



RU:RBAN Second Wave #3rd Quarterly Network Report

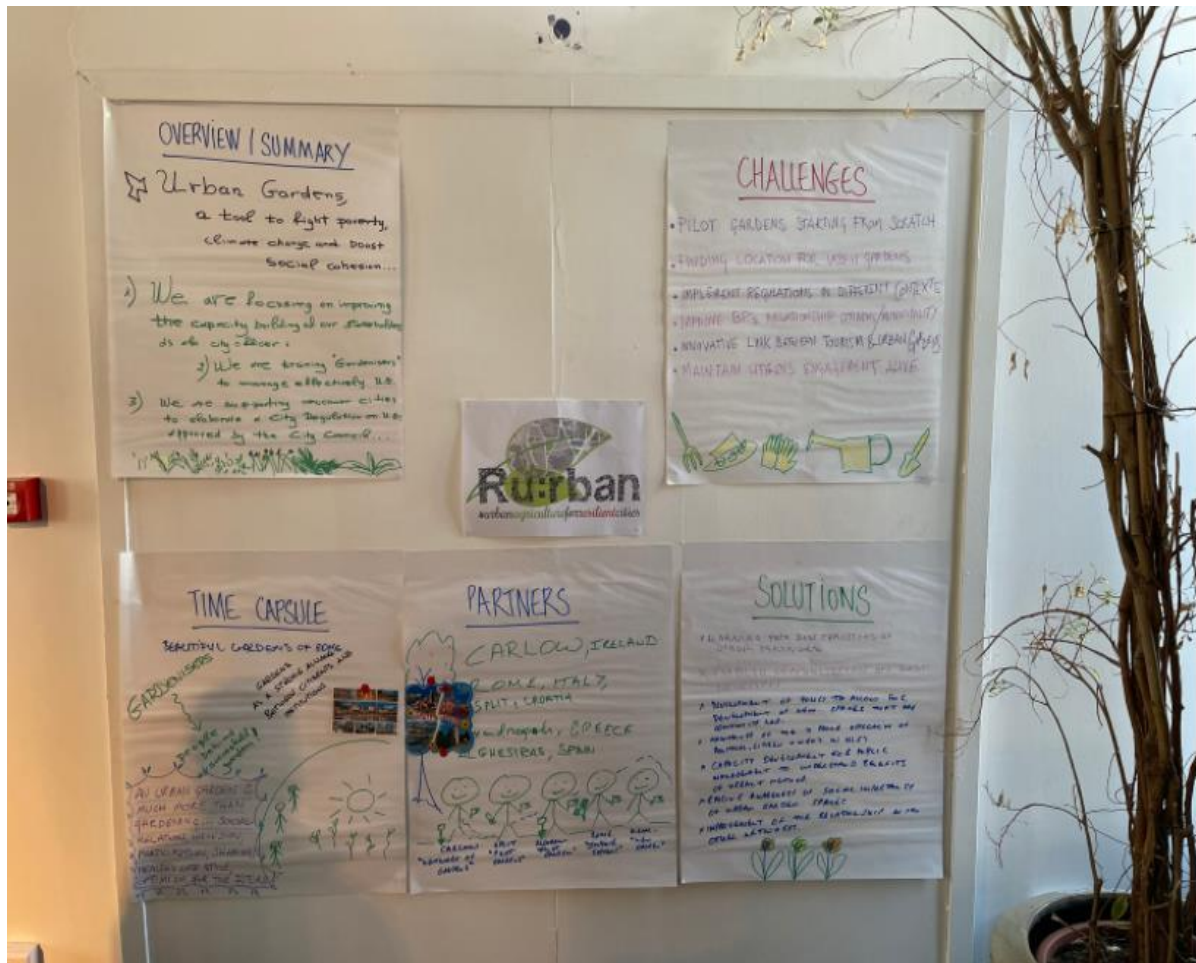


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THE NEW TRANSFER JOURNEY IS ONGOING ...

RU:RBAN SECOND WAVE ...

The management model of Roman Urban Gardens travelled through Paris, France, Mar 2022, as a midterm stop with JS officers ...

COVID19 pandemic is slowly behind us ...

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Introduction

The 3rd quarter report aim is to **capture** and **connect** learning for the network and share it with wider audience.

For this purpose, It is uploaded in the networks' webpage.

RU:Rban Second Wave continued by the end of March 2022 its journey scheduled to visit the **newcomer** cities around Europe, as also 3 **lighthouse cities** showcasing their urban gardens' management good practises.

In March 2022, RU:Rban travelled through **Paris, France** to meet the partners, the URBACT JS officers and **other** Transfer and UTM Networks ...



