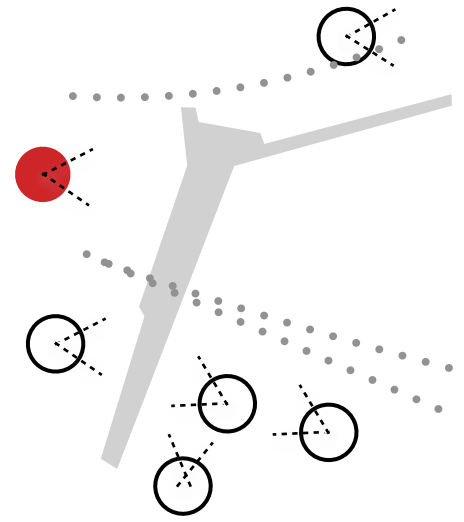


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Multigination

Contributory Workshop in Winterthur



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RD1 Participant Drawings

Full-scale scans (1:1 ratio) of all creative contributions and drawings developed during the workshop sessions.

Contributions and drawings in RD2

Scans of the 13 drawings and the text table are available online. (PDF)

RD2 Participant and Organizer Drawings and Transcripts

Comprehensive photo and video coverage of space setup, scenography, participants at work, and facilitation moments are available online. (PDF)

Contribution 1 : Proposal for New Commuter Rest Area and Amenities.

Date : 02 September 2025, 16:39 Duration : 00:03:24

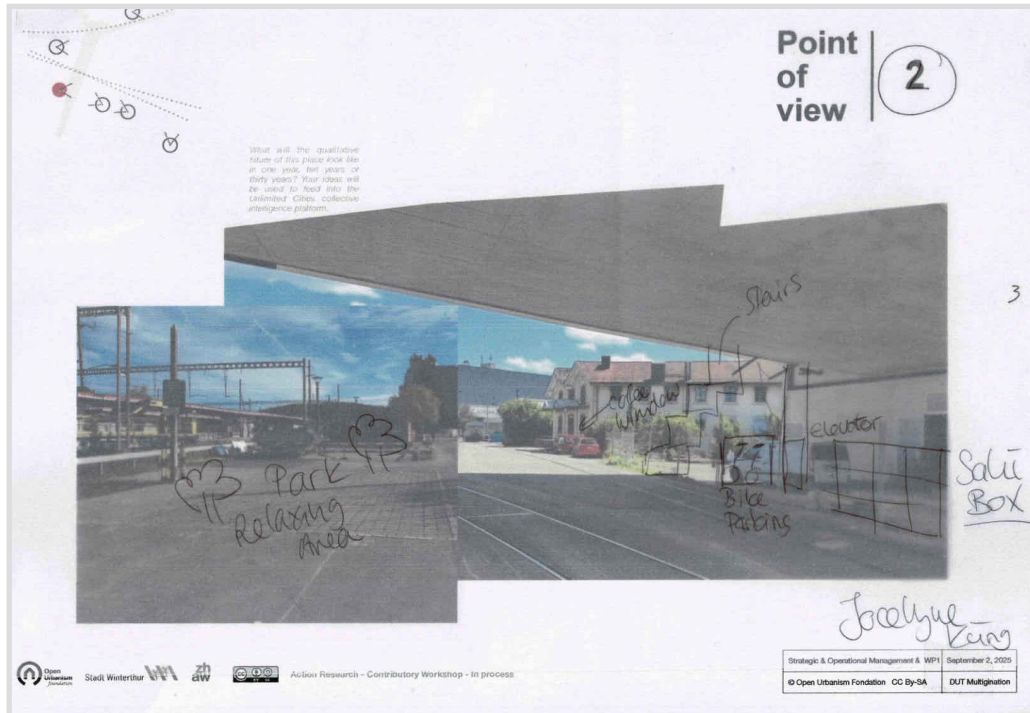
Brief summary:

A proposal outlined adding a café, stairs from the bridge for public transport, and bike parking near a coffee facility to better serve commuters and create a welcoming rest area.

Raw transcript:

So I'm from the coffee roasting facility over there. This is our entrance. You see my car here. And this is the entrance to the shop where we roast all the coffee. and so i thought that it would be nice to have cafe here and a little window that we can open and offer coffee to go for people. and for this it would be really nice when people from the bridge here this is the bridge and if they can come down the stairs because I think actually they can just go directly to the train here but if there are some stairs they can have a coffee to go or they can put their bikes behind. I will see it on the other picture. then we have a ramp. so it's a platform here where our trucks they bring the coffee directly on the half of the floor and there's some space below the ramp and it's not used.





Maybe it could be used to put pick up boxes and i don't know the ??? box or just our own boxes or from the post office box to pick up the parcels or to pick up our coffee beans maybe on a sunday when it's already prepared there. they can just pick up the coffee anytime they want and There are some trees on this side and some grass for the cafe. but then on the other side it would be also really nice to have some trees some a place for for rest for the people who took the bus went to the bridge and come down and wait for the train to leave. then they have a some green a calm area where can.

or maybe below the bridge when it's raining. it would be also nice to have boxes there on this side maybe elevator also to go up to the to the bridge. yes that's basically it and bike parking is always good because the bridge will be used very much I think for people with bikes and they need to park somewhere and then have the coffee and then go to train. exactly.

Contribution 2 : Addressing Lack of Dedicated Spaces for Youth.

