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ULL ESTABLISHMENT IN FIVE PILOT CITIES

LOCALIZATION
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CICADA4CE CITIES



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Presentation of latest activities

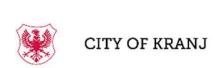
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As we reach the halfway point of the CICADA4CE project, our partnership has already built a solid foundation of knowledge on the project's objectives and thematic focus. Throughout these months, the Urban Living Labs (ULLs) have played a central role in co-developing climate adaptation plans for the project cities, ensuring that local needs, community perspectives and practical insights actively shape each step of the process.

A shared transnational concept for climate adaptation — strongly rooted in community engagement — has now been defined, illustrating how the principles of ecosystem- and community-based adaptation (ECbA) will be integrated into the action plans of Breclav, Dubnica nad Váhom, Kranj, Nichelino and Sosnowiec. This common framework is becoming a key reference for aligning local actions with the broader vision of the project.

To practically test the ECbA approach, the ULLs have also focused on co-creating the design of the nature-based solutions (NbS) that form the core of the project's pilot actions. The final technical documentation is now being prepared and will provide the basis for the next steps: the launch of the construction phase and, subsequently, the establishment of a monitoring system to assess the benefits and long-term impacts of the implemented NbS.

The Report on establishment of Urban Living Labs is available here:
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Urban Living Labs updates

Pilot pocket park Břeclav (CZ)



The Breclav Urban Living Lab, which demonstrates ways to reduce heat stress and retain water in landscape near to residential area, will continue in early November with terrain modeling. This will enable the creation of a system of polders and promote rainfall infiltration. At the end of November, a community tree and shrub planting event will take place with the participation of local school, kindergarten, and the local residents, all under the supervision of experts. The city of Breclav will purchase additional measuring equipment for the school so that students can monitor changes in the landscape, observe nature and connect learning with practice.

Training process in Dubnica nad Váhom (SK)



In Dubnica nad Váhom, a training process is on-going focused on the "Smart Community Park" around the Elementary School and Kindergarten ZŠ Centrum I. The student solutions considered not only the physical aspects of the design but also the socio-ecological aspects of community life, inclusion, engagement, socio-demographic needs and the sustainability of different greenery uses.

It was divided into two parts. The first was the training of university students of spatial planning on Sept. 23, 2025, focused on evaluating proposed landscape/greenery interventions and their impacts. The second was the training of 5th-grade pupils of ZŠ Centrum I on Oct. 20, 2025, whose playful format encouraged creativity and teamwork. Both trainings were led by teachers and organized by CICADA4CE members.

«KR Cool Spot» in Kranj (SI)



The City of Kranj has started preparing its Action Plan, which will define a set of measures to ensure the city's adaptation to climate change. This process is unique because the Action Plan is being developed in parallel with the Action Plan for Gorenjska Region, as Kranj is part of the region. We have analysed existing and past measures already implemented in Kranj. At the beginning of December, a workshop will be held, bringing together a wide range of stakeholders to discuss and co-create the content of the Action Plan, considering the ECbA concept. Regarding the pilot «KR Cool Spot», based on the work with the Urban Living Lab Kranj (ULL) and other important bases, several variant solutions have been designed for adapting the main city square to climate change. In the next step, the final solution, that respects the protection of cultural heritage, will be selected with the help of ULL. This will be followed by the preparation of detailed technical documentation for the «Kr cool spot» pilot.

Environmental Monitoring Progresses in Nichelino's Living Lab (IT)



The Nichelino Urban Living Lab continues its Soft Pilot Action with new environmental monitoring activities across Boschetto Park and other key areas of the city.

In early November, the first data from sensors measuring temperature, air quality, fine particulate matter and key pollutants were collected, along with analyses on how trees in the park capture airborne particles.

These results will soon be shared. Citizens are also invited to contribute to a survey on the use and perception of local green spaces, developed with DISAFA, to support future planning and strengthen community involvement in the CICADA4CE project.

Sosnowiec ULL Advances Climate-Resilient Urban Planning (PL).



The Urban Living Lab in Sosnowiec has completed the design phase of its new Intergenerational Garden of Education and Biodiversity, transforming an unused area next to Janusz Korczak High School into a green space co-designed by students and seniors. The garden will enhance biodiversity, improve rainwater retention, and support outdoor learning and community activities.

The city also concluded three participatory workshops to update its Municipal Climate Adaptation Plan. For the first time, local stakeholders contributed directly to shaping priorities, strengthening Sosnowiec's inclusive and resilient climate strategy.

Project meeting in Břeclav (CZ)

The CICADA4CE partners gathered in Břeclav (Czech Republic) on 15–16 October 2025 for a two-day project meeting hosted by the city.

The first day opened with institutional greetings and an overview of the project's progress, followed by an in-depth session on the Action Plan framework and the integration of ECbA within Urban Living Labs. Partners presented how each city is applying the ECbA concept in their climate adaptation planning, and a collaborative workshop allowed for joint reflection on practical implementation approaches.

The afternoon focused on communication activities, including group work on social media posts, newsletter contributions and future dissemination ideas. Cities then presented the current stage of their pilot actions and the status of investments preparation, before concluding with the Project Steering Committee meeting.

The second day began with a local site visit and a presentation from pupils of the Valtická school. This was followed by a workshop on training materials under WP1, and group work dedicated to refining the training approach. The meeting closed with a discussion on lessons learnt and knowledge transfer within WP3, including a first exchange on the structure of the upcoming project handbook.



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