This 3rd Quarterly Report is to briefly present mostly some new highlights from the exchange of experience between the LP, the experts and the newcomer cities, to introduce more details of the good practice, as to UNDERSTAND the Rome's management model to be transferred during the projects' journey.



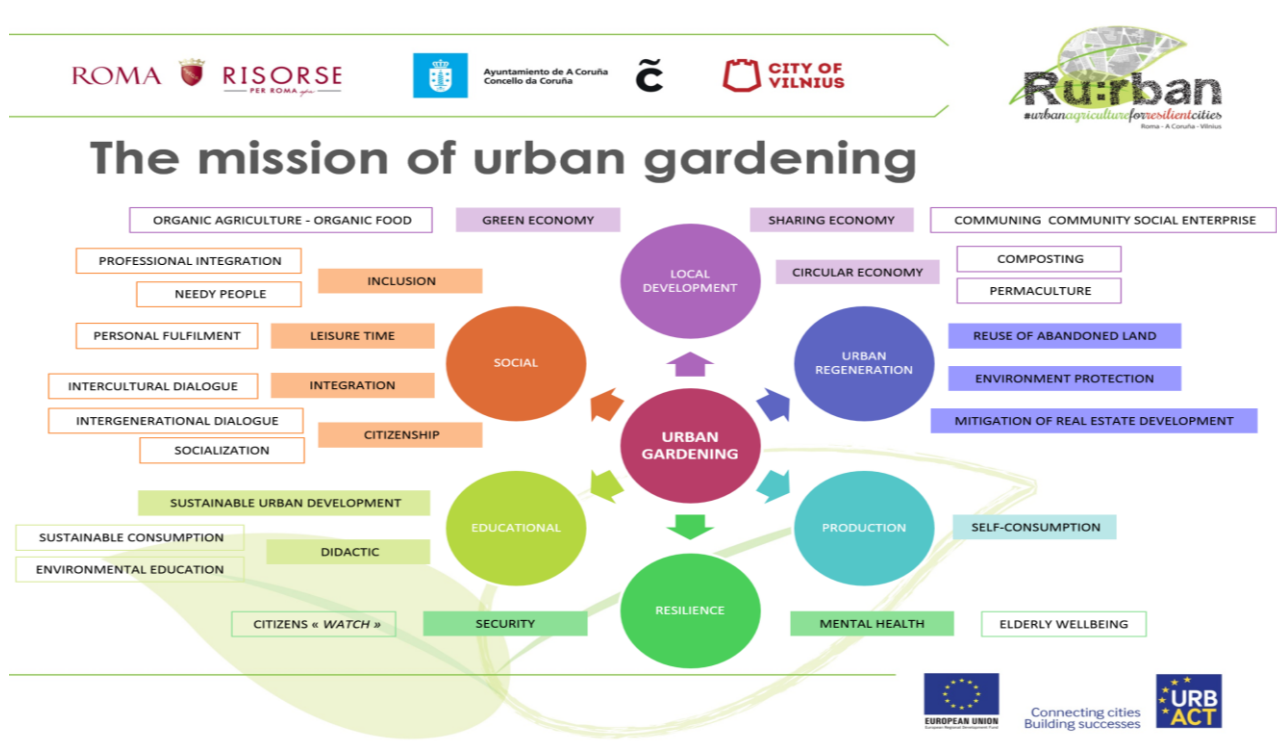
Chapter 1 - Transnational Exchange and Learning activities

In RU:RBAN the project partners are using URBACT Tools, as also project supporting tools provided by the LP and the project experts!

All partners are following their Transfer Roadmaps to maximise their ULG members capacity building in Urban gardens management,

They are also exchanging ideas to adopt and adapt the LP city regulation ...

There are so many things to explore in this amazing urban policy instrument, as we can check in the following infographic ...



RU:RBAN partners are working in local level to take advantage of their involvement in the project ...

During the first 3 months of 2022 in RU:RBAN, the experts asked the partners to be mostly focused on the local level and continue building a strong ULG to transfer the projects' 3 elements ...



Until the end of 2022 there were too much information for all of them and many tasks that had to fulfil, so we wanted from them to overview all these information and exchange with their practitioners and other people involved in local level .

Due to the pandemic it wasn't possible to organise the planned TNM in February in Greece ...

The partnership was in close contact with online meetings and also with bilateral support coming from the experts to ULGs ...



Chapter 2 – Partners TNM Highlights in RU:RBAN Elements!

- The LP extended ULG is back !

the **Roman ULG**, had his first and remarkably interesting meeting in 2002 ...