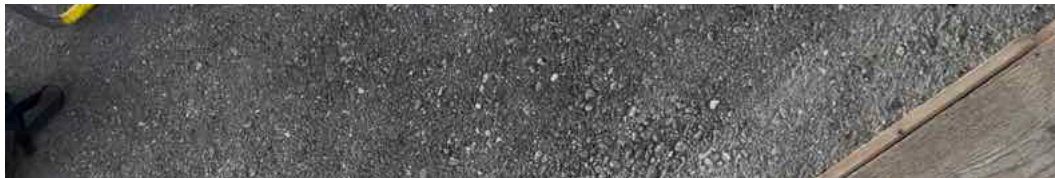
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Brief summary:

A key issue raised was the lack of dedicated spaces for young people. Suggestions included creating covered outdoor areas and affordable, private rooms for rent.

Raw transcript:

No drawing



Yes, well, for the young people, there's mostly in cities a big problem that there are not so many rooms outside where they can just chill, sit and be a little bit louder than, yeah, and with like roofs. for the rain. Yeah. So that is one of the most problems we have for the young people.

Which age? like from 12 to 18, 20. So that would be nice. Um, Yes and maybe we had that in the ??? quartier that they asked for inside rooms which they can rent just to have their own space and not like to share it with other groups of young people. maybe they don't want to stay with. yes that was the question. if maybe the city could imagine to rent rooms for young people for not so much money okay we will not we will not.

Contribution 3: Resident Proposal for Public Space Enhancements

Date : 02 September 2025, 15:00 Duration : 00:02:22

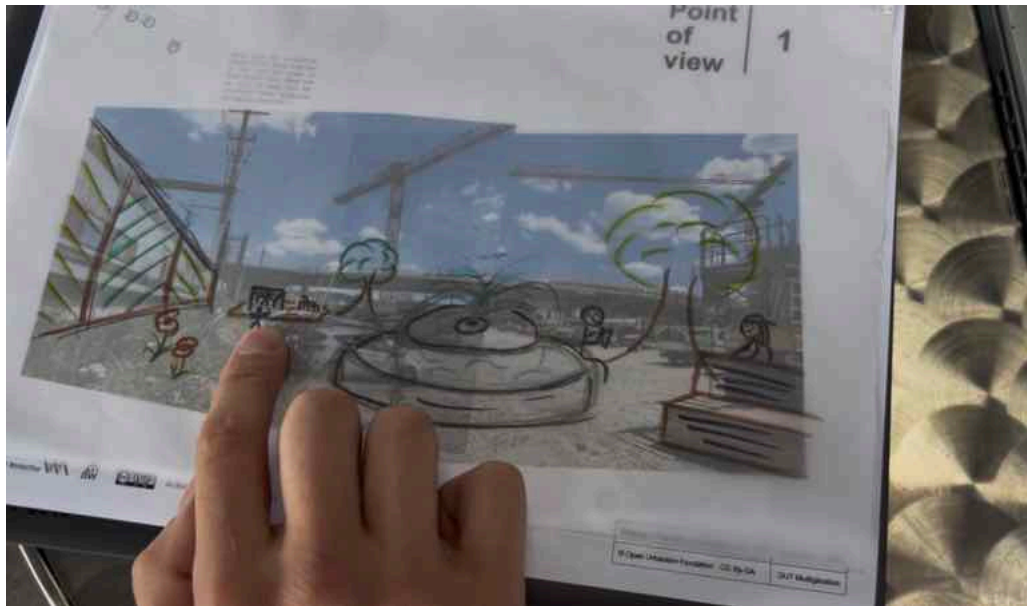
Brief summary:

A resident proposed ideas to improve a public space, including a noise wall, a water fountain, an outdoor gym, modular seating with a book exchange, and more trees.

Raw transcript:

I work for ZHAW, but I live here in Winterthur and I love Winterthur. So I have here several elements. The point of view is number one, as you can see here. So first of all, there's the train going by.

So in my opinion, there should be a protection against noise. if people should live here and spend time here then the noise could be very distracting. so there should be a wall created of course some nice flowers in front of the wall. maybe the wall can be green. so like here we have plants in combination with green plants in the middle. it's very obvious. this is a spring and a fountain. so in terms of climate change and having water availability especially in summer this could be a nice effect for children playing in the water and spending a nice time here. so this could be an element of high value. in the background we see this like for training um outdoor gym kind of. so with young people especially they love to train and flex their muscles and stuff like this. so this could be an element also to uh in combination of course and instead of smoking doing some sports right And this element here on the right side, this is a bench.



This reminds me of Pop-up Piazza. I don't know if you know this. These are some elements that cities can rent or communities can rent and you can place them, you can modularize them. It's a modular system. You can combine it also with a library. So there are like shelves and you can exchange books. You can sit on them, read them. and they could in winter especially you can pull them back or you can give them back to the office kind of. so in winter they will be protected. and of course trees. only two here but i hope there will be more than two trees in the future. yes this is my imagination, thank you very much.

Expert intervention : Successful Collaborative Innovation: A Model for Cities.

Date : 02 September 2025, 15:03 Duration : 00:01:19

Brief summary:

The project's unique collaborative innovation space is a success in a challenging setting. This story should be confidently shared as a model for other cities worldwide.

