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Workshop @#1 of the Community of Cities Initiative in the EHHUR project

The series of workshops

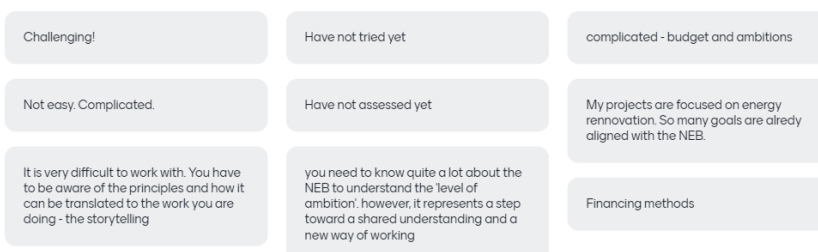
The workshops are part of the Eyes, Hearts, Hands: Urban Revolution (EHHUR) project, an initiative dedicated to creating a new Community of Cities. The initiative aims to bring together more than 50 city representatives to work together to implement the New European Bauhaus (NEB) framework by sharing ideas, addressing urban challenges and refining tools and guidelines. The aim is to provide concrete ideas on how to move towards more sustainable, inclusive and beautiful cities, learning from the EHHUR pilot sites and capturing the needs and challenges of city representatives and policymakers.

Insights from the polls

The workshop included a Mentimeter survey to assess participants' familiarity with the NEB framework, values and principles and their perspectives on its implementation. The majority of the participants (60%) said that they were "somewhat familiar" with the NEB, highlighting a basic understanding of the framework; it also shows that there remains room for increased awareness and capacity building to ensure wider adoption of the NEB values. When asked about their current involvement with the NEB in the second survey, 60% of the respondents indicated that they were not yet involved in projects that included it. When further exploring their impressions of the potential for implementing the NEB's "level of ambition", the majority of respondents described it as "complicated", "very difficult" and "challenging". This suggested that, while the NEB resonated with the audience, its practical application may be a source of challenge.

How easy is it to assign a "level of ambition" to your planned interventions and related activities based on NEB principles?

9 responses



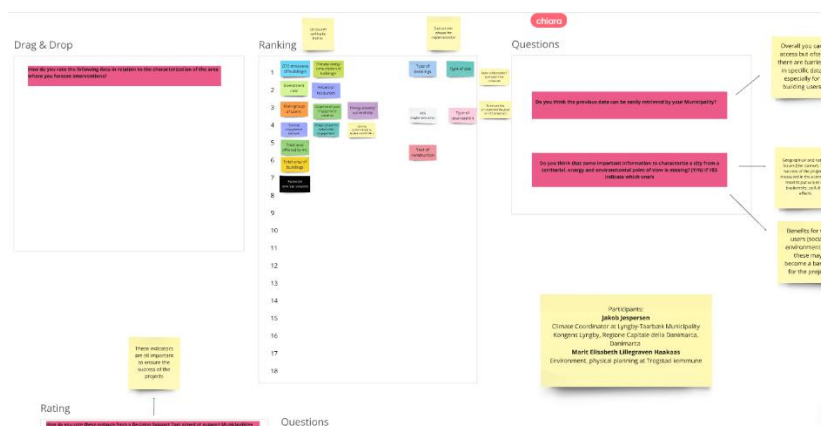
Insights from the collaborative exercise

Participants were asked to work in groups in separate breakout rooms to discuss their priorities and preferences regarding the functionality of the Decision Support System (DSS) tool. The two exercises included a ranking exercise on the most important input categories, and a voting exercise (further explored through an additional survey) on the most desired inputs from the tool.



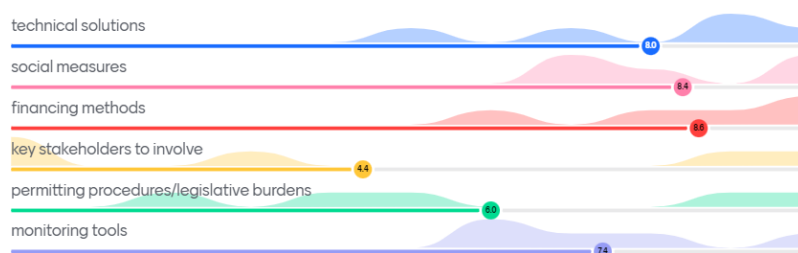
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The top ranked categories included “CO2 emissions of buildings”, “financial resources available” and type of intervention planned”. These highlighted participant’s awareness of the dual **importance of environmental and economic considerations** in sustainable urban development. Other categories that received attention were “energy poverty/vulnerability” and “main group of users”, reflecting a broader **understanding of the socio-economic factors** that influence urban planning.



In the voting exercise “suggestions for financing methods” was the top priority, followed by “suggestions for social measures” and “technical solutions”. This is in line with the broader challenges faced by municipalities, in **accessing sufficient resources**, the **interest in promoting inclusivity and social equity**, and the consideration of **effective innovations** and real case studies to achieve decarbonization and climate neutrality goals.

What are the outcomes that you would like to receive from the tool?



The results of the breakout rooms clearly show a **preference for practical, actionable solutions** that should be offered to city representatives in order to support them in implementing the NEB framework. Financing and social measures emerged as critical priorities, and the discussions highlighted the need for a holistic approach that supports collaboration.

What’s next

The next workshop in the series is coming soon—stay tuned for further updates!

The EHHUR Project team