The LP prepared a clear **concept note** to inform all ULG members about the achievements in the project transfer so far, to highlight the LP tasks for the 2nd Wave Transfer of the Good Practice, for all activities during 2022 and for the obligations that should be taken over by the LP and Roman ULG ...



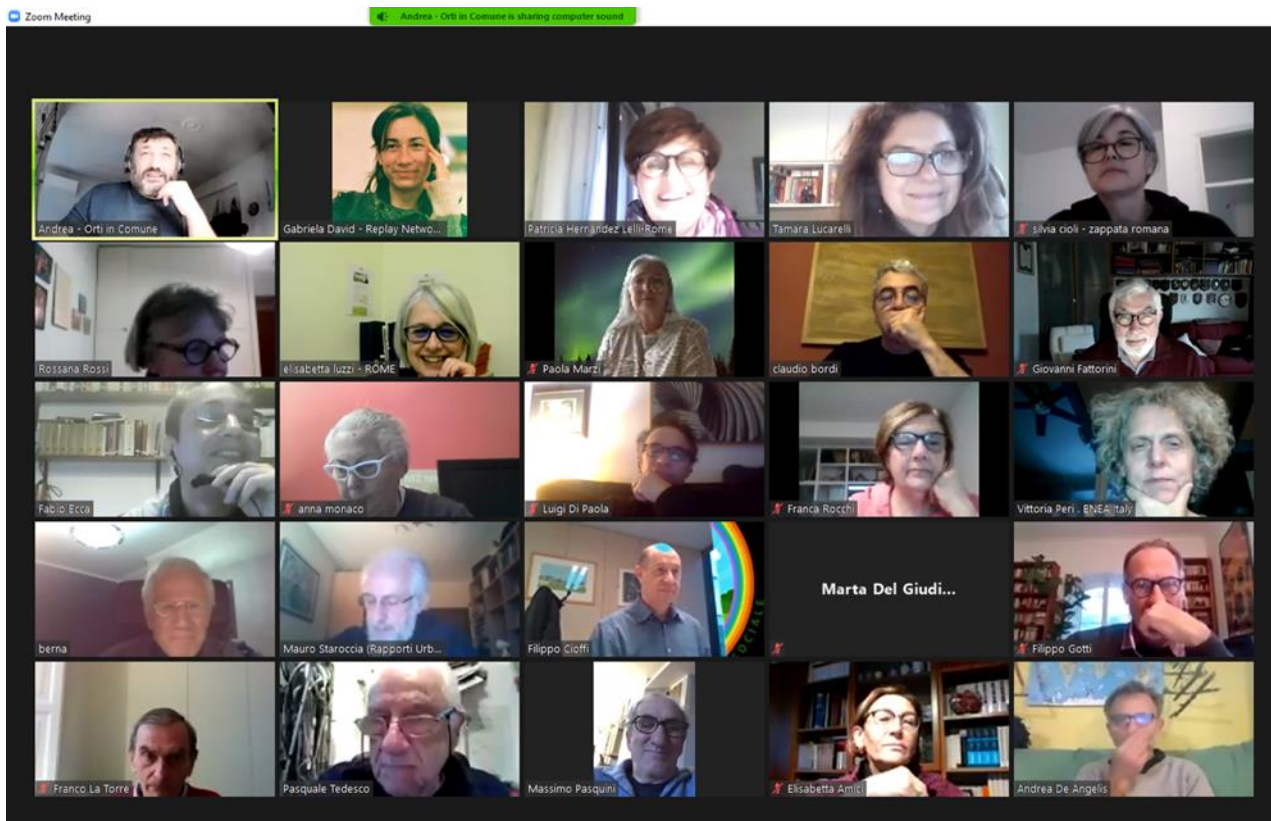
The ad hoc experts presented the results of the TNM in Algeciras **to onsite support the city ULG members on their initial efforts to establish an urban garden from scratch ...**

In-depth

thorough, complete, and considering all the details

They also presented **in depth** all other partners specific transfer needs, based on the updated Transferability Study by the Lead Expert ...

4th of February 2022, 17:00 pm – 18:30 pm



A survey was finally conducted along the online meeting on

"What are the priorities?"

In your opinion, what would be the priorities on which we should exchange information and ideas among ourselves for the next meetings in view of the development of the Sustainability Plan?

The ULG - URBACT Local Group of Rome must serve in this "Second Wave" project as an opportunity to share among the ULG members which themes to develop within the Sustainability Plan.