Raw transcript:

We have two other cities in Multigination, right? We have a Finnish city, we have a Turkish city in this project, but there are around 15 of such urban innovation projects around Europe, and there are all kinds of different cities part of it. Linz, Berlin, Grenoble, Vilnius, Barcelona, etc. And it's really interesting to see what other cities are doing in terms of, I call it, sustainable urbanism or placemaking or... in this co-imaginary way, I would say.



That's interesting how to do it in a collective way. And I would, when I listen to you here and I look into these images, I believe this place is really unique. We will tell the story in other cities, we already do, what happens in Winterthur, but to use such a in a very difficult setting, you hear it, you smell it. To have this collaborative innovation space is quite unique, I would say. And that's something that we can be a bit more self-confident sometimes with, to show to Copenhagen, to show to Amsterdam, to show to Barcelona what's happening. And it's something that I think we definitely take away from this project. Thank you.



While the contributor presents their ideas, their drawing is filmed and projected onto a screen at the same time, allowing the proposals to be shared.

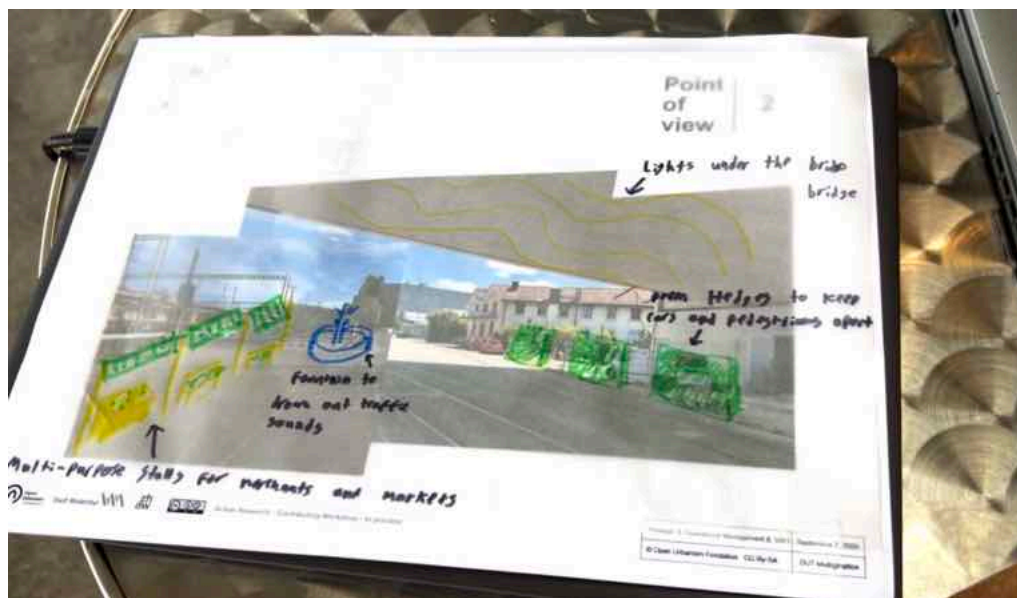
Contribution 4 : Proposal for Under-Bridge Area Enhancements

Date : 02 September 2025, Duration : 00:00:57

Brief summary:

A proposal was made to improve the area under the bridge with lights, market stalls, a fountain, and hedges to buffer traffic and reduce noise.

Raw transcript:



Alright, this is what I drew. This is the view from under the bridge. So I thought you should have some lights under the bridge. Maybe some colored lights. Like the train station in Zurich has lights under their rain cover that guide people into the station. or like some airports in america have lights underground in the underground tunnels to keep everything lit up and then some market stalls which could be used for like farmers markets or other vendors to come and sell their things around the train station. and then i have a fountain because you can use the sound of the water to help drown out traffic as the cars go by.

And then some hedges in between the sidewalk and the road to keep the cars and the pedestrian separate. So there's a good buffer between them. And that would also help with the sound. And that's about all I have right now. Thank you. Thank you.



Participants make their own proposals through ongoing discussions with each other and with the organisers.

Contribution 5 : Urban Development for More Greenery and Improved Quality of Stay

Date : 02 September 2025, Duration : Duration: 00:00:49

Brief summary:

Future urban development projects were proposed to enhance quality of stay. These include de-sealing and adding more green spaces, with car traffic potentially becoming a secondary priority.

Raw transcript:



I addressed a couple of topics that have come up a few times already—this concerns Hegelstrasse. The bike connection is probably something people have heard about before. These are really interesting issues. I think a de-sealing project, as always, is very current. Improving quality of stay, working here, bringing in more trees and greenery. I'm not trying to criticize drivers—I'm a driver myself—but maybe car traffic should become a second priority, something we'll need to look at. I believe this could be an urban development issue for the future. These are lots of topics we're not already working on. Thank you for the input.

Contribution 6 : Brainstorming Community Amenities for All Age Groups.

