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[SPEAKER_05]: I will start with a first question for any of you. So, um, coming back to the impacts, uh, when we re-naturalize our cities, what kind of impacts

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[SPEAKER_05]: do you think that are, uh, negative impacts are those that we can, we should address, um, firstly, so which are in your opinion, the most

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[SPEAKER_05]: important ones? Yeah, Dario, please. [SPEAKER_00]: If it's free, I will start just to break the ice. Well, in my opinion, answering to the negative impact, I

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[SPEAKER_00]: would say, well, I think in the last presentation, we saw some very clear example. If we think in terms of justice, I would say, well, they

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[SPEAKER_00]: mentioned also in the answer, gentrification and then price increase and that this means just to transfer to the first question, to avoid thinking

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[SPEAKER_00]: linearly in the urban planning. So, I mean, even if we are renaturalizing, that has a lot of positive effect. I mean, if we have

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[SPEAKER_00]: park or garden or trees everywhere, we are all happy. But if we do not include, let's say, the citizen or the local community in the process,

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[SPEAKER_00]: and perhaps giving them the management, because as I was presenting, somehow giving the management to the local community of a park, for

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[SPEAKER_00]: instance, or a public space is even a cost reduction, let's say. I mean, this of course should not be, let's say just to avoid responsibility for the city

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[SPEAKER_00]: council, But could be a strategy, could be a strategy to include the citizen and avoid to gentrify simply some neighbors and some area. I

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[SPEAKER_00]: think the most important negative effect of this, of course in terms of environmental side are I think all positives somehow, but the social are

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[SPEAKER_00]: suffering, are struggling.

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[SPEAKER_05]: Okay, thank you. I simulate some. Yeah, this is very good, no? To break the ice. So maybe, Veronica, you can add something. Yes, I think it's a

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[SPEAKER_03]: Yes, I think it's a crucial point. Make sure that in the design of the transformation of the

re-naturalizing the areas, make sure that you include the citizens.

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[SPEAKER_03]: And not only include them as contributing, but make sure that there are community leaders who are willing to stay involved and willing to

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[SPEAKER_03]: either through volunteering work or to some sort of recognition to make sure that there is continuity. The flip side, ensure that there is

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[SPEAKER_03]: continuity about the experience also at municipality, at government level. Because one of the things that we observe also in other research

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[SPEAKER_03]: projects that we've been involved in with the colleagues at University of Twente, One of the things that citizens also mention is that they

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[SPEAKER_03]: experience as extremely demotivating at the moment when representatives of local municipalities come in and they change

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[SPEAKER_03]: roughly every year. And the transfer of the knowledge at municipality level is also not always done efficiently, very clearly. So after

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[SPEAKER_03]: having told their story three times in a year and a half, of course, that is killing for the motivation of the citizens to stay involved in such

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[SPEAKER_03]: projects. It takes two to tango, I think. And sometimes cost considerations and contracting out, which is primarily focused on

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[SPEAKER_03]: efficiency, really does not help. I think that would be the most important point that I would bring in. Make sure that you keep the

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[SPEAKER_03]: enthusiasm of the citizen.

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[SPEAKER_05]: Thank you, Veronica. Maybe, Tina, you can continue.

[SPEAKER_02]: yeah thank you also just to add i also think Amalia's already gave quite a good um scope and

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[SPEAKER_02]: what we often see is is sort of uh depending on if it's the municipality or if it's private or public owned on businesses it's it's always a

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[SPEAKER_02]: trade-off what to invest in and what to prioritize and which are the vulnerable areas where do we have I don't know, for instance, care

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[SPEAKER_02]: institutions or similar. So I think that trade-off is a really hard balance to strike, which I think needs to be taken into account whenever

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[SPEAKER_02]: setting out. But I actually wanted to say something different, which is more about taking in account the multifunctionality. I think that is

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[SPEAKER_02]: one of the aspects that we're just, we're greening for, well, climate adaptation right now, that's also what my angle is in research. But to

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[SPEAKER_02]: include the multifunctionality in our projects, I think, is one of the big challenges and changing structures, also how we think around the

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[SPEAKER_02]: renaturing perspectives to include. And now I just have my green and

city hat on as well to include the non-human, not just the human, but also

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[SPEAKER_02]: the non-human perspectives. um inhabitants of the cities and of the urban spaces in these um, in these assessments to avoid trade-offs or to

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[SPEAKER_02]: acknowledge trade-offs really early on in this process i see the interesting questions already so i'm handing over to last so that we

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[SPEAKER_02]: have time to maybe take in one of the questions so [SPEAKER_01]: Yeah, I have been very

happy to follow the discussions and the input here. So I just want to add a

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[SPEAKER_01]: little bit on the stop doing and start doing what was pressed in here. So stop doing would be to stop creating more hard surfaces that nature

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[SPEAKER_01]: can't get established on. It's very hard to, like in my project, we spend a lot of resources on breaking up the hard surface to even allow anything

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[SPEAKER_01]: to grow there. I would say start depaving in neighborhoods where this is wanted or where people have ideas. Make it easier to depave small roads

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[SPEAKER_01]: and surrounding areas so that people can actually do something there.