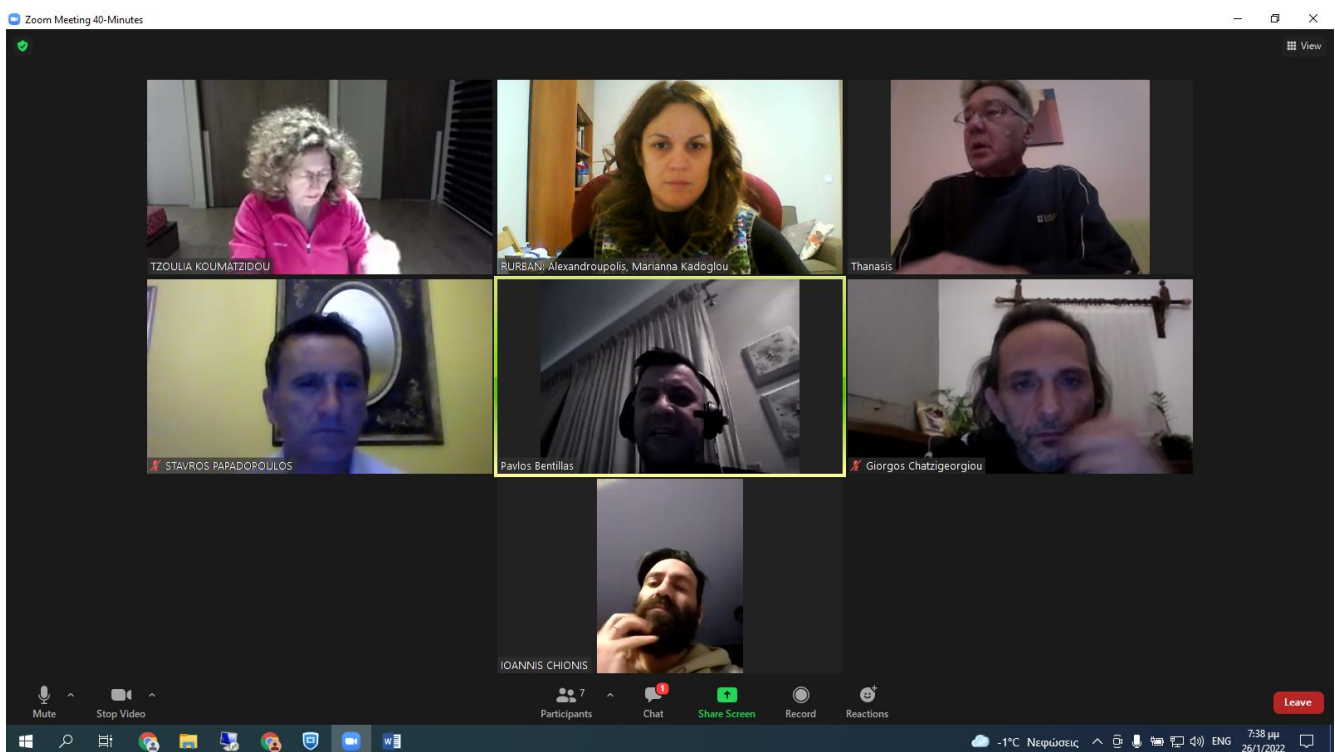
Results of the survey: in "pole position" appear:

1. a new Regulations for urban gardens
2. Recognize the economic, environmental and social values of the urban gardens
3. Active inclusion of the urban gardens

- Alexandroupolis 2nd ULG meeting

The meeting was held online (26/1/2022) via ZOOM meeting, due to the situation caused by covid-19.

The purpose was to inform the stakeholders about the progress of the project, (re)establish their interest in supporting the RU:RBAN Second Wave project Transfer Network and open a dialogue on the topic of Bioagros' management.



A special questionnaire in Greek was approved to address to Bioagros members, mostly to record their benefits from the operation of the garden so far ..

- Algeciras 3rd ULG meeting

The meeting was held hybrid (14/2/2022) via ZOOM meeting, due to the situation caused by covid-19.

The purpose was to discuss and exchange on all project tools and documents so far, as also to work for the next steps on the establishment of the city first municipal garden ...

