



Planting Ideas, Growing Solutions:

How have partner and twin cities benefitted from transnational exchange?

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How do we (together) shape the future of our cities?

- How can cities re-shape their ways of working, collaborating and communicating towards Liveability?
- How can city administration enable and empower civil servants, citizens and other stakeholders to engage in this transformation process?
- How can design approaches support cities around the Baltic Sea to become more liveable ?



Partner Cities Twin Cities



Kolding, DK — Kolding City Centre
Strengthen urban city life and promote retail in the city centre.

Gotheborg



Kiel, DE — Developing the adult education centre “Fördevhs” into a third place/ a place for all
Develop the adult education centre as a space for interaction and education that is inviting for all.

Umea



Guldborgsund, DK — One Citizen - One Plan.
Empower citizens with providing holistic services to support them.

Liepaja

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Partner Cities Twin Cities



Gdynia, PL – A Network of Community Centres
Socio-cultural integration of new citizens and existing residents in community centres.

Krosno



Pori, FI – Revitalise vacant spaces in the city centre
Bring life back to the city centre by revitalising vacant spaces.

Mantta - Vilppula

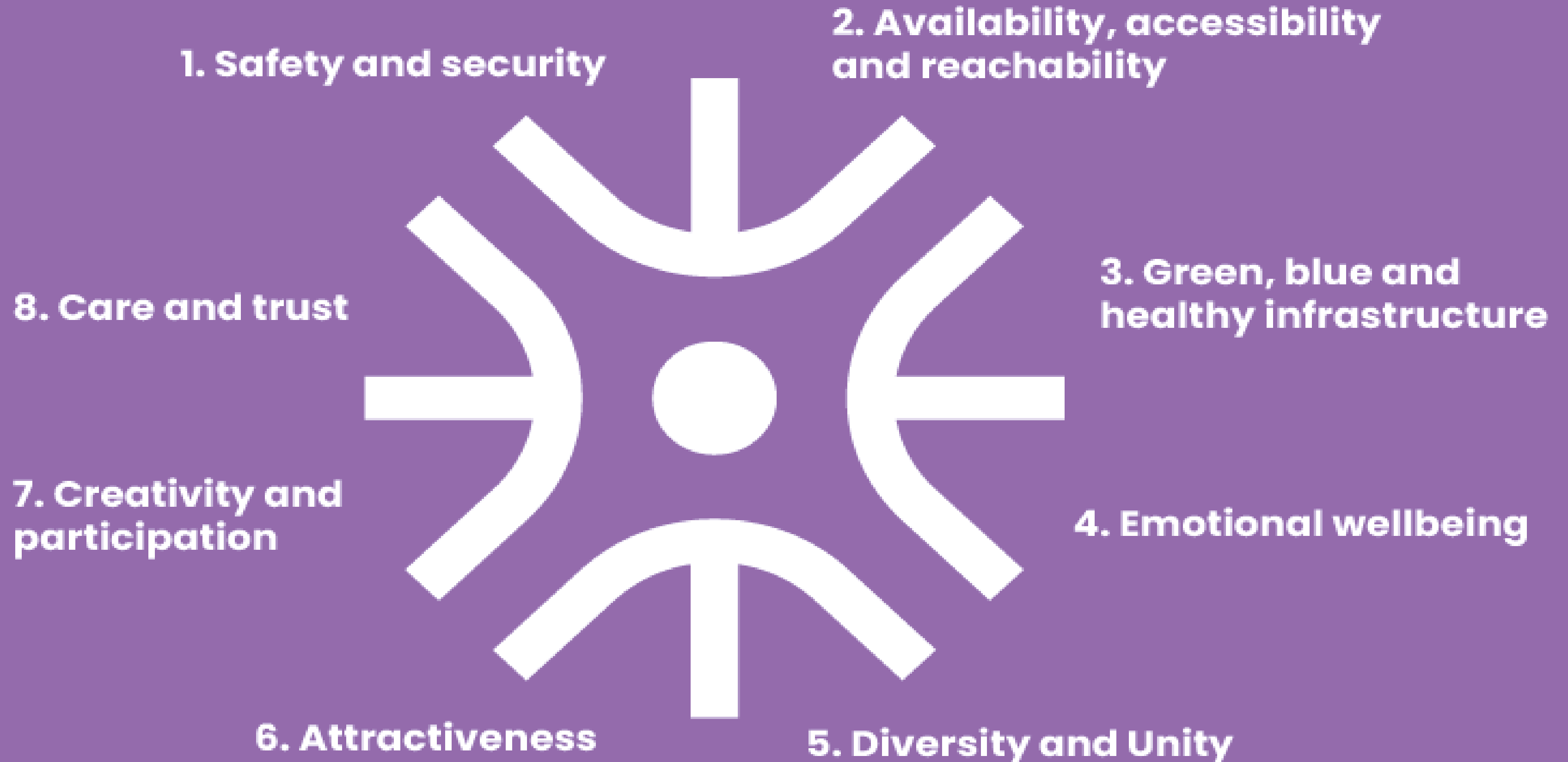


Riga, LA – Empowering Neighbourhood Associations
Support neighbourhood associations to create more inclusive, sustainable, and community driven approaches and strategy.