And then I would say spend less on investment planning, detail

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[SPEAKER_01]: regulating, control and trust the communities and also spend the money by handing it out to the people we talk about less privileged groups

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[SPEAKER_01]: here, among others. Well, why don't make these groups actually

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[SPEAKER_01]: resourceful by spending the money directly where the impact is wanted.

So you can, for instance, support individuals in taking

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[SPEAKER_01]: responsibility for spaces that they don't own and by that also giving ownership. So for me, most important is to balance management and

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[SPEAKER_01]: initiative, because if you fall too deep into the management side of it, of the fence, you don't get ownership, you don't get continuity of

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[SPEAKER_01]: individuals and communities in the projects, and there you end up with

uh very beautiful areas in the first year and the second year and

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[SPEAKER_01]: eventually they will just fall into decay because there is nothing there to engage in actually, they're over designed and unengaging, so i

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[SPEAKER_01]: would say trust and freedom to the communities to the uh to the people that are affected would probably both increase the effect of every uh

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[SPEAKER_01]: euro spent but also on the sustainability and regreening and the vitality and diversity of these spaces.

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[SPEAKER_05]: Okay, thank you Lars. I will continue with your ideas a little bit because when I was thinking about these ideas of something that we need

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[SPEAKER_05]: to stop and something that we need to start maybe, I was thinking about maybe we need to stop a little bit of creating new projects or new

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[SPEAKER_05]: co-designing projects. And because we already have this process in many places, maybe we can have more other places to transform, but what

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[SPEAKER_05]: we really need to start, I think, is more common maintenance. So this idea, Lars, that you were talking to us about,

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[SPEAKER_05]: have more the idea of how we will maintain this place once the money is out

of the project. Because if we create new spaces that are not maintained,

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[SPEAKER_05]: these places will finish as a forest or a place that will not be used. I think that we should focus on starting of these co-maintenance

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[SPEAKER_05]: projects

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[SPEAKER_05]: and not only on co-creation. And also I have a question, maybe if you want to reply or say Lars, you can... [SPEAKER_01]: Yeah, just to add very briefly, because

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[SPEAKER_01]: my entrepreneurial side has been working on circular business models and regenerative business models for a couple of decades now. And I

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[SPEAKER_01]: would just emphasize the need to go away from investing, like

purchasing big project solutions, if it's buildings or

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[SPEAKER_01]: infrastructure or whatever it is, and move over to services. If you're going to spend, spend on the operation of it, spend on the service

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[SPEAKER_01]: supplier, and you will get both the initial investment needed, but you will get it in a way that is sustainable in the long run because somebody

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[SPEAKER_01]: is also getting paid to maintain it. So if that's on a commercial side or on a community or individual side, it doesn't really matter here

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[SPEAKER_01]: because there is long-term commitment to maintain and develop it. And also keep in mind that everything is a process. Everything is

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[SPEAKER_01]: constantly changing. And I'm a designer myself, so I know that in architecture and design, we love to think that our solutions are

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[SPEAKER_01]: permanent and final and they will be wonderful forever for the next century, but they won't, they will start transform and change

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[SPEAKER_01]: immediately as you turn around and leave it. And if you don't open up for that in your design of the spaces and regulations and everything, then

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[SPEAKER_01]: you've already lost. So flexibility designed into the structure and service designed into the investment is kind of two things that are

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[SPEAKER_01]: connected here and can keep these areas alive and constantly transforming.

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[SPEAKER_05]: Thank you. And I will make another question regarding on, it's really interesting to make people co-creating, but often we co-create with

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[SPEAKER_05]: people with specific profiles. And at least in my experience, it's very difficult to engage people sometimes depending on their age or

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[SPEAKER_05]: languages that they speak or social condition, specifically for more vulnerable people. Which is this kind of people that more need this

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[SPEAKER_05]: renaturalizing spaces. So how do you deal with this difficulty of

having people willing to participate in these co-design processes to

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[SPEAKER_05]: really transform places with their opinions?