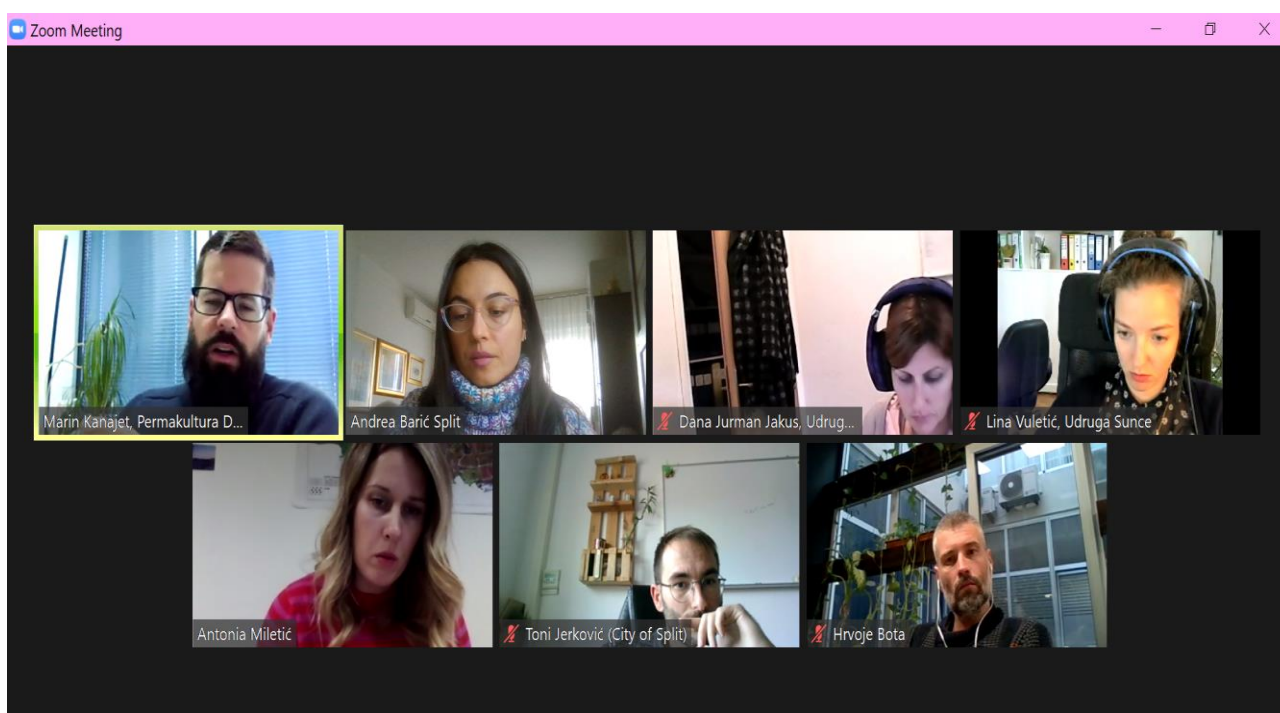


- Split 3rd ULG meeting

The meeting was held hybrid (26/1/2022) via ZOOM meeting, due to the situation caused by covid-19.

The meeting included a variety of aspects:

1. Delivering the Survey for citizens and media regarding public opinion on urban gardening in Split - agreement on the final content of the survey and the manner of implementation, communication and logo covering
2. Preparation of City of Split regulation - presentation of existing documentation and parts that are useful in local case as well as issues / problems we encountered, presenting the regulation of other cities
3. Organising study visit to proposed pilot area to define specification
4. Procuring the project documentation for Pilot garden in Split
5. Procuring the communication activities
6. Prepare the next steps for the 5th ULG meeting afterwards
7. Communicate all local activities regarding urban gardens to RU:RBAN network

