban equipment, aiming to make the space more sustainable, accessible and inviting. The activity successfully combined creativity, community engagement and environmental action, showing how citizen-led initiatives can drive meaningful improvements in local neighborhoods.

ANEL has made significant progress in bringing the Green Corridor vision to life! This community planting activity highlighted the power of collaboration between citizens, local authorities and partners and sets the stage for future actions that will continue to transform public spaces into greener, more vibrant and inclusive areas for all.



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## IPOP (SLO)

In the past months, the project has entered an important concluding phase, with partners gradually finalising the implementation of their pilot interventions. Throughout this period, knowledge providers have played a key supportive and advisory role, helping territorial partners reflect on their progress and strengthen the quality of delivery.

Together, we have established a comprehensive framework for monitoring and evaluation, ensuring a structured and comparable assessment of pilot actions across all partner cities. After the territorial partners finish their pilots, they will be conducting surveys, interviews and self-assessments to gain deeper insight into the effectiveness, acceptance and adaptability of their interventions. An important milestone in this process was the partner meeting in Rome, where a peer review session enabled partners to exchange constructive feedback, share lessons learned and critically reflect on their approaches. We are very encouraged by the commitment and creativity demonstrated by the territorial partners in implementing their pilots.

The meeting in Rome was also strategically focused on the next phase of the project: preparing the evaluation report, developing the tactical urbanism toolkit and organising the final conference. These steps are essential to ensure that the project's knowledge and practical experiences are consolidated, clearly communicated and transferable beyond the partnership.

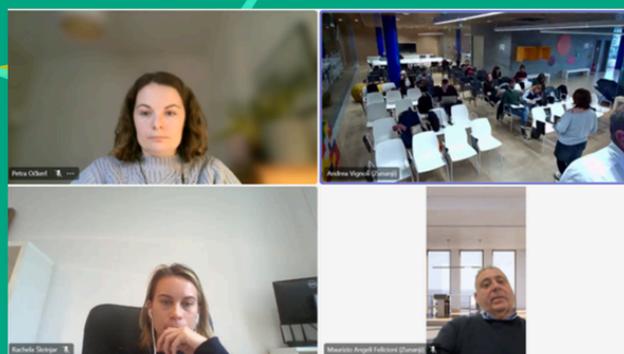
Work has already begun on the tactical urbanism toolkit, which will synthesise practical knowledge and tested approaches.

Parallel to this, we are carefully identifying and reaching out to potential speakers for the final conference, aiming to create a strong, inspiring and forward-looking closing event that will showcase the project's achievements and broader impact.

By providing methodological guidance, strategic input and continuous support, IPOP is helping to ensure coherence, quality and long-term relevance of the project results.



We joined the partner meeting in Rome online — present in pixels, but absent in pasta. While others explored attractive tactical urbanised spaces in person, we mastered the art of virtual admiration, dreaming of teleporting ourselves straight into those beautifully transformed streets.



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## ENVIPARK (ITA)

Envipark actively collaborated with other PPs on WP3 activities, focusing on making our pilots' projects both measurable and sustainable. During our meetings in Ioannina (GR), we worked directly with partners to build a solid framework for the project. We co-led the workshops to design the peer-review methodology and ensure that the assessment tools are practical, transparent, and grounded in real-world experience. During the workshop, practical feedback on the Roll-up plans and community campaigns to help each pilot improve its local engagement.

As the lead of the Carbon Footprint methodology, Envipark processed all data for the last period through the ZeroCO2MED tool, giving every partner a clear view of their specific impact for the period. Two key documents are now finalized and available on the project SharePoint: D3.5.1, which explains our carbon monitoring strategy, and D3.2.1, the master plan for evaluating our pilots and peer reviews.

On the communication side, our thematic article on the benefits of tactical urbanism and the description of the pilot case in Rome was published in six different journals, and we officially presented our progress at the ECOMONDO Fair in November. It was a great opportunity to connect with other Mediterranean initiatives and screen the official project video at our stand.

