SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF SDG 11: BEST PRACTICES AND CASES

Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

The Ban Ki-moon Centre started its collaboration with the Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN) in 2018. RAUN is an international and multi-disciplinary education program established in 2012 and has since trained over 200 young scholars. Our partnership in 2019 included the mentorship of a RAUN research group on a topic related to "Environmental and Socioeconomic Sustainability: How to Create Lasting Impacts". Local projects were selected and analyzed. Their missions shall serve as inspiration for other actors and cities. This leaflet shows what can be learned from these projects: what makes a project best practice? And what can a project (or policy) do in order to be successful? The results of this project aim to support local actors to contribute to a sustainable city transformation and the implementation of SDG 11.

TOPIC

"Strategies for a successful implementation of SDG 11: Best Practices and Cases"

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- RQ1: How do the selected local best practice projects contribute to a sustainable city?
- RQ2: What characterizes best practice in the field of sustainable cities?
- RQ3: What can be learned from these best practice projects for the implementation of SDG 11?

PILLARS OF WORK

PARTNER

Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN)
Selected best practice projects

HAMBURG

Klimasparbuch
The Klimasparbuch is a DIN A5 booklet that offers tips for a climate-friendly lifestyle, information on sustainable activities and vouchers for sustainable products and services. It aims to raise awareness on how to live climate-friendly and to promote local solutions for sustainability. It is developed by local actors in cooperation with oekom Verlag who has published (and holds the copyright for) various Klimasparbücher for German cities throughout the last ten years.

SDG TARGETS 11.3, 11.6, 12.8, 12.2

Futur 2 Festival
The Futur 2 Festival is a one-day music festival that hosts ~5000 people. It is realized energy- and resource-efficiently with e.g. reusable dishware, renewable energy production on site and organic food. It also aims to raise awareness for sustainability in visitors, other festival organizers and other stakeholders through informational activities and by connecting sustainability with culture and leisure.

SDG TARGETS 7.2, 11.4, 11.6, 12.5, 12.8

Zukunftsrat
The Zukunftsrat Hamburg is a network of over 100 organisations, companies and civil society actors that is structurally independent from local administration and politics. It connects actors, provides feedback and guidance for the city administration and hosts public sessions for exchange between council members and the public. A voluntary internal working group organizes its activities.

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VIENNA

Grätzloase
The "Grätzloase - wir verwandeln den Freiraum (we transform the free space)!", is a project where public spaces are reorganized and transformed through the ideas and practices of the local community. The umbrella organisation "Lokale Agenda 21", which is supported by the City of Vienna, leads the project and selects the best submitted ideas from citizens on a yearly basis, and supports the realization of the projects with their knowledge and with up to 4.000 €.

SDG TARGETS 11.3, 11.7

SchloR
The aim of SchloR is to create permanently secure and affordable spaces for collaborative work and living. SchloR is a combination of an art, culture and living project. On the one hand, new ways of organizational structures are lived; on the other hand, sustainable construction methods are tested in cooperation with other institutes and interested individuals. The understanding is based on inclusion and solidarity. With the help of a solidarity-based economic model, independent from bank loans, SchloR bought a property in Vienna and the realization of the project is in process.

SDG TARGETS 11.1, 11.3

50 Grüne Häuser (50 green buildings)
50 green buildings is a transdisciplinary research project with the focus of greening facades. The aims of the project are to facilitate green facades for existing buildings to reduce CO2 emissions and prevent urban heat islands. The research partners created an all-in-one package for greening facades called the BeRTA module. It is a simple, cost-effective, widely implementable green facade system. The first 50 prototypes have been installed in the fall of 2019 in a densely built area of Vienna.

SDG TARGETS 11.3, 11.6, 13.1, 13.3
**Selected best practice projects**

**PRAGUE**

**Vnitrobloky (Inner-blocks)**

Inner-blocks is a project of the association Bieno, founded in 2015. Their goal is to revitalize hidden courtyards (inner-blocks) of block buildings. Bieno’s main work is helping stakeholders design, finance and realize their new inner-block project. Climate change, environmental as well as social issues are addressed in all 28 projects presented by the association.


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**Zažít město jinak (Different City Experience)**

The Different City Experience festival is a celebration of neighborly relations. The festival’s content is created by the residents of the particular neighborhoods. It is based on the principle of sharing the public space, mutual help and volunteering of local organizers and many other entities. The festival is open to all age and interest groups. In 2019 over 80 Prague organizers participated in the DCE.

SDG TARGETS 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 17.7

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**Pražské Matky (Prague Mothers)**

Prague Mothers is a not-for-profit civic association striving to improve the conditions of our living environment and traffic safety, particularly for the most vulnerable citizens. They support sustainable mobility and try to increase interest and a more responsible approach of citizens and public administrations to these issues. This year, the association plans to change its name to Walk the City (Pěšky městem, z.s.).

SDG TARGETS 11.2, 11.3, 11.6, 16.7
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Recommendations

Project organization
A sustainable city project is like any other project - so don't forget the basics!

Impact for a sustainable city
A project should contribute to sustainable city development - orientate yourself on the SDGs and the local needs.

Cooperation and partnerships
Learn from the successes and failures of projects and stakeholders from different fields, levels and regions and share yours.

Inclusive community involvement
Listen to all voices, learn about the needs and wants of the community and include them.

Communication
Connect to your audiences and make sustainability understandable, fun and beneficial for them.

Recognize the potential of the SDGs
as a powerful communicative and ordinal tool. Cherish the SDGs’ holistic perspective on socio-ecological challenges.

Financial stability
Ensure resilient funding through diverse partners and sources.

Monitoring and evaluation
Define your vision, set clear targets and measure your progress towards them.

Project growth
Bigger does not necessarily mean better. Consider qualitative improvements as well as quantitative growth.

Flexibility and adaptivity
Have a flexible project structure and adapt to changing political, societal, technological and environmental circumstances.

Motivation and passion
Be courageous and pursue your vision in the face of challenges. Be a role model initiator for others.
Meet the researchers

Christopher Franz studied Biogeosciences in Jena and Sustainability Science in Lüneburg, Germany. He focused on the topics of climate change, sustainable city development and sustainability communication throughout his studies. He intends to pursue a career in the science-policy-interface in the Bonn area.

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"With this leaflet, we hope to support and motivate aspiring project leaders, policy makers and every citizen, wherever they may be. Create and develop your idea for a sustainable city with the support of our best practice recommendations and help transform our world".
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