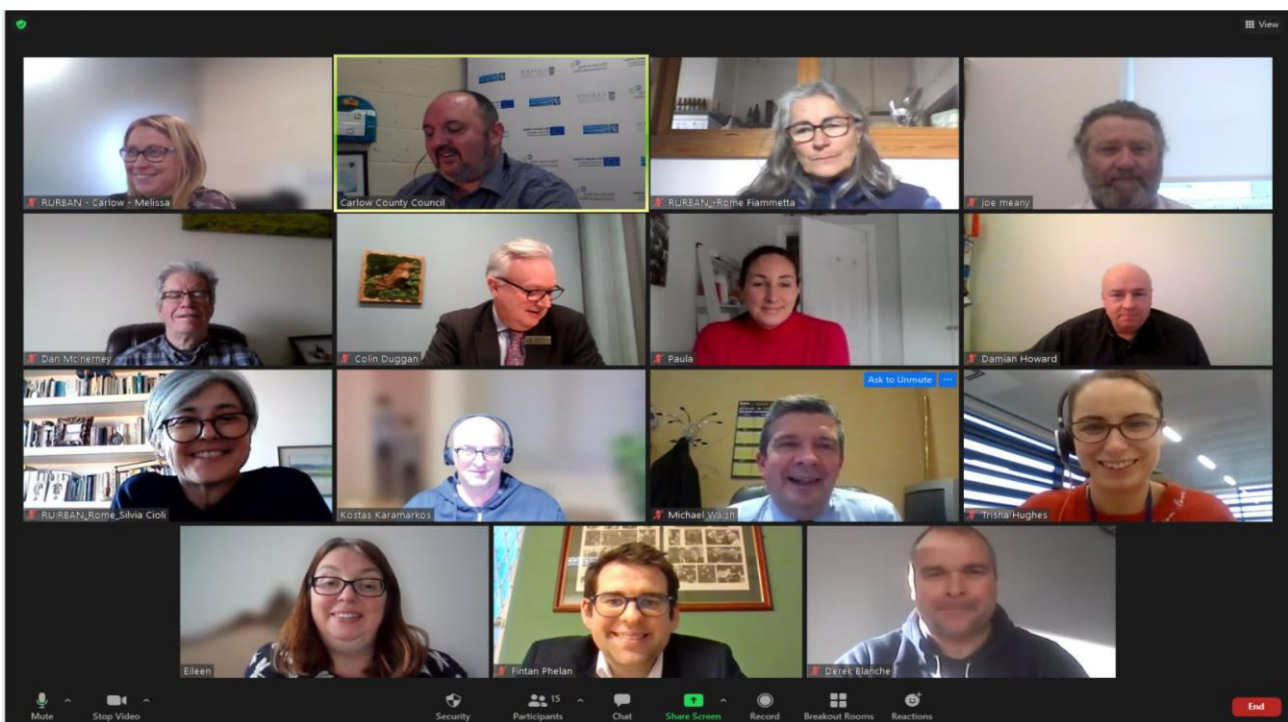


- Carlow 5th and 6th ULG meetings !

Carlow ULG, being really active, organised 2 TNMs until March 2022.

One of them was held hybrid (18/1/2022) via ZOOM meeting, due to the situation caused by covid-19 and the other in person (15/3/2022).

There were: (1) presentations on the Visual Projects (2) discuss the Policy Development & Survey (3) Carlow Visit – May 2022 and (4) discuss the Projects & Budget ...



During the online meeting Lead Expert and Ad hoc experts, had the chance to meet the Irish extended Group and exchange in all transfer elements and mostly on elements 1 and 3 !



During the onsite meeting ULG members visited and debated on the Delta Centre Gardens !



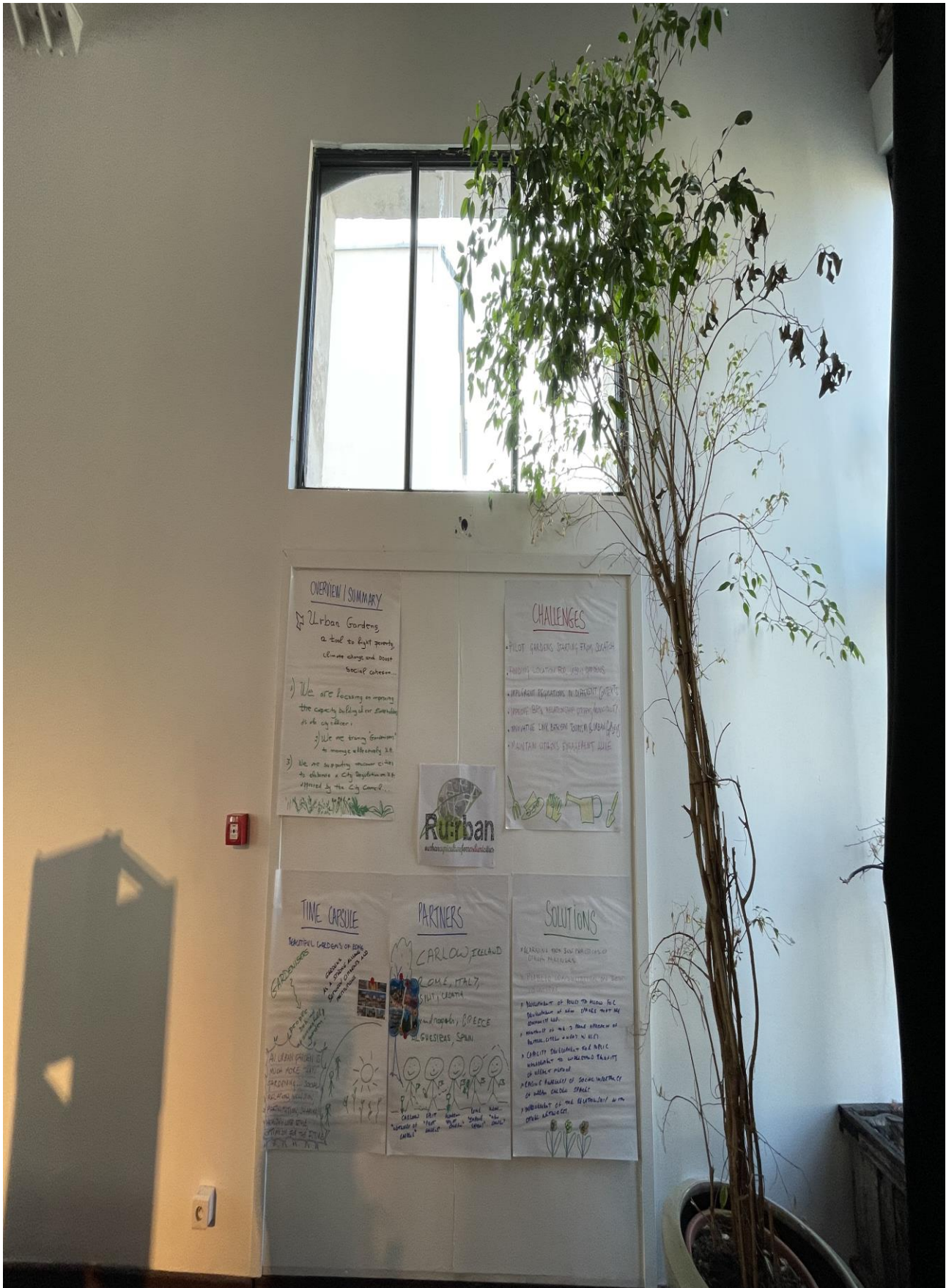
Chapter 3 - The Network Partners Meeting in Paris ...