Looking ahead, we are now gearing up for Work Package 4. At our meeting in Rome, we held brainstorming sessions to start building the EuroMed Toolkit and the upcoming Policy Paper. To get a head start, we've already collaborated with the Dialogue4Living Areas project to align our policy recommendations at both the regional and EU levels. We have shared a draft template, a detailed Gantt chart, and a structure for local workshops to help all partners prepare for the next phase.



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## OCS (BIH)

### Greening Public Spaces through Tactical Urbanism

Since October, the Municipality Centar Sarajevo has made significant progress in implementing its pilot activity within the Streets for Citizens project by installing large urban planters in two central city locations - Karlo Paržik Square and Merhemića Square.

This intervention represents the first step in transforming public spaces through the principles of tactical urbanism, aiming to create healthier, greener, and more accessible urban environments for all citizens. A total of 18 large mobile planters have been placed across the two locations, containing Japanese cherry trees, Japanese maples, and globe catalpa trees.

The use of mobile planters allows flexible testing of new spatial solutions without permanent construction interventions, making this activity an ideal pilot model for future systemic urban improvements.

The main objectives of the pilot activity are:

- Enhancing the quality of public space through quick and visually effective solutions
- Reducing the urban heat island effect
- Improving the microclimate in areas lacking greenery
- Strengthening climate resilience in urban areas
- Encouraging citizens to rethink the role of streets and squares in their communities

By planting trees in mobile containers at key locations – sidewalks, squares, and other high-frequency areas without existing greenery – the project contributes to the humanization of urban space and improves the overall quality of everyday city life.

Although temporary and experimental in nature, this intervention represents an important step toward the long-term and systematic greening of the Municipality of Centar. The pilot also aims to actively involve citizens in co-creating the spaces in which they live, with a strong focus on participation, sustainable mobility, and improving quality of life.

The results of these pilot interventions will serve as a foundation for developing strategies, methods, and guidelines to enable replication of successful solutions in other urban environments.



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## JS PTUJ (SLO)

The heart of Ptuj is undergoing a transformation. As part of the Streets for Citizens project, we recently hosted a hands-on demonstration in the city centre, turning a familiar thoroughfare into a vibrant, shared space. This wasn't just a city planning exercise; it was a co-created action designed with you and for you.

From Vision to Reality

By incorporating ideas directly from your feedback and workshops, we have begun to reshape our urban core. The goal is simple: to transform our streets into a lively social hub—a place where people aren't just passing through, but staying to enjoy the atmosphere. Through collaborative on-site actions, we've proven that when citizens are involved in the design of their surroundings, the city doesn't just change—it thrives. This "tactical urbanism" approach uses small-scale, flexible changes to demonstrate the massive potential of our public spaces.

Modular Comfort & Greenery

At the center of this transformation is our new, mobile urban furniture. Designed and produced in collaboration with local companies, these 1.5m x 1.5m modular benches are the ultimate building blocks for social interaction. Their versatile design allows for multiple configurations:

- Lounge setups for relaxed afternoon chats.
- Circle formations for community debates.
- Stage and audience layouts for pop-up cultural events.

To ensure the "Living Room" is comfortable even in the height of summer, we have integrated new greenery to provide natural shade and a breath of fresh air amidst the stone and asphalt.

What's Next?

The transformation is far from over. To add even more energy and visual appeal to the area, we are collaborating with a local graffiti artist to create a vibrant mural that reflects Ptuj's modern spirit. We will also be installing interactive boards, inviting citizens of all ages to get creative, playful, and leave their own mark on the city.

This project is a living invitation for neighbors to share a coffee, for children to play safely, and for local service providers to find new inspiration. Together, we are reclaiming our streets and making Ptuj's city centre the welcoming, vibrant "living room" we all deserve.