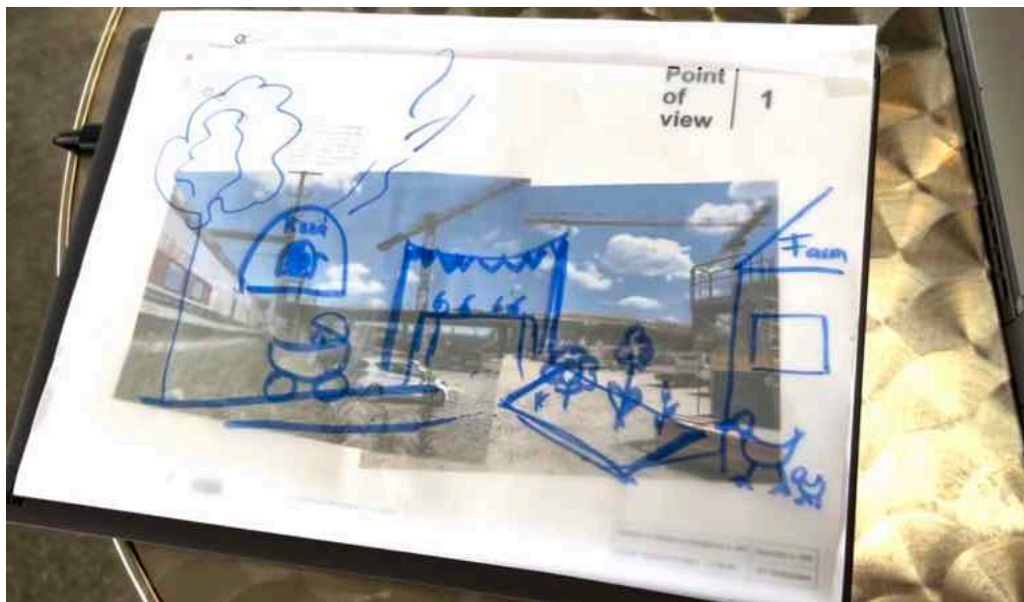
Date : 02 September 2025, Duration : Duration: Duration : 00:06:43

Brief summary:

The meeting brainstormed community amenities for all age groups. Suggestions included gardens for kids, youth projects, co-working spaces, and support programs for seniors and disabled residents.

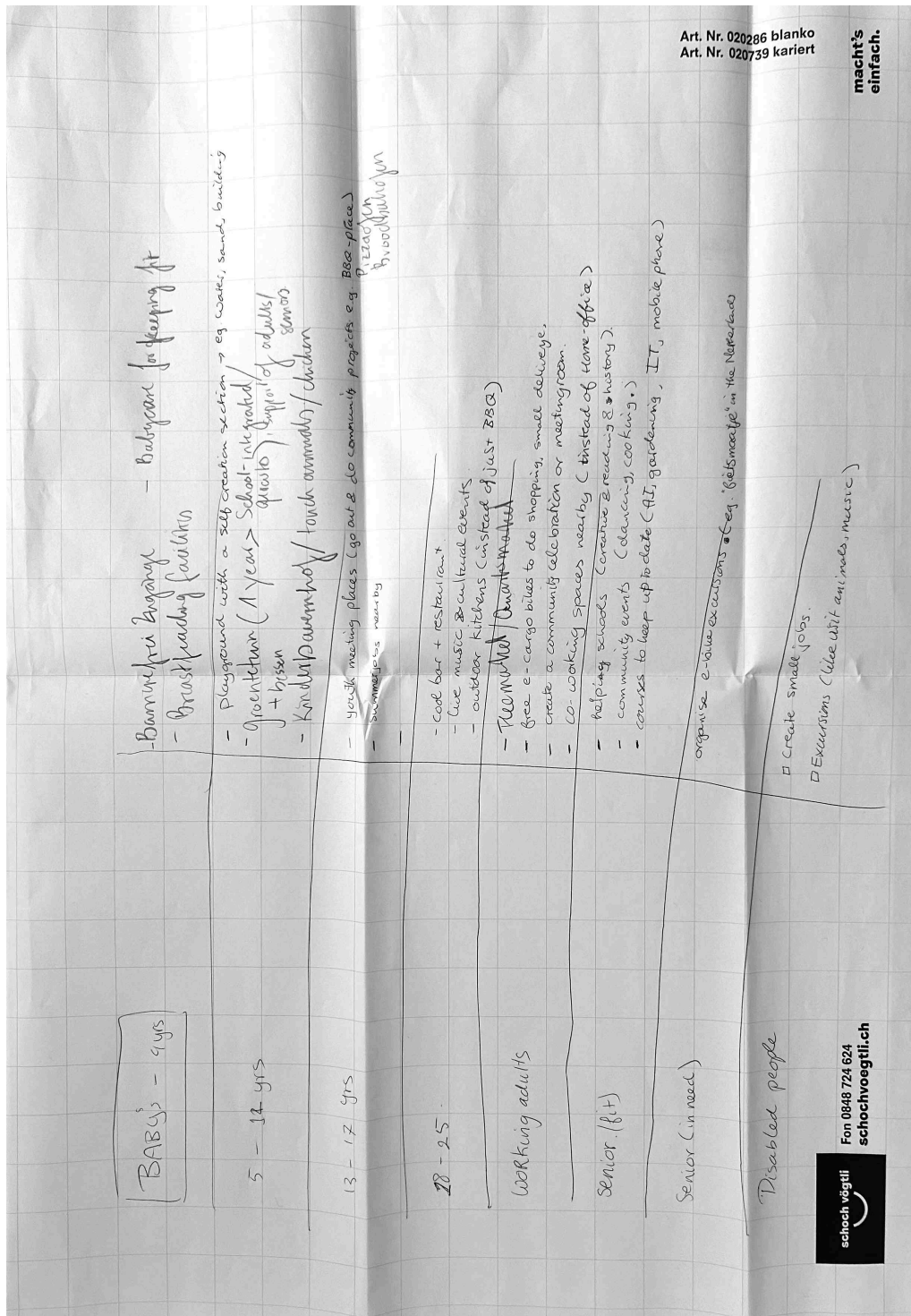
Raw transcript:

So we have Dutch and German ideas for winterthur. So we are both parents. so we have seen the kids up to teenagers. We can give some advice in there. So for the young we did a little bit by age group.