Part of the Network participated in Paris Joint Capacity
Building Meeting ...

2 Full Days to showcase the project to other Networks and
colleagues from Europe, to meet the EU Funding Universe, to
learn how to develop successful proposal and to communicate
the right audience and tools.

The partnership worked also on the Mid-Term Reflection and
the next steps until the end of the 2nd Wave Transfer Journey ...





OVERVIEW / SUMMARY

Urban Gardens
a tool to fight poverty
climate change and boost
social cohesion...

1) We are focusing on improving
the capacity building for sustainable
in the city garden.

2) We are trying 'Gardens'
to manage a block of land...

3) We are supporting minor cities
to enhance a City Development
offered by the City Council...

CHALLENGES

- PILOT GARDENS STARTING FROM SCRATCH
- FINDING LOCATIONS FOR GARDENS
- IMPROVING REGULATIONS IN CURRENT PROJECTS
- IMPROVING GARDENING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE
- MAINTAINING LONG TERM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- MAINTAINING URBAN DEVELOPMENT ALIVE

TIME CURSIVE

URBAN GARDENS OF THE
FUTURE

• A vision of a
sustainable future
in the city garden

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PARTNERS

CARLOW, IRELAND

ROME, ITALY

STUTTGART, GERMANY

BARCELONA, SPAIN

CHANGING THE WAY WE
THINK ABOUT THE CITY

SOLUTIONS

• IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF URBAN GARDENS

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Chapter 4 Midterm Reflection preparation ...

All partners worked in advance, as also onsite the Paris meeting to prepare their answers on the 1st Midterm Questionnaire ...

Modifications, improvements, additional support, queries and many other aspects will be on the table until the end of April 2022



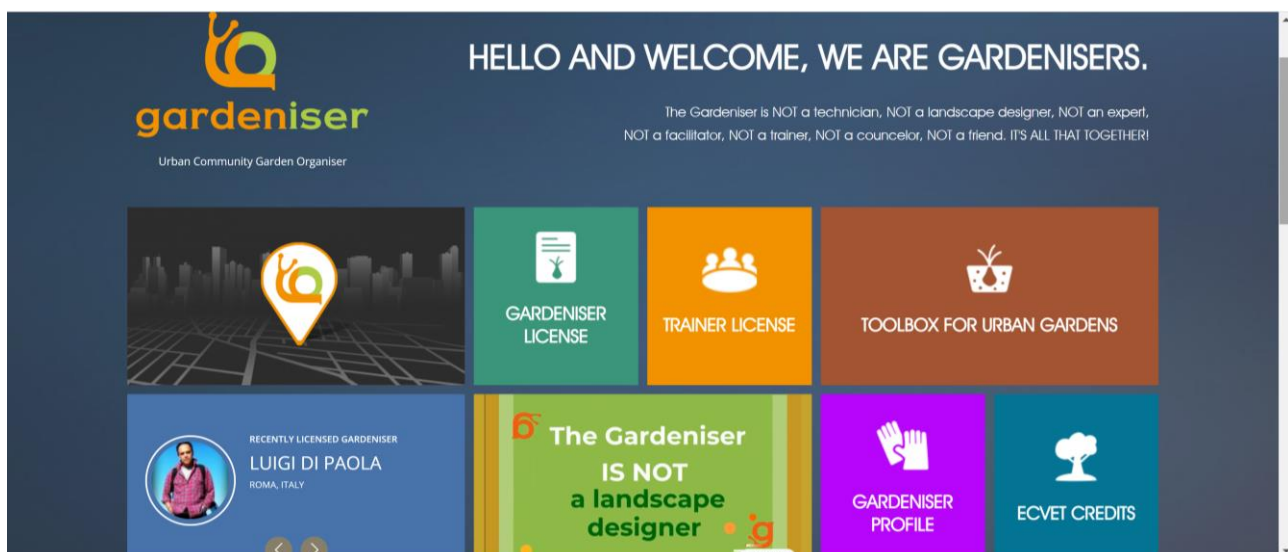
The Lead Expert will guide the Midterm reflection with additional tools like the 2nd Wave Key Learning Grid (KLG) and bilateral online meetings to make all improvements need for the best success of the partners' transfer efforts !