Vilnius

8 Characteristics of Liveable City

We understand liveable cities as places, that strive towards the qualities defined by the following 8 key characteristics that to us represent needs of our city's inhabitants:



1. Safety and security

Safe city, low crime rates, sense of security, reliable infrastructure and regulated traffic, no military tensions or unrest, all conflicts are settled with arguments, affordable medical care of high quality, reliable emergency services etc.

3. Green, blue, and healthy infrastructure

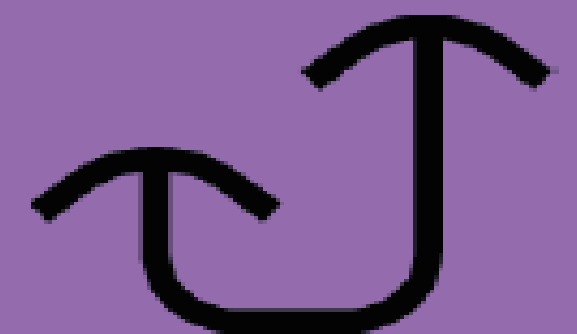
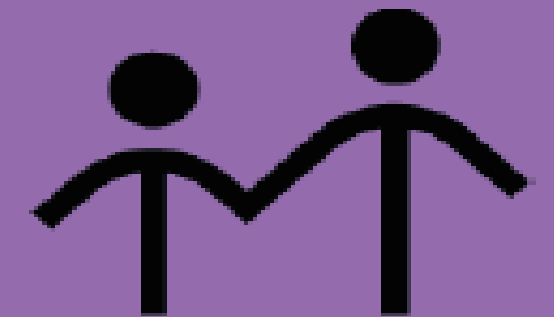
Lots of greenery and water, close to nature, sustainable, climate-neutral, and resilient, Clean, enough places of recreation for everyone, functioning and regenerative ecosystems, possibilities for movement and sports in public spaces.

5. Diversity and Unity

A diverse society where everybody can reach their full potential, a society free from discrimination, integrated and interdisciplinary, public spaces where both the elderly and youth are welcome.

7. Creativity and participation

Bottom-up governance, use innovative and creative methods for participation and co-creation of places, foster a culture of experimentation, promote creative networks.





2. Availability, accessibility, and reachability

Accessible routes, well-developed public transport, safe roads as well as foot and cycle paths, close municipality services, affordable housing, human-centered city planning and design – for all needs.



4. Emotional wellbeing

Being part of a welcoming community, being part of something, pluralistic and democratic community with shared values and respect.



6. Attractiveness

Good education and job opportunities, possibilities for entrepreneurship, lively places for all age groups, tidiness and aesthetics, positive communication and image, open-minded and welcoming for all people, public spaces as platforms for artistic expression, cultural events and the exchange of ideas, quality and spectrum of services and shopping facilities.