So for the young For the babies we would like really a barrier-free transport system and for example also breastfeeding facilities around the area so that you don't have to go home every time. And then for the young parents opportunities for keeping fit. for the 5 to 12 year olds so the primary school we were thinking it would be really cool to get them experience with green. so having regular maybe school activities where they do vegetable gardens so at least for a year that they really get into the green habit of growing their

own vegetables. maybe the elder people from the area can help. maybe the seniors let me see.



we also thought it would be really cool to have a little zoo or like where the young children can actually touch the animals. and then if there is a playground it's really important to have these self-creation section, so

where they can play with water, sand or build something, not just the equipment. So we also thought it would be good to have places where they use fully, basically, because, as we said, it's difficult for teenagers to find places rather than move and just be themselves. so that would be nice to have that there as well and perhaps by having some kind of interesting infrastructure there it would be good to maybe also find summer jobs in the area so to have facilities that may also be open to have that.

yes we also thought it would be really cool for that age that they get a little bit of responsibility that those youth places that they could maybe do community projects like build a pizza oven or bread oven maybe create a outside barbecue area so they learn this planning and doing something for the community. and yeah the summer job is really good for getting a little bit of responsibility to deal with money.

Then for the 18 25, a cool bar, restaurant, regular live music, cultural events. For everyone. Yes, but especially for maybe meeting others. And also what would be very nice is outdoor kitchens so that you don't have to go to the forest to go to a hut. You can just meet your friends and do a bit more maybe healthy cooking than just barbecue. then for the working adults oh yeah yeah, and also for everyone again like there we thought it would be good to have space to have a market as someone else already suggested. yeah to have a farmer's market or a flea market. so basically to have open space that can be used flexibly and that's right.

Okay, so being from the Netherlands and we have a lot of these cargo bikes where we transport children and it would be great if some of these big e-bikes, the bakery delivery bikes, if they would be publicly available so that people really use them for shopping or maybe doing a smaller delivery or moving a bit bigger objects, recycling. Then to have in the area of Gürze a community space for meetings, celebrations. And they can be rented for low amounts. and maybe co-working spaces because of the trend of a lot of people working from home.

And then we thought of the seniors. okay well i guess for the seniors because we divided everything into the age groups. right we thought it would be good to have places and spaces where they can just go at any time and be involved there. yeah helping in the gardens helping with making crafts or to have like open space where they can where you can just come to at any age but especially also when you're a senior citizen

And also maybe some courses for them to keep up to date with the latest artificial intelligence, AI, IT. And then there's also the seniors that are maybe less mobile, that there is some sort of organization set up. that will take them out either on walks. or you have these double e-bikes where actually the fit person would cycle and the other person can sit next and move as much as they can. but at least that they have this regular point that somebody comes and they build up this relationship to go on small excursions.

And for the disabled people, I think it's really good to publicly include them and give them small jobs and also do some small excursions, could be with animals, could be with music. For the whole year whole year oh yeah. so so like you can arrange yeah i mean how it would look like. Yeah i think it would have to be a probably closed office with okay plugs and okay yeah.

Thank you.

Contribution 7 : Concept for the redesign of the station square as a meeting place.

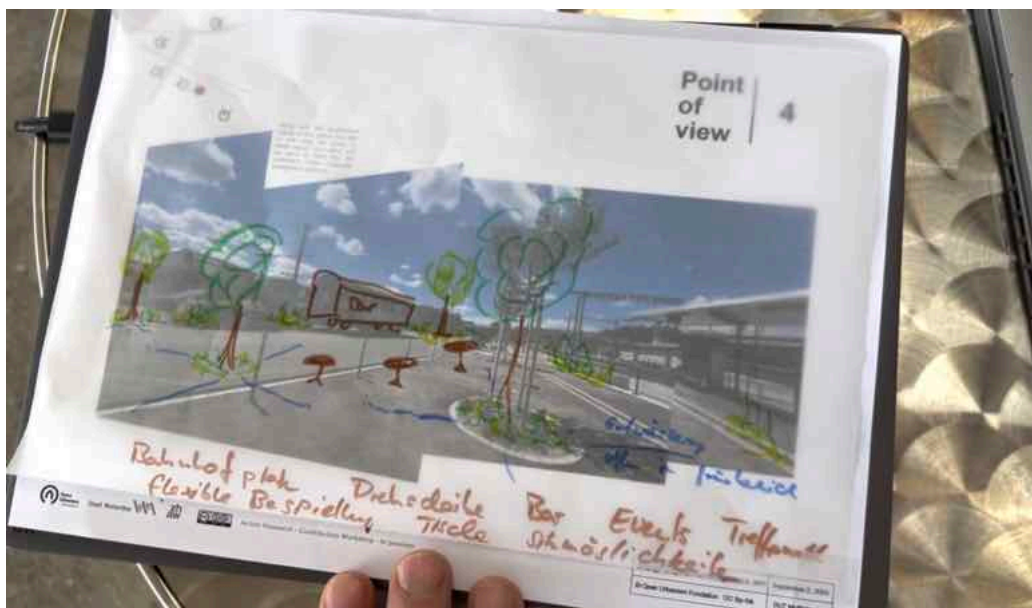
Date : 02 September 2025, 16:39 Duration: 00:02:06

Brief summary:

The station square is to be transformed into a flexible meeting place. Planned are events, gastronomy, and a lot of greenery, in order to improve the quality of stay and the climate.

