

# REGENER ACTION

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# Happy summer!

But before we lose you... Here's some news from



## Can the Urban Community Builder be a professional?

Many of us involved in the project are community builders, community leaders, community facilitators, community managers... And guess what? In some of our Countries this is even a paid job. Paid by who? By private enterprises, NGOs or Municipalities? Why doesn't this professional figure exist everywhere, despite the importance? To know more, have a look at the research we did as a partnership: [download the Regeneration Path Handbook!](#)

## Local Living Labs

From February 2024 onwards, Living Labs started in the cities of Évora, Matera, Paris, Rijeka and Valencia. People coming from different backgrounds met to share thoughts and plan actions related to the urban regeneration of their cities. Here's some of the feedback from participants:

- “Great and useful experience as a person and citizen.”
- “A really important moment for thinking about how to start to put an idea in practice.”
- “So much positive and constructive energy. Looking forward to future development of the local community!”

## European Living Lab in Matera

On June 25 and 26 around 30 international urban regenerators met and:

- the explored regenerated places in Matera
- listened to inspiring speakers
- did a MineTest workshop
- did a Manifesto workshop
- recorded some podcasts

Can bottom-up urban regeneration initiatives be durable and generate economies? If so, how? How can a cultural transition from extractive to regenerative be encouraged? How can P.A. projects be integrated with those of cooperatives and associations? These and other questions emerged from 2 days together that seemed like 5, because of the 30 people who participated each one shared his or her concrete experience, contributing answers to plan new regeneration actions, because without tangible and concrete action, without the pioneers and visionaries, many spaces would still be abandoned and not usable/livable/lived.

**NEXT STEPS:** we will condense into freely available slides and into a Manifesto the ideas and practices that have emerged from the local living labs and from this just concluded international event. They will be ready by the end of 2024!

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