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## DEEP DIVING SESSION FOCUSED ON KRAKOW

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### PROJECT CLINIC: GREENING CITIES AND REGIONS THROUGH CULTURAL HERITAGE & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**4 November 2022, 10.00-11.30 CET**

#### OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION

1. To further reflect on how to capitalise on cultural and natural heritage to advance the greening of cities and regions and to raise citizens and communities' awareness about nature, biodiversity, and climate change.
2. To explore concrete projects carried out by other European cities which, as Krakow, are aiming to green the city, reuse (heritage) spaces and promote positive climate action and environmental education.
3. To address specific challenges encountered in the implementation of such projects and collectively find solutions.
4. To extract transferable lessons that can be used in other European contexts.

#### KICK STARTING: POCKET PARKS IN KRAKOW

A large and populous urban environment, Krakow suffers from a lack of easily accessible green spaces. As well as ecological and climate concerns, this means a lack of places for community to meet and engage spontaneously. Developing large-scale green areas is costly and takes time. Meanwhile, disused back-alleys and other hidden pockets of the city were breeding-grounds for anti-social behaviour.

Krakow is solving all these problems at once by building pocket parks. These miniature parks are built in cooperation with local people in formerly neglected outdoor public spaces. They promote serendipitous community encounters and socialising and provide a healthful space that encourages residents to leave their homes. They also have ecological benefits, helping bees and wildlife, absorbing excess rainwater, and fighting air pollution.

## DRAFT AGENDA OF THE SESSION

- 10.00 *Welcome and introduction:* objectives of this workshop, Cultural Heritage in Action, and the peer learning programme – Clémentine Daubeuf, Eurocities  
*Lessons from Krakow:* introduction and sneak peek into the peer learning visit report, its main recommendations, and some take aways by experts Iris Gleichmann and Nils Scheffler.
- 10.05 *Presentation of two case studies:* two cities present a case in relation to greening policies through cultural heritage and community involvement.
- “Counter for Heritage & Sustainability” in Amsterdam, the Netherlands by Annette ten Doeschate, policy advisor / project leader Heritage & Sustainability of the City of Amsterdam (5 min)  
Reaction from participants/burning questions (5 min)
  - “Giardino della resilienza” - Resilience Park in Bologna, Italy by Giulia Santone, representative of the Management Office - Collective Living and Housing Support Office of the City of Bologna and Francesco Leonardo Nelli, International Relations Officer of the City of Bologna (5 min)  
Reaction from participants/burning questions (5 min)
- 10.25 *Project clinic:* Each city presents a specific challenge linked to the planning and/or implementation of their project. The experts who attended the visit in Krakow guide the group through an interactive brainstorming activity to address the challenges and collectively find solutions.
- Amsterdam presents its selected challenge to get inputs from participants  
Collegial advice / project clinic (25 min)
  - Bologna presents its selected challenge to get inputs from participants  
Collegial advice / project clinic (25 min)
- 11.20 *Summary of the discussions and conclusions* from experts Iris Gleichmann and Nils Scheffler.
- 11.25 *Next steps for Cultural Heritage in Action* – Clémentine Daubeuf, Eurocities.