Raw transcript:

I will also quickly say something in German. I took a photo of the station square. Today, it is empty. It is not an attractive place. I then asked myself what a station square is and what must be there. It is a hub, people who come and people who go. But it should also be a place for meeting, where events can take place. A bar can be there, food, drinks. People should not only use it as a hub, but also as a place to stay. It should be able to be used flexibly, with elements like seating, tables, that can be placed there.



Then an important point is also the greenery. A square that is only a hard surface heats up, so with trees it is shaded. It makes a more pleasant climate. But the greenery should also be somewhat a separation from the traffic, from this hecticness, a small frame of green that brings calm and a certain structure.

Then also the ground surface, which is designed so that the water goes into the green spaces, and that one can also show this openly. When it rains, there is a small stream that runs onto the green area, but that should also be able to be used freely. It should also be a square for the people, where events can take place. Okay, thank you.

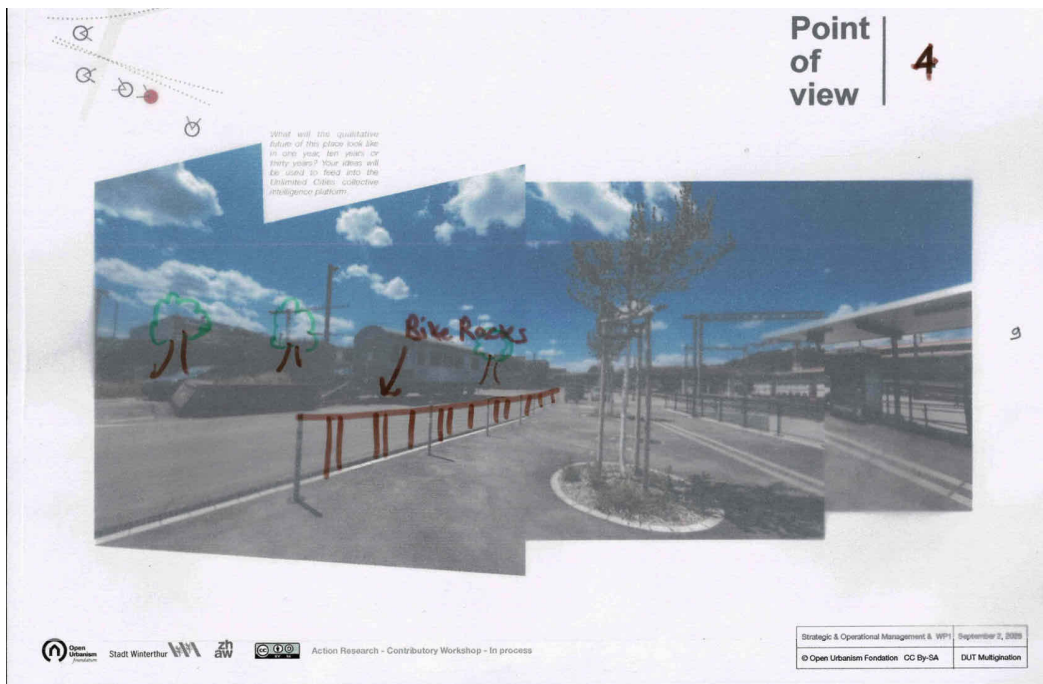
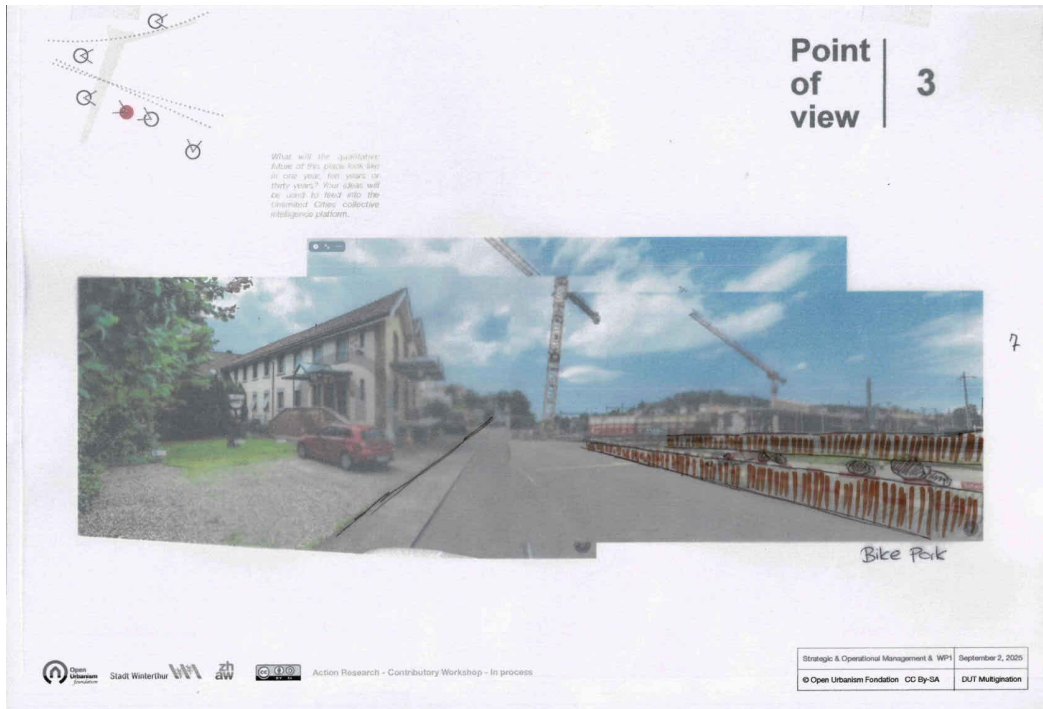
Contribution 8 and 9 : Encourage bicycle use by increasing parking options as close as possible to the station.