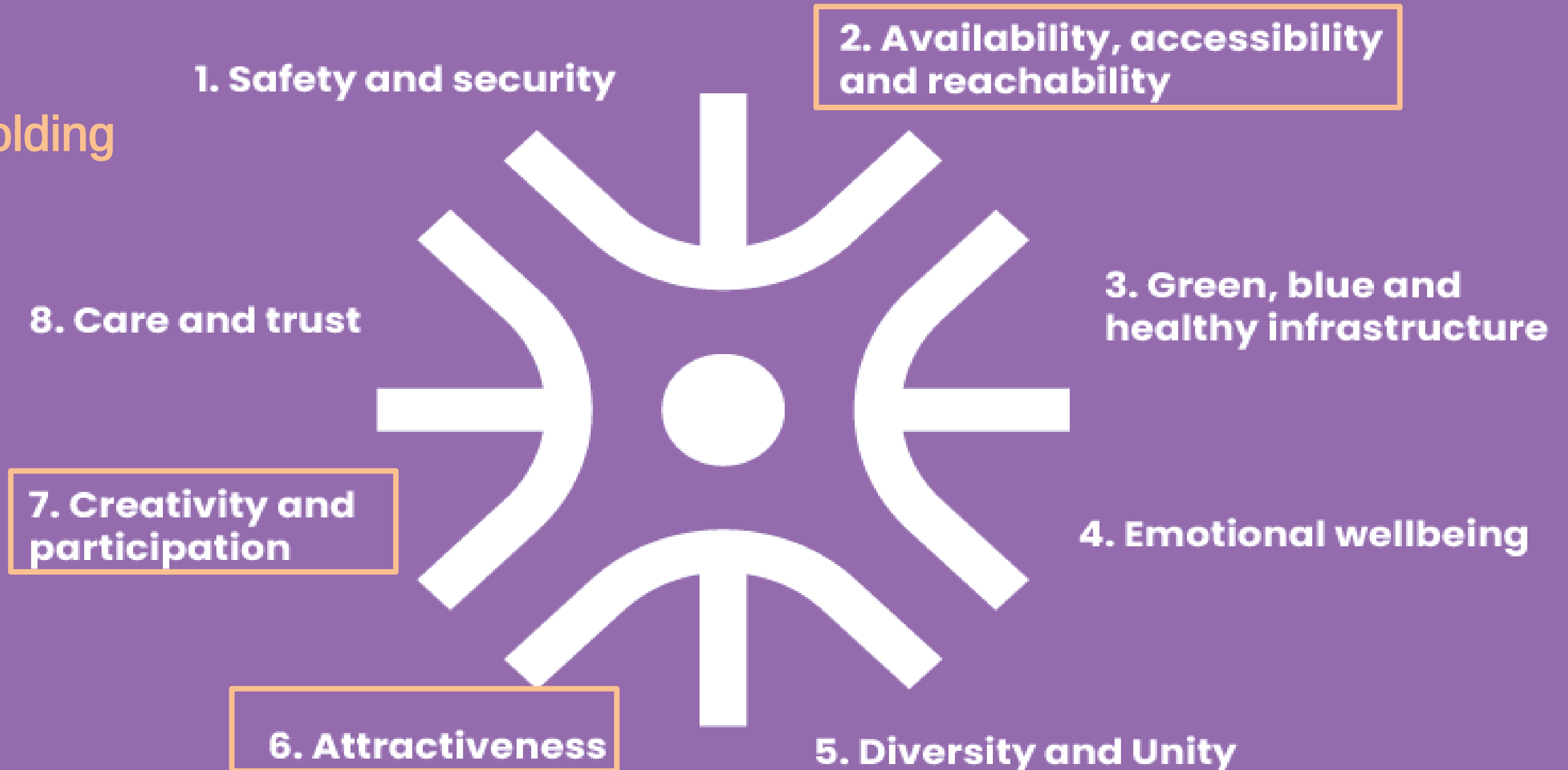
8. Care and trust

Create places that are oriented towards the common good and free of charge, resilient communities where people care for and trust each other, people care for their environment and treat common goods with respect and care, transparency and open communication at all governance levels.

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- **Availability, accessibility, and reachability:** Accessible routes, well-developed public transport, safe roads as well as foot and cycle paths, close municipality services, affordable housing, human-centred city planning and design – for all needs.



Main goal of the Twinning programme - share knowledge on the three parts of the Liveability Design Approach between a PARTNER CITY (PC) and its TWIN CITY (TC):

Charter for designing (creating) a liveable city guidelines on how to use the PID method in city strategies and practices ;

Training programme – designed to help city employees understand and use the PID method in their daily work ;

Practice Guide – practical information on how to develop a neighbourhood project, a project addressing a specific challenge or a public service, using design approaches.



Mode of cooperation :

- ❑ Online exchanges: bilateral and joint meetings;
- ❑ Participation in webinars – learning;
- ❑ Study visits;
- ❑ Training programme;
- ❑ Reports ;
- ❑ In – person meeting – Riga final conference;
- ❑ Network



Highlights

“Dead ” sister city agreement brought to life:
Guldburgsund /DK – Liepaja/LV ;

Twin city pairs from the same country – long -
term results:

Gdynia/PL – Krosno /PL – exchange with other
Polish cities, publication: “Diversity as a
Resource: A Guide to Intercultural Competence ”;

Pori/FI - Mänttä - Vilppula /FI - a big grant to
support the creative sector (for 20 Finnish
municipalities) - twinning programme as a
driving force;

From case study approach to issue solving: youth
at the core ;

Multiplied learnings on issues common to twin
pairs.





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