KLG is a **monitoring tool** prepared to be used **2 times during the project lifetime**: The 1st one by the **April 2022 TNM**, almost in the middle of the transfer journey **and the 2nd one after the meeting in Split (September 2022)**, in order to capture key learning points for each partner and actions to be carried out at local level **to improve as possible the transfer results** .

Chapter 5 Gardenisers' definition ...

"The Gardeniser (Garden Organiser) IS NOT a technician, NOT a landscape designer, NOT an expert, NOT a facilitator, NOT a trainer, NOT a counsellor, NOT a friend. IT'S ALL THAT TOGETHER!"

He knows nothing more than you, but can help you find a solution, even when you need to put together your needs and those of others, especially when they do not coincide. The Gardeniser works the land like you, but the roots to be treated are the internal cohesion and the well-being of the group in the urban garden; the plant to grow is the relationship with the territory, with the institutions for a constructive dialogue and the recognition of the urban shared garden as a common good."



The Gardeniser plays an active role within the urban shared garden, which deals with mediating and supporting the needs of gardeners, as well as ensuring cohesion and interrelation between them and the territory in which the garden is inserted, in all its expressions, institutional and not.

The project is an **URBACT Transfer Network**
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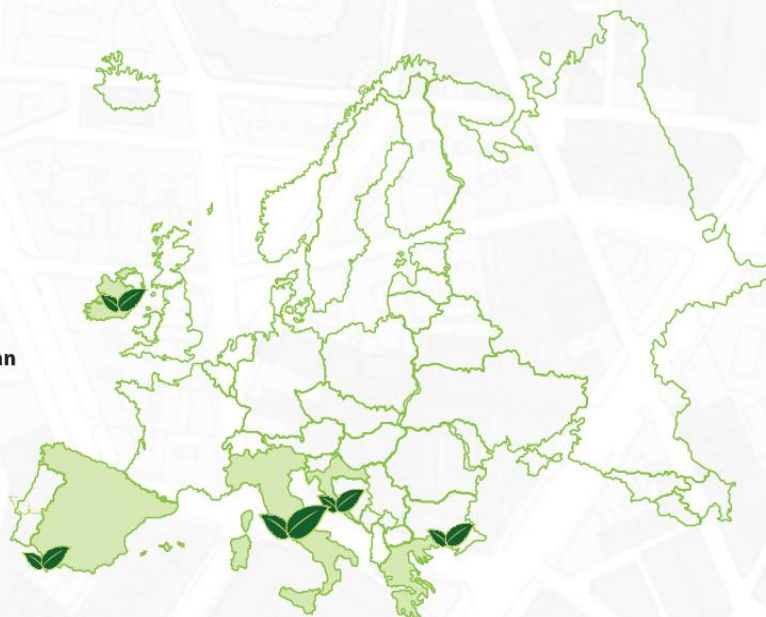
explore how the knowledge and experience of identified Good Practice Cities
can be shared with and implemented by other cities
across the European Union
to encourage a more integrated and sustainable urban development

The transfer components (TC) of the Good Practice are
the **Capacity building** in organizing urban gardens
the **Training** of people in managing urban gardens
the **Governance** of urban gardens

Ru:urban

is led by Rome,
Good Practice City
for the Network

The Good Practice is
**the management model of urban
gardens in Rome**
to be transferred to
Alexandroupolis, Algeciras,
Carlow and Split
to ensure sharing
of experience
and to enhance
the capacities
of local governance



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To be continued !