Date : 02 September 2025,

Description of the drawing and annotations:

These proposals were not presented orally by the contributors but are transcribed from the drawing that was made during the workshop.

In both drawings, the idea is to increase the number of bicycle racks connected to the station to facilitate the combination of two complementary modes of sustainable transport: bicycles and trains. In the second drawing, the idea is also to plant trees on a forecourt that is currently mineral and can provide protection from the heat in summer



Contribution 10 : Combining active mobility and greening around the school.

Date : 02 September 2025,

Description of the drawing and annotations:

This proposal was not presented by the contributor, but various annotations allow us to understand the following points: A pedestrian path and a bike lane are proposed on the school side to reinforce, facilitate, and secure soft mobility practices that will be of interest to parents and their children. Landscaping is proposed in the form of small bushes to complement the mural painted on the rail side and to create a noise barrier on the school playground side.

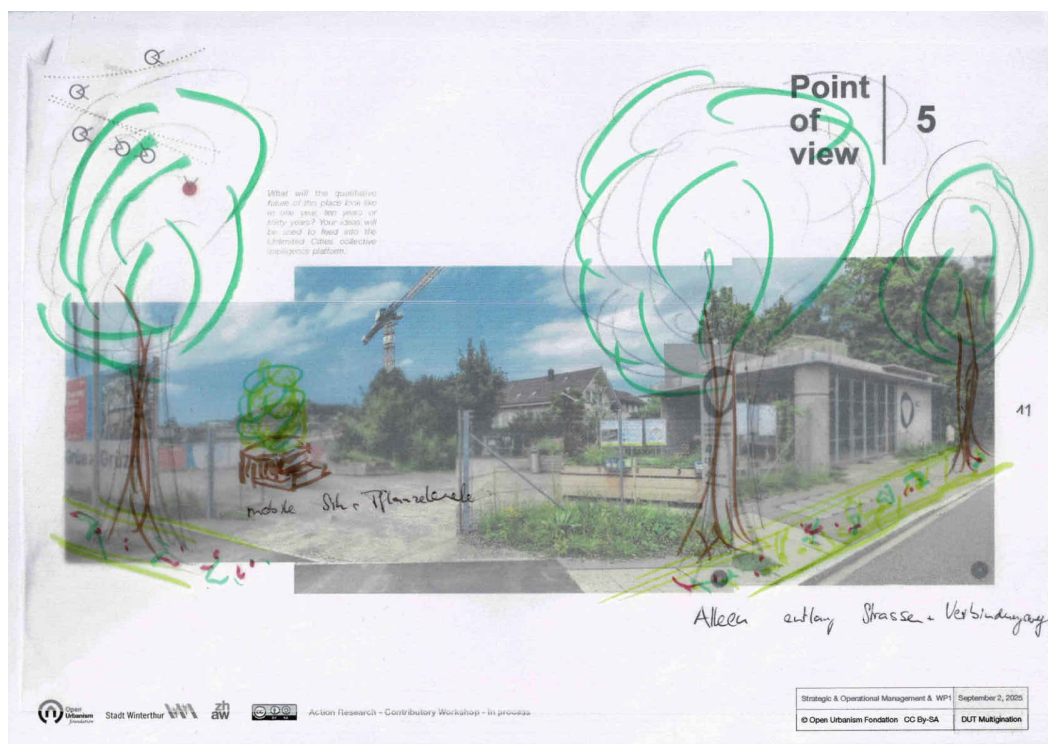


Contribution 11 : Different types of vegetation within the innovation hub and along the sidewalk.

Date : 02 September 2025,

Description of the drawing and annotations:

This proposal was not submitted by the contributor, but the drawings and annotations are self-explanatory. The idea is to plant trees in the street and decorate the sidewalk with flowers. In the courtyard of the innovation center, wooden containers could also be used to grow plants.