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## ANCI LAZIO (ITA)

Building a Tactical Urbanism Model for Lazio and Beyond

While in the next issue we will explore in detail the Rome Pilot Area of Streets for Citizens, in this newsletter we would like to focus on the broader framework of interventions that are being activated in synergy with the project across the city.

The pilot in Rome (Italy) is closely connected to the vision of tactical urbanism and the concept of the "15-minute city," promoted by Roma Capitale within the international programme C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group - Green and Thriving Neighbourhoods. In this context, the Spinaceto neighbourhood (Municipio IX) has been identified as a strategic area for implementing tactical urbanism actions aimed at transforming Largo Cannella and the adjacent Piazzetta Rossa into a vibrant, inclusive, and community-oriented public space.

Since October, ANCI Lazio has positioned Streets for Citizens not only as a pilot intervention, but also as a methodological starting point for a broader territorial strategy. Tactical urbanism is being framed as a low-cost, rapid, and participatory approach, capable of redesigning streets in favour of pedestrians and cyclists, integrating urban greenery, and strengthening local social cohesion and civic engagement.

"Our goal is not just a physical transformation, but a methodology that can inspire other municipalities." - Andrea Vignoli, "Street for Citizens" Project Manager at ANCI Lazio

While the Masterplan approved by Roma Capitale (Deliberazione di Giunta Capitolina n. 278, 27 July 2023) provides the long-term vision for the area—integrating urban paths, green spaces, and community services—the tactical urbanism approach allows for low-cost, rapid, and participatory experimentation with new uses, spatial layouts, and community-driven solutions. The intervention aims to balance experimental and permanent elements, fostering pedestrian and cyclist-friendly streets, urban greenery, and social cohesion.

Largo Cannella, with its 11,000 m<sup>2</sup> including both built structures and public space, becomes a living laboratory to test models of cultural and social activation, promoting inclusivity and accessibility for all community members.

The pilot intervention aligns with four key dimensions:

1. Complete neighbourhoods - ensuring accessibility to essential services;
2. Inclusive communities - promoting participation of all social groups, with particular attention to women, youth, and underrepresented groups;
3. People-centred mobility and public space - prioritizing active mobility and safe communal areas;
4. Urban nature - fostering green spaces and ecological connectivity.

Through stakeholder mapping, co-design workshops, and on-site implementation days, the project aims not only to deliver tangible transformations of public space but also to produce a replicability guide, enabling other municipalities in Lazio - and potentially across the Euro-MED area - to adopt similar tactical urbanism solutions tailored to local contexts and community needs.

In this perspective, the Rome experience becomes a living laboratory where environmental sustainability, proximity planning, and civic participation converge. The lessons learned in Spinaceto will inform a scalable model for rethinking streets as public spaces for people, reinforcing the mission of Streets for Citizens to promote healthier, more resilient, and socially vibrant cities.

In the next newsletter, we will dive deeper into the design process, community engagement activities, and the first visible transformations taking shape in the Rome Pilot Area of Streets for Citizens, particularly at Via Cina, in front of the Public School, Comprehensive Institute Matteo Ricci.

Images source: Roma Capitale - Urban Planning Department, "15-Minute City" project, Municipio IX Spinaceto.

Official website: <http://www.urbanistica.comune.roma.it/citta-15-minuti/mun-09-spinaceto.html>



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FAMCP (ESP)

## TFAMCP Pilot Action · Utebo (Spain)

### From design to implementation: Utebo activates a tactical urban laboratory

The Federation of Municipalities, Counties and Provinces of Aragón (FAMCP) is advancing the pilot action of the Streets for Citizens project in the municipality of Utebo (Zaragoza), transforming a strategic civic and school environment into a real-life laboratory for tactical urbanism.

The intervention focuses on the area connecting the Town Hall, Santa Ana Square and the Primary School. Through temporary, low-cost and reversible solutions, the pilot aims to test new ways of using public space that are greener, safer and more inclusive.

