

## Idea: Transformation of vacant outdoor space into an urban garden with space for foodtrucks

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### Idea description

<b>Title:</b>	Transformation of vacant outdoor space into an urban garden with space for foodtrucks
<b>Idea objective</b>	<p>The aim of this initiative is to animate empty unused plots for various types of temporary community gardens. It can be any space, starting from a fragment of a post-industrial area, a railway station, an unused plot between single-family houses or a large backyard. It is important that the vacant space corresponds to the purpose of the initiative.</p> <p>Possible alternative approach/additional element of the idea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a citywide program with more community gardens.</li> <li>- Integration with urban revitalization programs in the cities.</li> <li>- Branch approach – specific rules dedicated to the type or size of the space.</li> <li>- Supporting the innovative usage of vacant spaces.</li> </ul>
<b>Sharing process (max 1000 characters)</b>	<p>Sharing process will be organized in the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Finding empty plots corresponding to the purpose of the project.</li> <li>2) Finding people in the local communities being interested in creating a community garden on a free plot.</li> <li>3) Determination of the rules for the use of vacant land.</li> <li>4) Preparations for the creation of a social garden, including the development of regulations, development of the project.</li> <li>5) Workshops starting the operation of the community garden with the participation of the local community.</li> <li>6) Meeting with the local community regarding the organization of space for food trucks.</li> <li>7) Determining the rules for the operation of food trucks in the neighborhood of the community garden.</li> <li>8) Running a food truck court.</li> </ol> <p>Access to the social garden is free of charge for neighbours. Foodtruck court is limited to entities that meet the requirements specified in the regulations, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- mSME status,</li> <li>- location within the city.</li> </ul> <p>Activities within the foodtruck court may be commercial, depending on the arrangements with the owner of the area or the hosts/local community. The income can be used, for example, to maintain a community garden.</p>
<b>Restrictions/rules (law, skills, time, other)</b>	<p>The initiative requires an analysis and answers to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- are there free empty spaces in the city that can be adapted for community gardens?</li> <li>- what is their legal status?</li> <li>- is it possible to use them and under what conditions?</li> <li>- is the local community able to independently obtain land for a community garden and maintain it, or is legal assistance from the city hall or support in the form of, for example, a local initiative or an alternative solution needed?</li> <li>- what are the limitations of using empty public spaces for this purpose?</li> <li>- how to program the sharing of unused urban and other public free spaces so that it is compliant with the regulations and needs of public entities and potential users from NGOs and SMEs?</li> <li>- what are the benefits of sharing unused urban and other public spaces?</li> <li>- will private owners be interested in transferring unused plots for temporary use?</li> <li>- to what extent will external funding be needed?</li> </ul>

	<p>The initiative requires the involvement of the following resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- free unused spaces that can be adapted in a temporary way, with access to utilities, so that space for food trucks can be organized within them,</li> <li>- human resources: legal competences, real estate administration, Public Relations,</li> <li>- a register of shared public and private spaces with monitoring of the degree of use and maintenance costs as well as generated revenues in the case of a foodtruck court.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Procedures (if applicable)</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the initiative requires several formal procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- conducting analyses of existing vacant land plots,</li> <li>- preparation, adoption and implementation of the rules of sharing vacant spaces,</li> <li>- registering municipal, other public, non-governmental and private vacant land,</li> <li>- administering shared vacant spaces.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Costs for public institutions (if applicable)</b></p>	<p>Costs of organizing the program (working hours). Program administration. Maintenance costs.</p>
<p><b>Expected result (if possible)</b></p>	<p>It is expected that a solution will bring benefits in the form of a temporary development of abandoned or unused plots for the needs of community gardens, which are a proven tool for social activation. In addition, if it is possible to include a foodtruck court in the project, the neighbourhood may become an important point of neighbourhood life.</p>