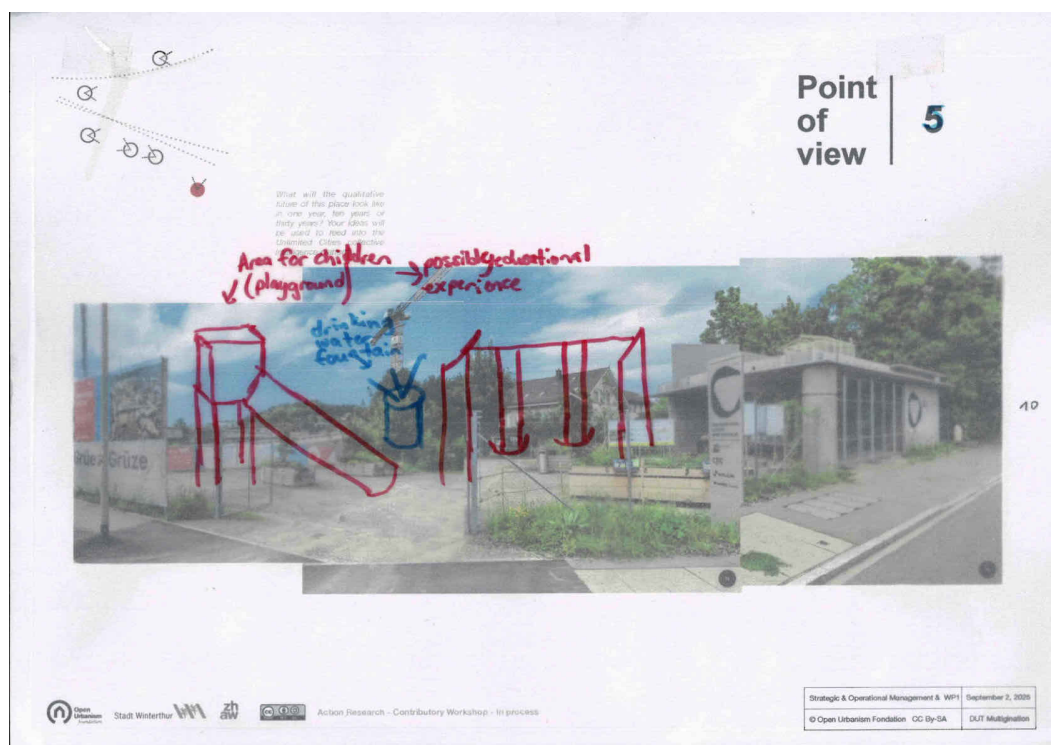


Contribution 12 : Play and experimentation areas for children.

Date : 02 September 2025,

Description of the drawing and annotations:

Last proposal, with the idea of linking the innovation offered by the venue to a space for play and educational discovery for children. There is a possible link between the innovations offered to adults and children's curiosity. The possibility of quenching one's thirst with a drinking fountain is also mentioned.



Opening up to further action by Vicente Carabias and Martin Joos (Winterthur Stadt) at the end of the workshop, just before continuing the discussions over refreshments.

Date : 02 September 2025, 16:39 Duration: 00:06:20

Brief summary:

In the workshop, first ideas were collected on how to enhance unused or derelict sites. The results will flow into urban projects with the involvement of citizens and young people being central.

Raw transcript:

Vicente Carabias /Smart City Verantwortlicher Stadt Winterthur/ : I'm really impressed with what could be collected in such a short time. It took us some time to introduce the project idea and the background, but I think it helped you come up with ideas. For me, it was really interesting to see the different approaches. Today, we really wanted to do it physically, the collective ideas. And now it's our task to introduce this into the co-imagination platform, for the next steps..

And will we put all this online, in open access. I don't know if the videos themselves are that interesting, but perhaps what was said. There will be a website, multigenation.eu. If you're interested in how things progress, you're also welcome to join with your kids.

Vicente: I'll switch back to German. As I mentioned earlier, this was just a first workshop. But we can still conduct more until the end of the year. It was considered, for example, to involve schools and other groups. So if you are interested, you can contact us, and we could organize another session if there is demand. But now I'd like to hand over to our host.

Martin, would you like to say something?

Martin Joos / Stadtingenieur Stadt Winterthur/: Yes, I'd just like to add what else the city is planning. You looked at these six viewpoints, and indeed, these are all areas lying fallow. For example, here there's currently a project under development: an operational and design concept for this street.



Vicente: It's currently still called Werkstrasse, but it will be renamed Katharina-Harbi-Strasse. That's exactly the type of ideas we want to bring into this process.

Martin: this area here belongs to the SBB. There's a working group defining temporary uses, involving citizens and stakeholders. They're not quite as advanced as we are today, but they're heading in the same direction. Then, there's the bridge, which is for buses, pedestrians, and cyclists – no private cars. In its first stage, it could be greened, making use of the in-between spaces. Another working group is looking into that.

And over here, next to a school building, there's an underground rainwater retention tank managed by the civil engineering office. There's potential to further upgrade this area, and we really appreciate the input. It's great to see all the ideas brought together from different perspectives.

Alain Renk /Urban Planner, Multigination Strategic & Operational Lead, Open Urbanism Foundation/ : And I think that's exactly how it should be ; ensuring young people are considered and opportunities are created.

Martin: Yes, and it's great you are here. Many thanks again from my side, and great that the weather was on our side today. We also had a lot of international guests here, from different continents. Thanks for sharing your thoughts with us.

RD3 Workshop Documentation

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Multigination Research Context

The Grüze Plus district of Winterthur in Switzerland is one of the selected sites with Başakşehir in Turkey for the pilot phase of the research project Multigination, part of the Driving Urban Transition program (DUT) co-funded by the European Union.

Research consortium



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