### A pilot shaped with and for the community

The pilot design is the result of a co-creation process led by FAMCP together with the Municipality of Utebo, involving families, teachers, local residents and municipal technicians. Participatory breakfasts, exploratory walks (Jane's Walk) and open discussions allowed local needs to be translated into concrete design solutions. Implementation and community activation activities are planned during 2026, including a collective "Open Streets Day", and will inform future interventions in other municipalities across Aragón.

### What is being tested in Utebo,

The pilot introduces a set of tactical urban elements that can be easily installed, evaluated and adapted:

Shaded pedestrian routes using lightweight textile canopies to improve thermal comfort

Mobile planters with native and aromatic species, enhancing biodiversity and environmental awareness

Reconfiguration of existing street furniture to create social and intergenerational micro-spaces

Tactical ground painting and wayfinding to improve the use of space

Educational and ludic elements transforming the area into an open-air learning environment

Why this pilot matters: Beyond a local improvement, the Utebo pilot acts as a demonstration action for other municipalities in Aragón and beyond. It shows how small, temporary interventions can trigger lasting changes in how public space is perceived and used.

From Utebo to Europe : FAMCP reinforces the role of local authorities as key actors in the European transition towards healthier, greener and more people-centred streets. Utebo becomes a reference point for how European cooperation can translate into tangible improvements in everyday urban life.

Stay tuned for updates on this pilot and how Utebo is leading the way towards more liveable and humane cities.



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## MUNICIPALITY OF IOANNINA (GRE)

The City of Ioannina continues to support the Streets for Citizens Project, a European project funded by the Interreg Euro-MED Programme by participating in the project's events and preparing its territorial demonstration action in the city of Ioannina, focusing in active mobility combined with tactical urbanism at a neighborhood level.

### Participation in project meetings

The City of Ioannina participated in the 5th project meeting of held in Rome from 27 to 29 January 2026. The meeting presented an excellent opportunity to inform everyone about the project's progress and exchange valuable inputs on the progress of the city pilots.

During the meeting, the city of Ioannina presented the state of the demonstration action and focused in the participatory process, by engaging the local community in both the design process as well as the intervention. What is more important, is that Ioannina had the opportunity to work together with its fellow-Streets-for-Citizens cities as well as the project Experts to design the upcoming "Open your Streets" event, and also to co-create tactical urbanism solutions for a vibrant engagement of the community for the months to come. Finally, Ioannina participated in activities related to the assessment of the intervention; a key activity for measuring its impact against the goals for a more inclusive, safe and attractive public space.

Last but not least, during our meeting in Rome, we had the opportunity to visit an emblematic tactical urbanism intervention on a street where several schools are located, and learn about the process that was followed for engaging the schools, the community and for designing an artistic intervention on the street, as well as installing urban furniture. What was also important was to see that within this intervention the street space was permanently allocated to pedestrians and students - a very inspiring example for making cities more livable!

### City regeneration using tactical urbanism in the city of Ioannina

The city of Ioannina has engaged in a constant and open dialogue with the neighborhood, where the demonstration action is applied. Building on a strong chain of participatory events (community breakfasts, community walks and open-air events and city pic-nics), the tactical urbanism intervention was initiated, targeting enhanced safety, accessibility and improvement of the quality of life on the neighborhood dwellers.

The initiation of the project works has been closely monitored both by the city technical staff as well as the community. Recent photos that represent construction works were presented and the overall timeline of the project was analyzed and discussed.

The tactical urbanism is accompanied by an artistic intervention, presented in the form of an open-street graffiti, which will be applied in the building facades, overlooking the intervention. In this direction, the city organized an open discussion with the residents and officially informed the residents assemblies on the graffiti choices. The assemblies then had the opportunity to select their graffiti (design) of preference.

The ambition of the project is to create a model intervention for similar projects globally and contribute to the overall transferability of our results in order to help similar small and medium-sized towns in implementing tactical urbanism interventions building on our own valuable experience.





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