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[SPEAKER_05]: Yes, Veronica, please.

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[SPEAKER_03]: Thank you. I was also reading the questions in the chat during your question.

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[SPEAKER_03]: I'll try to address three points in two sentences. I think the biggest challenge is building trust. And I would dare say rebuilding trust. And

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[SPEAKER_03]: how do you build trust? By showing results. And you show results by small, achievable, concrete outputs. I think... building in these

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[SPEAKER_03]: very small and direct feedback loops in which people see on a reasonably short term that their input is being put to use and will increase that

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[SPEAKER_03]: trust. Probably that would be for me the biggest challenge and also

perhaps the most interesting one. And how do you do that? Well, first and

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[SPEAKER_03]: foremost, account that...

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[SPEAKER_03]: there are different groups. Don't put all the meetings at Wednesday evening at seven o'clock in the evening because you know who's going to

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[SPEAKER_03]: participate and also you know who's not going to participate.

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[SPEAKER_03]: These are apparent, almost mundane things, but I think we need to think about them and put them more concretely into practice.

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[SPEAKER_05]: Thank you. Tina, maybe you want to continue? I'm going to be brief since I'm aware of the time. But very briefly, also in line with what Veronika

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[SPEAKER_02]: already said, I think adapting methods, making methods flexible to actually meet the needs of different stakeholder groups. That was a

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[SPEAKER_02]: good example with the timing, but it's also the place and how we're

designing them, how we make them inclusive. and there's a plethora of

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[SPEAKER_02]: methods out there but I think that leads me now to my second stop, second point which is stop underestimating how long it takes and how much time

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[SPEAKER_02]: and effort it takes to design these processes and really conduct them in an inclusive way because I think that is something that we always think

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[SPEAKER_02]: we have one workshop here one workshop there but the trust building and the real inclusion takes a lot of efforts and a lot of time and I think

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[SPEAKER_02]: that's something that we from academia need to support also together with our stakeholder partners. And also be aware of who's not at the

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[SPEAKER_02]: table. I think they were often like pre-defining who the stakeholders are, who's involved in this area, but who's not at the table, who are we

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[SPEAKER_02]: not including, and maybe those voices are needed also for the consistency and flexibility and successfulness of the different

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[SPEAKER_02]: projects.

[SPEAKER_04]: Thanks. I

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[SPEAKER_04]: totally echo Tina's voice because

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[SPEAKER_04]: building participatory processes are very complex and long, and
academia and research projects sometimes do not

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[SPEAKER_04]: do not have the same timeframes or... I mean, sometimes even the
conceptualization is very different and this is a challenge that one

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[SPEAKER_04]: has to take into account and try to go beyond this kind of, now we have the
project and the money and we have to finish and do the report and run to

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[SPEAKER_04]: another project. And yeah, that's one of the things that are more like
institutional. And then when doing participatory processes, yeah, I

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[SPEAKER_04]: think what has been said is very important, targeting specific social
groups to ensure that representativity, particularly with an

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[SPEAKER_04]: intersectional focus. For instance, sometimes, where are the women with disabilities? Where are the migrant families? Where are the

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[SPEAKER_04]: teenage girls? Particularly teenage girls are very absent in green spaces. Where are the elderly who do not have access to internet or do not

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[SPEAKER_04]: use computers so much? And I think there are many efforts being done already into the particular methods and going beyond classic surveys

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[SPEAKER_04]: or typical surveys and doing small workshops, focus groups, exploratory walks and surveys on the street. Going to the street is also

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[SPEAKER_04]: one thing that has been said a lot. Not waiting people to go to the Institution or to the very formal places, but going there, engaging with

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[SPEAKER_04]: them, asking them, and also compensating them for their time, either through economic compensation or through addressing their concerns

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[SPEAKER_04]: in any other way, and contacting also other entities and associations who have already been doing this kind of work. There's a lot of

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[SPEAKER_04]: grassroots and community-based organizations who are dealing with these that have a lot of knowledge and experience and also trying to

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[SPEAKER_04]: engage in a way that it's not extractive. It's one of the, yeah, it's a challenge, but I think it's the way to go.

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[SPEAKER_05]: Thank you. I think that now we have many ideas that came out in the discussion. And unfortunately, we don't have any more time, I think. So

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[SPEAKER_05]: maybe very shortly, if you want to add something that we should stop or start, very rapidly,

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[SPEAKER_05]: we can maybe close the session by these ideas.

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